

Important Dates to Know		
Before Fair	Sep 7, 2023 3:00 - 4:30 pm	Teacher orientation on-line. It is critical that at least one person from each participating school attend this orientation.
	Dec 1, 2023	School Registration opens.
	Jan 5, 2024	All elementary schools should be registered by this date.
	Jan 19, 2024	Ideally, all school fairs should be completed by this date
	Jan 25, 2024	Deadline for teachers to submit student projects to GARSEF. All requirements for each project should be complete.
Friday Fair Setup	Feb 23, 2024 2:00 - 7:00 pm	Check-in and set-up of all projects at Palmer Event Center This can be done by student, parent, or teacher
Saturday Fair!	Feb 24, 2024 9:30 - 1:30 am	Exploring Science Open! <i>All students need to be supervised while in the Exploring Science area.</i>
	Feb 24, 2024 8:30 - 10:15 am	5th - 6th grade judging of students <i>Students should be at their projects 15 minutes early</i>
	Feb 24, 2024 11 - 12:45 am	3rd - 4th grade judging of students <i>Students should be at their projects 15 minutes early</i>
	Feb 24, 2024 2 - 4:30 pm	Public viewing of all projects.
	Feb 24, 2024 3 - 4:30 pm	Elementary Award Ceremony for everyone. All students will be called to the stage by Grade, District, and School for group photos.
	Feb 24, 2024 4:30 pm	Project boards are taken down and discarded. Please remove any project boards you wish to keep before this time.



Elementary Judges and Volunteers

The Greater Austin Regional Science Fair could not happen without our volunteers and judges. We appreciate any time you can give to help promote scientific discovery in our young learners.

Judges and Volunteers can find registration information on our website: www.austinscience.org.

Judges are expected to attend one of our online orientations
Unless you are notified otherwise, **Volunteers** will be trained onsite.

The 2024 schedule is below. The volunteer schedule will depend on which shift you selected.

Judge Orientation

There are two possible orientation dates for judges. Please choose the one that best fits your schedule.

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	On-line
Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	On-line

Science Festival Event Schedule at Palmer Events Center

Friday, Feb. 23, 2024	1:30 p.m.	Volunteer Check-in Opens
Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024	7:30 a.m.	Volunteer Check-in Opens
	8:00 – 8:20 a.m.	5 th – 6 th Judges Check-In (upstairs) Review Requirements & Assignments
	8:30 a.m. – 10:15	Grades 5 and 6 Judging
	10:30 – 10:50 a.m.	3 rd – 4 th Judges Check-In (upstairs) Review Requirements & Assignments
	11:00 – 12:45 p.m.	Grades 3 and 4 Judging

The Judging Rubric can be found on the next page or downloaded at [this link](#).