



North Carolina Science & Engineering Fair



Dear Colleagues,

This year the statewide North Carolina State Science and Engineering Fair will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012 in the Science and Mathematics Building at Meredith College in Raleigh. We need scientists and engineers in all fields and science educators to serve as judges for this event. We will have nearly 300 projects, many special awards and need *at least* 120 judges! If you have any colleagues or friends who might also be interested in judging, please forward them this letter; we always need additional enthusiastic volunteers!

If you are interested, please respond by registering on our NC Science and Engineering Fair 2012 registration website at <http://ncsef.sfiab.com>. On the homepage click on the "Login/Register" link located on the left side of the main page and then choose "I am a new judge and would like to register to judge" link under the "Judge" heading to register. Please make sure to complete your information in all sections. Once the information is entered be sure to click on "Save" and then use the "Judges Home" link on the left side to return to your main profile page. In the "Other Information Section", there is a question about your area of expertise as well as a question about the lunch that you would prefer. Please use this box to fill out your area of specialization within your general field. It is important for us to have this information so that each judging team has the appropriate range of expertise (example within biology we need genetics, cell biology, microbiology, ecology, etc.). Please complete this information by **Wednesday, February 29, 2012**. If you register to judge this year, we will send you a confirmation letter accompanied by this year's schedule, a PDF file of the judge's handbook and a map of Meredith College's campus.

On the day of the event, judges will need to arrive at Cates Student Center at Meredith College by 8:00 a.m. for registration, refreshments and a short orientation session. This session will allow you to meet your fellow judges, divide into your judging teams, and obtain important information to assist you in judging for that day. **It is critical that all judges are present for the orientation.** Judging of the projects is tentatively scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The judges will view science projects without the students present in the morning and interview students in the afternoon. Please expect to be here the entire time. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

I hope that you will be able to assist in this special event in science education. Your participation is vital to the success of the event.

For more information about the NC Science and Engineering Fair, please visit our website: <http://www.ncsciencefair.org>. Also, feel free to e-mail me with any questions.

Thank you for considering this exciting opportunity!

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