

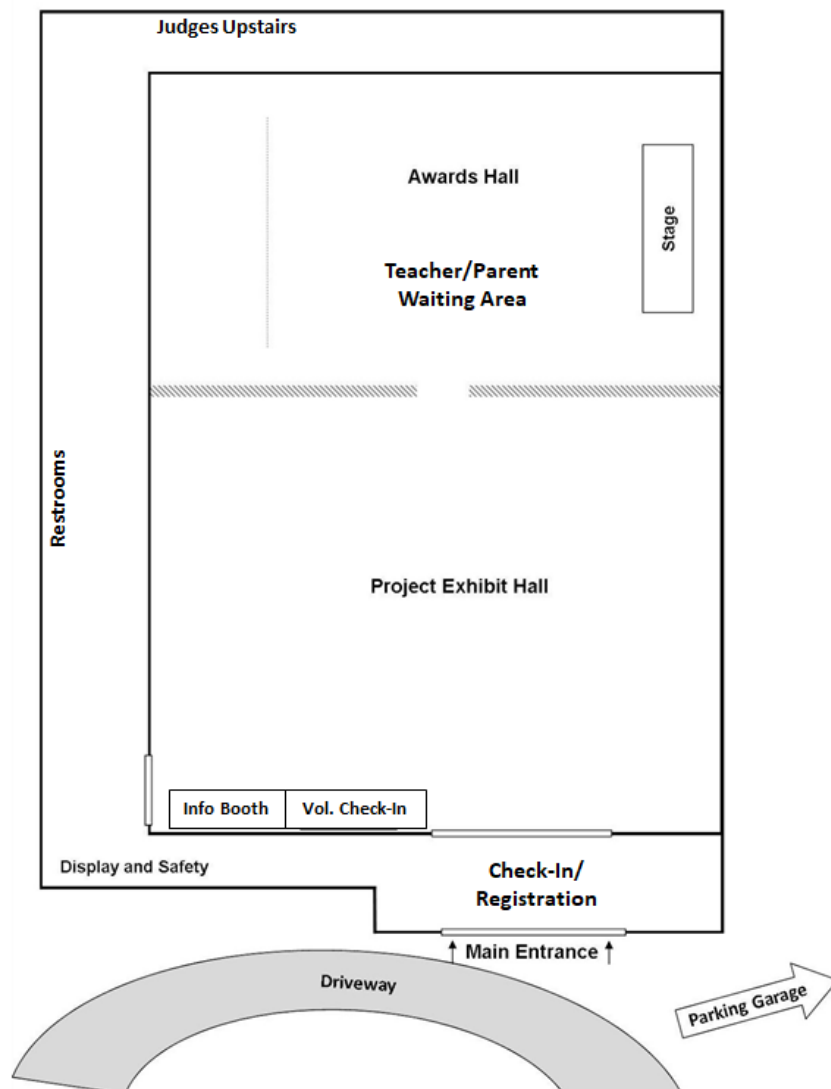


FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGISTRATION AND DAY OF FAIR

FAIR SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 22, 2024

9:00 – 12:00 PM	Senior Division Judging (high school)
1:00 – 4:00 PM	Second-tier Senior Division Judging
1:30 – 4:30 PM	Junior Division Judging (middle school)
5:30 – 9:00 PM	Public Viewing for Junior and Senior Division Projects
7:00 – 9:00 PM	Awards Ceremony for Junior and Senior Division Projects
9:00 – 9:30 PM	Dismantle and Take Home Project Boards



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Registration and Project Check-In/Set Up:

Q: What happens during Junior and Senior Division registration?

A: **Check in:** Find your school name in the lobby registration area to check in and pick up a label and card for your project.

Display and Safety: Take your project board, binder, and abstract to D&S for safety check and approval. Make any needed changes before leaving Safety and Display. **No demonstration items will be allowed. Only boards, binders, laptops/tablets, and ISEF paperwork are allowed in the exhibit hall.**

Set Up Project: Once you have been approved, set up your booth in the Exhibit Hall.

Judging day: Go directly to your project. Students do not need to check in again.

Q: Must the student be present during check-in/set up?

A: No, but the person who sets it up will need to give the information on the project card to the student so that they can find their project the next day. *We recommend taking a photo of the card and sending it to the student.*

Exhibit Hall and Judging:

Q: What can students expect during judging?

A: Students must wait by their project during the judging process. There are multiple judges in each category. The judging process will take most of the allotted time. Once judging is complete for an entire category, students from that category will be released until the Awards Ceremony. Senior Division students with projects progressing to second-tier judging will be notified by staff.

No food or drink is allowed in the hall.

Q: Must the students be present during judging?

A: No. It is not required but a large part of the judges' evaluation is the student interview. The judge will not be able to award full credit to projects without a student present..

Q: Are judge comments and scores made available to students?

A: Judges' comment sheets will be returned to each school after the fair. We will no longer mail the judges' rubrics.

Q: When should projects be removed from the Exhibit Hall?

A: Junior/Senior Division projects must be taken home either after the Awards Ceremony on Thursday evening or by 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Projects left beyond that time will be discarded by Palmer staff.

Awards and Award Ceremony:

Q: Is there a charge to attend the Award Ceremony?

A: No. Please join us! Parking is free.

Q: Must the student be present at the Award Ceremony?

A: All students are expected to attend the award ceremony. In extenuating circumstances, a student can have a representative (teacher, parent, another student) pick up awards during the ceremony.

Q: Do all members of a winning team receive an award?

A: Yes. Each student on the team receives an award.

Q: Can you purchase photos on site?

A: No. Families can take pictures of students and projects before judging or during the Award Ceremony. We will have photographs of the Award Ceremony available on our website after the event.

General Questions:

Q: Where do you park for the Science Fair and is there a charge?

A: Parking is available in the Palmer parking garage FREE of charge.

Q: Where are the restrooms?

A: Restrooms are located to the right of the south foyer, the west hallway, and in the Exhibit Hall.

Q: Where is Lost and Found?

A: Lost and Found items will be located at the Information Booth in the Exhibit Hall.

Q: What if there is an emergency?

A: *To report a major or medical emergency, call 911.*

For minor emergencies, contact a ScienceFest staff member wearing a green "Host" ribbon.

Q: Who can I ask for specific information not found on this sheet?

A: Issues should be taken to the Registration Desk or Information Booth in the Exhibit Hall. Both locations will be staffed by fair personnel.