



February, 2009

Dear Science Fair Judge:

Thank you for agreeing to be a judge on February 28 at the 2009 Beal Bank Dallas Regional Science & Engineering Fair at Centennial Hall, Fair Park. **Please note the new fair location, date, and timing this year, especially Rd 1 / Rd 2 transition.**

The PowerPoint judging orientation presentation can be previewed at drsef.org but please ensure you are present for Judging Orientation as we will form judge groups at that time. Enclosed is a guide to judging with the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) criteria and an example scoring form. Please familiarize yourself with these prior to the Fair.


Please wear appropriate business attire and comfortable shoes – you will be doing a lot of walking. We will provide pencils and pens, but you should bring anything else you need (clipboard, calculator, etc.). We recommend you enter Fair Park through Gate 2 or 3 to Washington Avenue - see map on reverse side – and avoid parking too close to the Science Fair entrance, where set-down chaos ensues.


Judging Schedule

- 7:30 a.m.** **Judge Check-in** opens. Please find your Science Category table and enjoy some breakfast.
- 8:00 a.m.** **Judging Orientation.** Judge groups formed.
- 9 a.m.** **Round One of Judging begins.**
Round One Interviews with exhibiting students. (All judges participate.)
- 11.45 a.m.** All Round One judging results must have been completed and turned in.
Captains continue on immediately with **Round Two**.
- 12:45 p.m.** All Round Two judging results must be completed and turned in.
All judges may leave the fair after completion of Round Two.
- Lunch** Judges may enjoy a complimentary lunch *after* completing *all* their judging duties.
- 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.** Fair open to the public. Grand prize announcement (~6:00 p.m.).

An email reminder will be sent just before the fair if we have your address. Your participation is essential to the fair's success. Please call us on (214) 768-2495 or email scifair@physics.smu.edu if you have any questions or if you will be unable to judge.

Sincerely,


Prof. Fred Olness


Prof. Randall Scalise


Prof. Simon Dalley

Fair Directors, Southern Methodist University

