

INFORMATION SHEET – 2018 Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair

Please note this year's program is being held in "The Center", Indianapolis, Indiana, and is a one day event taking place on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Registration to compete at the State Science Fair

- All student exhibitors will be identified by the Regional Fair director or their designee. **NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO SETUP AND COMPETE IF THEIR REGISTRATION WAS NOT SUBMITTED BY THE REGIONAL FAIR.**
- On-site check in opens at 8:00 A.M. The schedule with other information about the State Fair is on the website www.sefi.org/hsef. The Annual Program will be distributed at registration.

Student Participant Information

1. One hundred Senior Division candidates (grades 9-12) are invited to exhibit. These students are the top high school winners at their Regional Science Fair. *The top winners competing in this division will join the Indiana Delegation as Intel ISEF Finalists and will compete at the 2018 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in May.*
To be considered for one of the Intel ISEF Finalist positions, Students must be in attendance at the entire event. This includes attending the post fair meeting. FAILURE TO ATTEND THE EVENT IN ITS ENTIRETY WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF TRAVEL AND HOUSING SUPPORT FROM THE FOUNDATION.
2. One hundred Junior Division candidates are invited to exhibit. They are the top student winners in grades 4-8 at their Regional Science Fairs. The Junior division will be judged for prizes and awards.
3. All students are required to sign the liability waiver form and submit it during registration.
4. **All students must be present at all of the HSEF (judging and awards programs) in order to be eligible to receive any prize or award.**

Judging

Judging will be ongoing throughout the day. Students will have scheduled interview periods with judges both before and after lunch. During "non-scheduled" interview periods, students need to remain at their projects so that judges from special awards organizations can interview the exhibitors. **During judging, only judges, student competitors and Event Staff will be permitted in the building.**

If students are approached by a judge or other event attendee for any information other than that related to conducting the research project, the student should contact a member of the event staff immediately.

NOTICE: Due to space constraints and Fire Marshall Occupancy standards, Parents and teachers will not be permitted in the building during the judging day.

Luncheon

A lunch buffet will be provided onsite to all students attending HSEF at no cost. We request that any dietary or food allergy concerns be emailed to Glen Cook (gcook@sefi.org)

Paperwork requirements and setup

The exhibit floor will be open for setting up exhibits at 8:00 A.M. on the day of the event. During set-up, all projects will be reviewed by the SRC and Display and Safety Committee for approval to compete. All student exhibitors must submit the waiver of liability, photo release waiver and a W-9 prior to competition.

Junior Division (Grades 4-8): The project **abstract** must have been submitted electronically as part of the electronic registration process. *In addition, any other forms that were used in the research project should be presented to the SRC after setup.* In most cases the SRC will contact students prior to the fair if there are paperwork requirements or concerns.

Senior Division and Senior Team (Grades 9-12):

All student exhibitors **MUST ELECTRONICALLY** submit the project abstract and all of the ISEF research forms required to conduct the research. Students **MUST** bring the original copy of signed ISEF forms with them to the HSEF for use by the event staff.

- * All projects in all grade levels must be approved by the Hoosier Fair Scientific Review Committee prior to judging.
- * Student competitors in all grades should also bring any notebooks containing data for their project. **We highly recommend that this be a copy of the notebooks and that the originals notebooks be kept at home.**

Research Exhibit Forms for students in grades 9-12

All students in grades 9-12 are expected to have completed/submitted the paperwork and forms as part of the registration to compete in a regional fair. This submitted version of your paperwork will be used by the SRC to conduct prior and post review. To be eligible to be selected to attend the ISEF, students must have the original copies of the forms. Failure to comply with this will result in disqualification for eligibility to be selected for ISEF.

The website www.societyforscience.org/isef contains the International Rules Guidebook and the project forms which you will need.

Awards and Scholarships

All students will be recognized and honored with a medallion during the Awards Ceremony. Placement awards will be given to the Best of Show Projects in the Senior and Junior Divisions. Numerous special awards will also be presented along with the Foundation scholarships.

