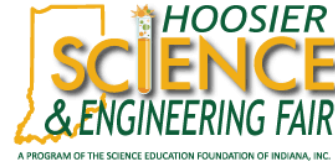




2024 Junior Division  
Welcome Letter



February 6, 2024

Congratulations on being selected a winner and having an outstanding project at your Regional Science Fair. We at the Science Education Foundation of Indiana are pleased to extend an invitation to you to participate in the **36<sup>th</sup> Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair that will be on April 6, 2024 in Indianapolis at IU Indianapolis** in the IO building. Updates will be posted at [www.sefi.org/hsef](http://www.sefi.org/hsef)

Please read all the information in this packet carefully and comply with all of the guidelines to ensure a trouble-free event.

Enclosures with this letter include:

1. General Information.
2. Display and Safety Guidelines
3. Waiver of liability (to be completed online at <https://sefi.org/hsef/waiver.html> )
4. W-9 (required of all projects) <https://sefi.org/hsef>

Your project submission closely follows the submission for your regional fair. You should have the following items already loaded into your CN e-portfolio account. If you are missing a required element, you should upload the missing item(s) as soon as possible.

- A **30 second** “elevator speech” audio or video about the project.
- A **7-10 page** PowerPoint or Google Slide presentation of the most significant parts of your research project.

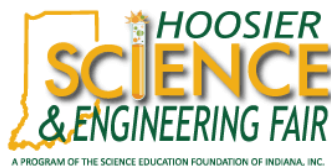
Additional/optional items may be on your CN account.

- A 5-minute (max) video of you presenting your project if you did not include a video in your PowerPoint.
- A pdf of your finalized project report if you did one.
- Copies/samples of your data book/ project log
- A photo of you and team members (head and shoulder images only please)

Again, Congratulations on your good work.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Glen M. Cook, Jr.' The signature is written in a cursive style.

Glen M. Cook, Jr.  
Executive Director, SEFI



## INFORMATION SHEET – 2024 Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair

Please note this year's program is being held at IU Indianapolis in the IO Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, and is a one day event taking place on Saturday, April 6, 2024

### 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](http://www.sefi.org/hsef). The Annual Program will be available electronically. QR codes will be posted at registration.

### Student Participant Information

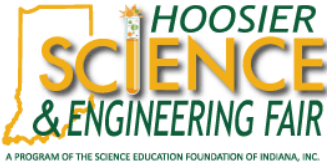
1. One hundred twenty Junior Division candidates (grades 4-8) are invited to exhibit. These students are the top winners at their Regional Science Fair.
2. All students are required to sign the liability waiver form and submit it during registration.
3. **All students must be present at all the HSEF (judging and awards programs) in order to be eligible to receive any prize or award.**

### Judging

Judging will be ongoing throughout the day as well as reviewing your submissions to your **theCN.com** e-portfolio. On the day of the event, 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 judging areas.**

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, Fire Marshall Occupancy standards, parents and teachers will not be permitted in the area during the judging day.**



Waiver of Liability & Release for Virtual/In Person Program  
2024 Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair *a program of*  
The Science Education Foundation of Indiana, Inc.

As the parent or legally authorized guardian of a minor in the 2023 Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair (PARENT) hosted by the Science Education Foundation of Indiana, Inc (SEFI). I understand and agree to the following terms set forth: See <https://sefi.org/hsef/waiver.html> for a digital version of this form.

**Consent and Waiver**

In consideration of my child, the participant, being permitted to participate in the above program, I, and on behalf of my child, agree and understand that:

- My child will abide by all the rules, guidelines, regulations, code of conduct of the HSEF and any and all program requirements: Anyone failing to abide by this criterion may be dismissed from the program.
- Parents will not be permitted in the facility during judging. We will take all usual precautions to prevent any situation that may be construed to be inappropriate contact between the child and others.
- No person shall be permitted access to the child that is not in full view of all program participants.
- My child’s participation in this program is voluntary.
- I recognize that my child’s participation in the program carries with it possible risks, including types of activity/behaviors not authorized or supported by SEFI and its directors, event leaders, or the overall HSEF program that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care or precautions taken during the event (for example unauthorized entry into a Zoom or similar meeting).
  - Should parents feel the need to address any concerns, they should immediately contact the SEFI Executive Director ([gcook@sefi.org](mailto:gcook@sefi.org)).
- I have considered the risks involved in this program and I freely assume the risks and consent to my Child’s participation.
- I further declare that my Child is capable of participating in the program.

**Photo Release**

I give SEFI, its agents, employees, servants, assigns, and successors, without expectation of value, permission to:

- Record my child’s likeness and appearance on videotape, audiotape, film, photograph, or any other medium.
- Use my child’s name, likeness, voice, and biographical material in connection with these recordings.
- Exhibit, copy or distribute such recording in whole or in part without restrictions or limitation for any educational or promotional purpose or advertisement campaigns which SEFI, and those acting pursuant to its authority, deem appropriate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Participant Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature (required)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**Waiver and Release of Liability**

Further, in consideration for my child being permitted to participate in this program, I, on behalf of my child, and as the natural parent and/or as the legally authorized guardian or support person, do hereby for my child, myself, my family, heirs, personal representatives, and assigns, agree to, and hereby do, release, waive, discharge, hold harmless and indemnify, and forever defend the Science Education Foundation of Indiana, Inc., the members of its Board of Directors, individually and collectively, its officers, employees, servants, agents, representatives, directors, students, volunteers, and anyone acting on behalf of SEFI, from any and all liability, losses, claims, actions, suits, procedures, demands, rights, and causes of action of whatever nature, in law and equity, for any and all known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, bodily or personal injuries, death and permanent injury, illnesses, damage to property, or other losses, and any consequences thereof, including expenses, costs, and attorney’s fees, as may be sustained by my child or me, or any person or entity acting on my or my child’s behalf, arising out of, or in any way associated with my child’s participation in the program.

I warrant that I am the parent, authorized legal guardian or authorized caregiver of the participant in the program, and that I am 18 years of age or older. I have carefully reviewed, and I agree to the terms of this entire document.

\_\_\_\_\_ Participant Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature (required)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date