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Project Hints

Help Your Presentation

- Handshake
- 60 second talk & standard talk
- Practice!!
- Dress for success
- No chairs. Wear comfortable shoes

If You Have Time to Change Your Board

- Generate more data
- Use bullet points – Easy to Read
- Larger board
- Emphasize graphs & charts
- Registered Research Institute (RRI), have ISEF Form 1C in your notebook

Visual Aids / Props

- Understand the risks
 - Distracts, takes focus off you, consumes time
- Laptops/Videos/Active Demos are discouraged unless absolutely necessary
- Power if requested with application
 - Bring your own extension cord & power strip

Online Registration – Don't Delay!!

- App deadline: Tue, April 8
- Fee & signature card deadline: Thu, April 10
- CSSF website <http://www.usc.edu/CSSF/>
- Print the App Packet – changes from Synopsys
 - 'Download me First' link (31 page packet)
- Different categories – check them out!

Project Definitions

- **Allocated:** Projects allowed by CSSF
 - 2014: 87 projects
- **Sponsored:** Twelve all-expenses paid awards
 - Submit registration fee, SCVSEFA will reimburse

- **Non-Sponsored or Qualified:** CSSF worthy projects. Must pay the entire way.
- **Alternates:** Ranked CSSF worthy projects that can go if a qualified project does not go

Changes from 2013 CSSF

- For all Non-Sponsored projects
 - No bus transfers provided between LAX & CSSF
 - No display board delivery provided between Santa Clara & CSSF
 - No assigned chaperone. SCVSEFA will support as requested
 - Responsible for own lodging and luggage
 - Few Radisson rooms must be taken care of directly with Radisson

Sponsored: Monday (1 of 6)

- **Overview**
 - Fly to LAX
 - Bus to Science Center
 - Display Board Setup for Fair
 - Hotel Check-In
 - Evening Meeting

Sponsored: Monday (2 of 6)

- **Carry to airport (Do NOT pack in luggage)**
 - Signed Risk Release & Behavior Contract forms (download from our website)
 - Confirmation Letter or EMail from CSSF
 - Photo ID: Drivers license, student body card, or passport
 - Charged cell phone

Sponsored: Monday (3 of 6)

- Pack your display board together with the other sponsored projects.
 - Meet at 9:30AM in the Southwest Airlines Baggage check-in area; SE

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- corner between the escalator & bathrooms.
- Must fold flat – max dimensions 5'4" tall x 2' wide
- Turn in both signed forms
 - Risk Release and Behavior Contract
- Meet the chaperones, receive air tickets & reimbursement money

Sponsored: Monday (5 of 6)

- Registration & Display Board Setup
 - Need CSSF Confirmation Letter/EMail to register
 - Registration is open from 10:00AM - 3:30PM
 - Anyone can setup a board, but State Fair Inspection team must sign off or project is disqualified
 - Do **not** leave anything valuable with your display board

Sponsored: Monday (6 of 6)

- After display board setup
 - Be in phone contact with your chaperone
 - Be sure to get some food
 - Check-in at the Radisson, claim your luggage and unpack in your room
 - Keynote address 5:00PM – 6:00PM (if time permits)
 - Dinner
 - **Meeting at USC Radisson; 7:30PM – 8:45PM**
 - **Sponsored and Non-Sponsored Students**
 - **Fair information & icebreaker games**
 - Get a good night's sleep!!

Non-Sponsored: Mon (1 of 3)

- **Travel to CSSF**
 - Prepare your display board for travel

- Your choice: fly or drive
- If you fly, be sure to plan for transfers to/from the airport
- Want to find a carpool to CSSF? Try

<http://www.rideshare.us/index.php>

Event LookUp Code: RideToCSSF

(This is not an endorsement, it's a ride sharing website)

Non-Sponsored: Mon (2 of 3)

- Registration & Display Board Setup
 - Need CSSF Confirmation Letter/EMail to register
 - Bring Photo ID: Drivers license, student body card, or passport
 - Bring charged cell phone
 - Registration is open from 10:00AM - 3:30PM
 - Anyone can setup a board, but State Fair Inspection team must sign off or project is disqualified
 - Do **not** leave anything valuable with your display board

Non-Sponsored: Mon (3 of 3)

- After display board setup
 - Check-in at your hotel
 - Local hotel alternatives are on CSSF website. We do not know anything about these hotels.
 - Questionable neighborhoods nearby
 - Keynote address 5:00PM – 6:00PM (if time permits)
 - Dinner
 - **Meeting at USC Radisson; 7:30PM – 8:45PM**
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Tue – All Students to 1:00PM

- 7:00AM: Judges can preview, students can setup
- 8:00AM: Student Orientation Meeting
- 8:30AM – 12:30PM: Judging & break
 - Bring entertainment, snack, & water!!
- 12:30PM: free lunch
- **1:00PM: photo at the fountain in the Rose Garden**

Tue - Fair Day Afternoon

- 1:30PM - 3:30PM: Project breakdown
 - **Sponsored** Projects: Bring your display board to the Rotunda (by IMAX) for packing. Arrive by 2:00PM
 - **Non-Sponsored** Projects: Execute your plan for bringing your board home. You can head home anytime.
 - Any board left behind will be discarded by CSSF
- 2:00PM – 3:30PM: Free Seminar: “*How to do a Better Science Fair Project*”

Sponsored: Tue Evening

- Board bus to LAX after MS Awards Ceremony
- Luggage will already be loaded on the bus
- Chaperones & sponsored students need to get boarding passes
- Change clothes after passing security
- Grab dinner after passing security
- Southwest 166 departs LAX at 8:25pm; arrives San Jose at 9:30 pm

Safety

- Primary concern
 - Students staying in different places
 - Dependent upon self regulation, no assigned chaperones
 - Cell phone contact is vital
 - 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students must have adult supervision

- Safest to stay in the Science Center complex

Miscellaneous Notes

- Our alias’: Silicon Valley, Santa Clara, Synopsys
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