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Alamo Regional Academy of Science and Engineering

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Alamo Regional Science Fair

March 4-6, 2012 (Sunday-Tuesday)

Where: Bill Greehey Arena, St. Mary's University
One Camino Santa Maria (Enter from Culebra Gate A)

Go to <http://www.stmarytx.edu/athletic/?go=facil> for picture of the arena.

Sunday, March 4, 2012: **Registration & Set-Up**

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 4, 2012: **SRC Final Clearance:**

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 4, 2012: **Display & Safety Inspection:**

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 5, 2012: **Judging Day:**

8:15 a.m. (Be at project) Judging 8:30 – 12:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Public Viewing

Tuesday., March 6, 2012: **Public Viewing:**

1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 **Awards Ceremony:**

6:30 p.m. (Students, Teachers meet at **6:15 p.m.!**)

Tear Down After Awards Ceremony. Not earlier!

(Allow attendees to view projects)

Registration/Set-Up (Sunday, March 4, 2012)

Students follow the **3 Easy Check-In Steps** given at registration with a **Check-In Sheet**. **Projects MUST CLEAR SRC** before setting-up. Registration packet **must have the SRC stamp**.

Unloading Projects

Unload projects in front of the Bill Greehey Arena before parking. Register next. Student must clear SRC **before** setting-up!

Scientific Review (SRC)

Students needing SRC go to the SRC Station. Avoid **LONG LINES** at SRC! **Make** every effort to clear **before** the fair. SRC will be available on **Saturday, March 3 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon.)** in the arena's 2nd floor. Use the East side entrance. **PLEASE** send corrected forms and/or the Abstract Certification Form **before the fair** with plenty of time for SRC clearance. It is **hard** to do it the day before or the day of registration. **WARNING: SRC lines get long. It takes time to clear a student! Students panic as a result!**

Display Set-Up after Registration

A floor plan with exhibit numbers will be posted. SRC **must be cleared** before setting-up. Do not spread materials on someone's table. Do not sit on tables. Exhibit # should be visible. Names or school should **NOT** appear on the board or table other than on the Official Abstract and some required SRC Forms for display.

Display/Safety Inspection (D & S)

Note: Students are to get a **DS-1 Inspection Form** at the D & S Table (Arena). Refer to Intel ISEF **Guidelines 2011/2012** for D & S Rules. Go to the Society for Science & the Public website (www.societyforscience.org). Click on *Intel ISEF* and then on *Rules & Guidelines*. Click on Display & Safety Regulations under the **Rules Index**. Students using AV or multimedia presentations must have the entire presentation **ready for D & S inspectors before display is approved**.

Project reports or some applicable forms to be displayed **will be inspected** on Sunday. Students will be asked **to remove items** that are not allowed. Once project is set-up, turn in DS-1 Form at D & S table (Exhibit floor). Return to project and **wait** for the D & S Inspectors at project for inspection.

Official Abstract/Certification Form

The **stamped Official Abstract/Certification Form** in the student's packet is to be displayed on the **upper left-hand side** of display board **or** sitting upright on the table. D & S will look for this form. Please refer to the science fair handouts for **other reminders**, concerning photograph/visuals credits, Photo Consents, Form (1C) and Form (7).

Check-Out Procedure

Once **D & S is cleared**, report to **Check-Out Table** (Arena) to turn in **Check-In Sheet**. Pick up a badge to wear on Monday, Judging Day).

D & S Walk-Through (After 8:00 p.m.)

D & S Inspectors will do an exhibit walk-through to **remove items** that are not allowed. They may be picked up at the D & S Table Monday after judging. Information will be in the student's packet.

Science Fair continued...

Judging Day (Monday, March 5, 2012)

Exhibit area will open at **7:30 a.m.** Students are to be by exhibit by **8:15 a.m.** Judging will start promptly at **8:30 a.m.** Adults **must clear** the exhibit area by **8:15 a.m.** We will start releasing students **around** 12:30 p.m. by categories. The science project report **must stay** at the display. Students should take their laptops and stools. Blue Ribbon Judging starts after 12:30 p.m.