Scholarship applications are available from the regional fair director for **12th grade presenters** selected to attend HSEF. (download application at www.sefi.org/hsef/ScholarshipApplication18.pdf **The applications will be due within 10 days of your regional fair date or prior to March 19, 2018 whichever date is earlier.** The scholarship selection committee will conduct interviews via skype or teleconference in the weeks prior to the fair. Additional interviews may be conducted at HSEF. There are multiple SEFI scholarships offered at the HSEF. Each scholarship is named for one of the Foundation's original founders and leaders. These scholarships will be held in escrow for the student to be used for the first year of a college or university enrollment at an Indiana institution. Additional information will be provided in the scholarship application form available to eligible participants.

Housing

Individuals requiring rooms on Friday evening, March 23, 2018 will need to make their own arrangements. The following list of hotels are very close by the location of the HSEF

NO HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY THE FOUNDATION.

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| A.
Hilton Garden Inn
6930 Intech Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46278
(317) 288-6060 | B.
Wingate by Wyndham Indianapolis Northwest
6240 Intech Commons Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46278
(317) 426-6942 |
| C.
Residence Inn Indianapolis Northwest
6220 Digital Way, Indianapolis, IN 46278
(317) 275-6000 | D.
Clarion Inn and Suites Northwest
7001 Corporate Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46278
(317) 298-3700 |
| E.
Towne Place Suites by Marriott Indianapolis Park
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5802 W 71st St, Indianapolis, IN 46278
(317) 290-8900 | F.
Courtyard by Marriott Northwest
7226 Woodland Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46278
(317) 297-7700 |
| G.
Hampton Inn Indianapolis, Northwest Park 100
5860 W 73rd St, Indianapolis, IN 46278
(317) 290-6000 | H.
Candlewood Suites Indianapolis Northwest
7455 Woodland Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46278
(317) 298-8000 |

SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS

I. Project check in begins at 8:00 am so please do not arrive before this time.

To drop off projects it is best to pull up onto the brick paved space near the front door and unload. The driver may then move on to park in the parking lot. There will be no parking on the brick paved space.

- Teachers and Parents – due to space constraints at “**The Center**” (Heritage Research Group Corporate Facility, parents and teachers will not be able to remain in the building during judging sessions. Parents and teachers will be permitted to visit and view projects during setup and prior to the first judging session. We have also planned for parent and teacher viewing in the afternoon prior to awards (see schedule).

II. AWARDS: Please note the times for the Awards programs

Awards begin at 4:30 p.m. with a guest speaker. Due to limited space. Each student may have only 2 guests in attendance at the awards program. Students will be seated on the floor during the awards program. Parents and guests will be in the stands area. The balcony area is expected to be standing room only.

III. At the time of check in, all students must submit a waiver of liability, photo release form and a W-9 It is suggested that you also bring a spare copy of your abstract to submit as we may not have received an abstract from all participants.

IV. SENIOR DIVISION PRESENTERS (GRADES 9-12)

If you used paper forms to obtain signatures or worked in a University lab setting, Do not forget to bring all of your “official” signed Intel ISEF paperwork and or University IACUC/IRB Approval Letters to be submitted to the SRC. Failure to do so will result in disqualification for competition. We will not have a fax machine available to receive any forgotten files. If you have submitted a copy online, you must still bring the official paperwork

V. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ANY AWARD, IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT THE STUDENT BE PRESENT AT THE ENTIRE EVENT INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATE AWARDS PROGRAM.

VI. ISEF DELEGATION SELECTION

If a Senior division presenter is selected to attend the Intel ISEF, the student must be present at the entire event and at the meeting following the ceremony. Parents will not be selected as part of the official delegation even if they served as mentors. If parents of a selected student wish to attend, all arrangements and expenses for travel, housing and registration will be their own responsibility.

All attendees at ISEF must be registered by the foundation in advance of attending ISEF, any parent wishing to attend, must make arrangements to pay for their registration by contacting us directly.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT GLEN COOK AT gcook@sefi.org