



2012 North Museum Science and Engineering Fair Judges Information

Thank you for agreeing to judge the North Museum Science and Engineering Fair! As judges you play a crucial role in evaluating the projects, but even more importantly you can really influence a student's view of themselves. Making choices for awards and evaluating work are important, but the minutes of precious conversation between you and a student may make a world of difference to them in the long term. Cherish the opportunity you have on March 28, 2012!

Preparatory Judge Meeting: All NMSEF judges are invited to attend a preparation/ information session at the North Museum on Thursday **February 9 at 6 pm** in the Kinsey Room. Please park along the adjacent street or in the museum lot. RSVP by 2/02 to jranglein@northmuseum.org. This year judges are invited to bring immediate family members along to enjoy the museum while the meeting is going on. The meeting will conclude by 7:30 PM

Arrival and Parking on March 28: Category Judges should plan to be at Mayser Gym by 8 am on March 28. Auxiliary Award judges should plan to be at Mayser by 9 am. Parking is available next to the "Turf" athletic field west of College Square. Please see the campus map provided. Mayser Gym is about a quarter mile from the parking lot, next to the Martin Science Library. On arrival at Mayser please sign in at the appropriate table and receive your judging materials. Light breakfast foods will be available in the gym.

After arrival until noon you will have access to all projects without students being present. Abstracts will be provided for all the projects you are judging.

At 11 am a hot buffet luncheon will be provided on site.

At noon students will arrive for interviews. In the case of category judges, please be sure to interview every student assigned by your lead judge. Auxiliary judges may interview any student they deem a candidate for their particular prize, but **MUST** personally interview every student chosen as one of their award **winners**. The Award selection process must always include a personal interview with top candidates.

Turning in Results: For category judges, please fill out the scoring rubric for each project as you see fit. Please give your results to your lead judge by 2:30 pm. All "non-lead" category judges are free to leave Mayser Gym after giving their results to their lead judge. The lead judge fills in the final sheet listing all the winners for a category. All lead judges are required to attend the final discussion and voting for category level champions at 4 PM.

Auxiliary judges turn in their results at the Auxiliary Awards table. Missy Doll is the coordinator of the Auxiliary Awards. If you plan to personally present your award at the Awards Ceremony (6:15 pm March 28 at the F&M Alumni Sports and Fitness Center) please notify Missy as you turn in your results. The Awards Ceremony concludes by 8:30 PM.