Cell Phones/Texting:

Teachers, parents, and students refrain from calling or texting during judging time. It interferes with judging if a judge is at the exhibit or near-by. It is rude. Judges do complaint about this. It can work against the student.

Waiting Areas

Adults may wait in: 1) lobby, 2) at the University Center, 3) at the Pecan Grove (picnic area) or 4) visit the campus. **ONLY** judges and staff are allowed in the arena and exhibition area. **Please, do not attempt to enter the Exhibit Area!!!** **ONLY** authorized individuals should be in the exhibit area.

Tee-Shirts: (\$12.00)

Shirts will be on sale on the three days.

Public Viewing (Mon./Tues., Mar. 5-6, 2012)

Viewing will be Mon. (5:30-8:00 p.m.) and Tues. (1:00-6:00 p.m.) Viewing **closes Tues. at 6:00 p.m.** in order to prepare for the Awards Ceremony.

Awards Ceremony (Tue., March 6, 2012)

Student dress attire is **BUSINESS ATTIRE**. This is **not a casual event for the students**. Organizations want a photo of their awardees. Students and teachers are to gather **before 6:15 p.m.** outside the Bill Greehey Arena to march in at 6:20 p.m.

PLEASE BE ON TIME! The Presentation of Colors will begin as soon as the teachers and students are in the reserved floor area. The Ceremony will be from 6:30 p.m. to **approx. 9:30 p.m.** Parents, **please be patient!** There are many Special Awards and Fair Awards. **Directors Awards** and **Honorable Mention Awards** will be at the exhibits.

Tear Down (Tuesday, March 6, 2012)

Tear down is **AFTER** the Awards Ceremony (**NOT** earlier) for security reasons. ARASE and St. Mary's University **are not responsible** for projects left behind. **PLEASE** make arrangements for projects to be picked up after the Ceremony **if** a student cannot be there for tear down. Be aware that we **will not** store or deliver projects or science project reports that are left behind.

Student Code of Conduct

Students must follow the Student Code of Conduct. Texting and cell phone use is **PROHITED**. Loud talking and constant movement distracts judges and students presenting. Students are **NOT** to stray away from their projects or sit on display tables. Teachers, please **stress** this to **middle school students**. Students may leave a note if taking restroom break. Judges return to the exhibits to break a tie. Please stand up when being interviewed by the distinguished judges.

What to Bring the Fair

Bring a **small** stool or chair (**no lawn chairs**), something to read or a **quiet** game. Have **cell phones off!** Student can be disqualified! Judges and students cannot be distracted! Small water bottles will be allowed. **Eat** breakfast before coming. Sodas and lunches **are not** permitted in the judging area! Lunches may be eaten at the Pecan Grove.

Parking:

Parking will be in **Lot D by the V. J Keele Field**. The Entrance is from 36th Street. Refer to campus map.

Intel ISEF Finalists (Senior Division)

1st and 2nd Grand Prize Individual Winners and a 1st Grand Prize Team attend the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania May 13-18, 2012. Finalists, teachers, and parents **MUST MEET** with Mrs. Rose A. Perez (Intel ISEF Coordinator) by the stage **immediately after** the ceremony to receive the Intel ISEF instructions.

There will be a **Mandatory** Intel ISEF meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at the University of Incarnate Word at 6:00 p.m. in the Grossman International Conference Center to start the registration process in order to meet the short deadline for submitting paperwork to Intel ISEF. **Please be in Attendance!** Details will be in the packets.

State Science Fair (March 29-April 1 2012)

The ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair (EMTSEF), hosted by UTSA, will be at the Convention Center. Students who receive an Invitation Letter advance to the EMTSEF.

We send a Certified Student List and students' SRC Forms to the EMTSEF SRC. We review SRC papers **once more before** sending the forms of qualified students to avoid problems at the state fair. **Do not send** SRC Forms to the state fair! We do that.

Deadline for ARASE Qualifiers to register on-line is Tue. March 13, 2012 at: <http://emtsef.org>

Contact Info: Fair Directors: John/Rose Perez at (210) 736-2716 or at <jeperez@swbell.net> Please leave home phone number if we are not in.