California State Science Fair (CSSF) Information Meeting

2015 CSSF - Detailed Plans

for Parents and Students

Agenda

- **Project Hints (for students)**
  - **Help yourself**
  - **Board hints**
  - **Visual aids / Props**
- Fair Preparations
- 2015 CSSF Details
- Setup Day, Mon, May 18
- Fair Day, Tue, May 19

Project Hints

Help Your Presentation

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

Project Hints

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 or on your board

Project Hints

Visual Aids / Props

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

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- Project Hints (for students)
- **Fair Preparations**
    - **Registration**
    - **Project Definitions**
- 2015 CSSF Details
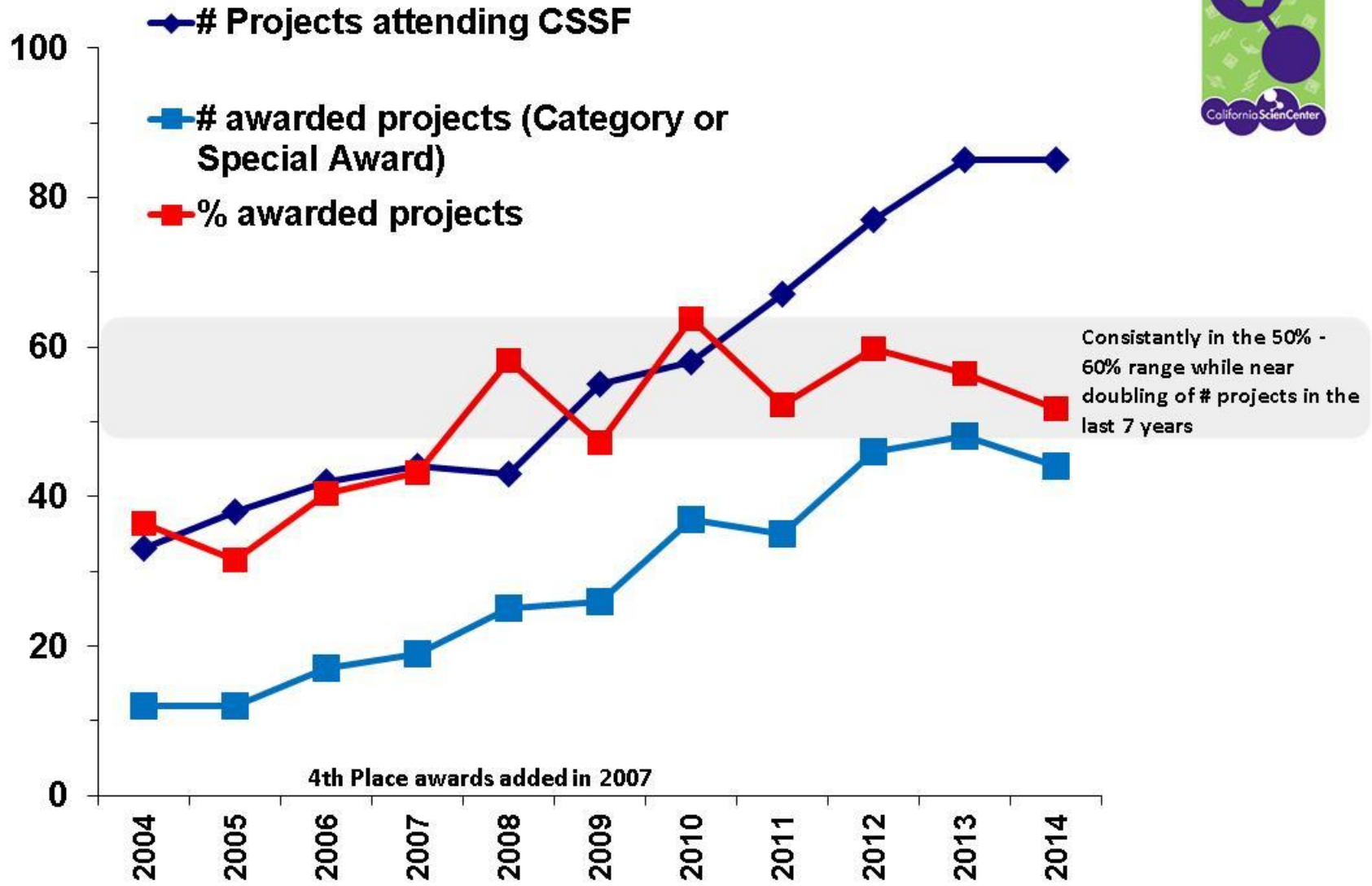- Setup Day, Mon May 18
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Online Registration – Should be Done

- App deadline: April 20

- Fee & signature card deadline: April 22

- CSSF website http://www.usc.edu/CSSF/

- Print the App Packet – changes from Synopsys
  - 'Download me First' link   (37 page packet)

- Different categories – as you already know!

Project Definitions

- **Allocated**: Projects allowed by CSSF
  - 2015: 97 projects
- **Sponsored**: Twelve all-expenses paid awards
  - SCVSEFA will reimburse the registration fee
- **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 <u>not</u> go

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR

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2015 CSSF Details

- For Students of all Sponsored projects
  - Flights are provided between SJC and LAX
  - Bus transfers are provided between LAX & CSSF
  - Display boards are shipped between SJC and CSSF. Packing will be done at SJC.
  - Every student is assigned a chaperone
  - Luggage transfers are provided
  - Radisson Hotel rooms are provided

2015 CSSF Details

- For Students of all <u>Non-</u>Sponsored projects
  - Provide all your own transportation
  - Provide delivery of your display board
  - No assigned chaperone. The SCVSEFA chaperones will support as requested
  - Provide your own lodging and luggage transfers

Onto the Fair ….

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- Project Hints (for students)

- Fair Preparations

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- **Setup Day, Mon May 18**
  - **Flight, Bus, & Hotel**
  - **Display Board Setup**
  - **Public Viewing, Keynote, Evening Mtg**

- Fair Day, Tue, May 19

- **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 **8:30 AM** in the Southwest Airlines Baggage check-in area
    - Must fold flat – max dimensions 64" tall x 24" wide
- Turn in both signed forms
    - Risk Release and Behavior Contract
- Meet the chaperones, receive air tickets & reimbursement money

Sponsored: Monday (4 of 6)

- LAX to CSSF
  - Southwest #4484 departs San Jose at 10:50 AM arrives LAX at 12 Noon   (Recommend a carry-on snack)
  - Retrieve luggage at LAX
  - Bus transfer to Science Center (CSSF Venue)
  - Students will unload at the Science Center to setup their display boards
  - Luggage will be unloaded and stored at the Radisson Hotel

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 **<u>not</u>** 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
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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
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- **Fair Day, Tue, May 19**
  - **Judging**
  - **CSSF Photo at the Fountain**
  - **Display Board Breakdown**
  - **Award Ceremonies**

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: Super Duper Famous Photo at the Rose Garden Fountain*
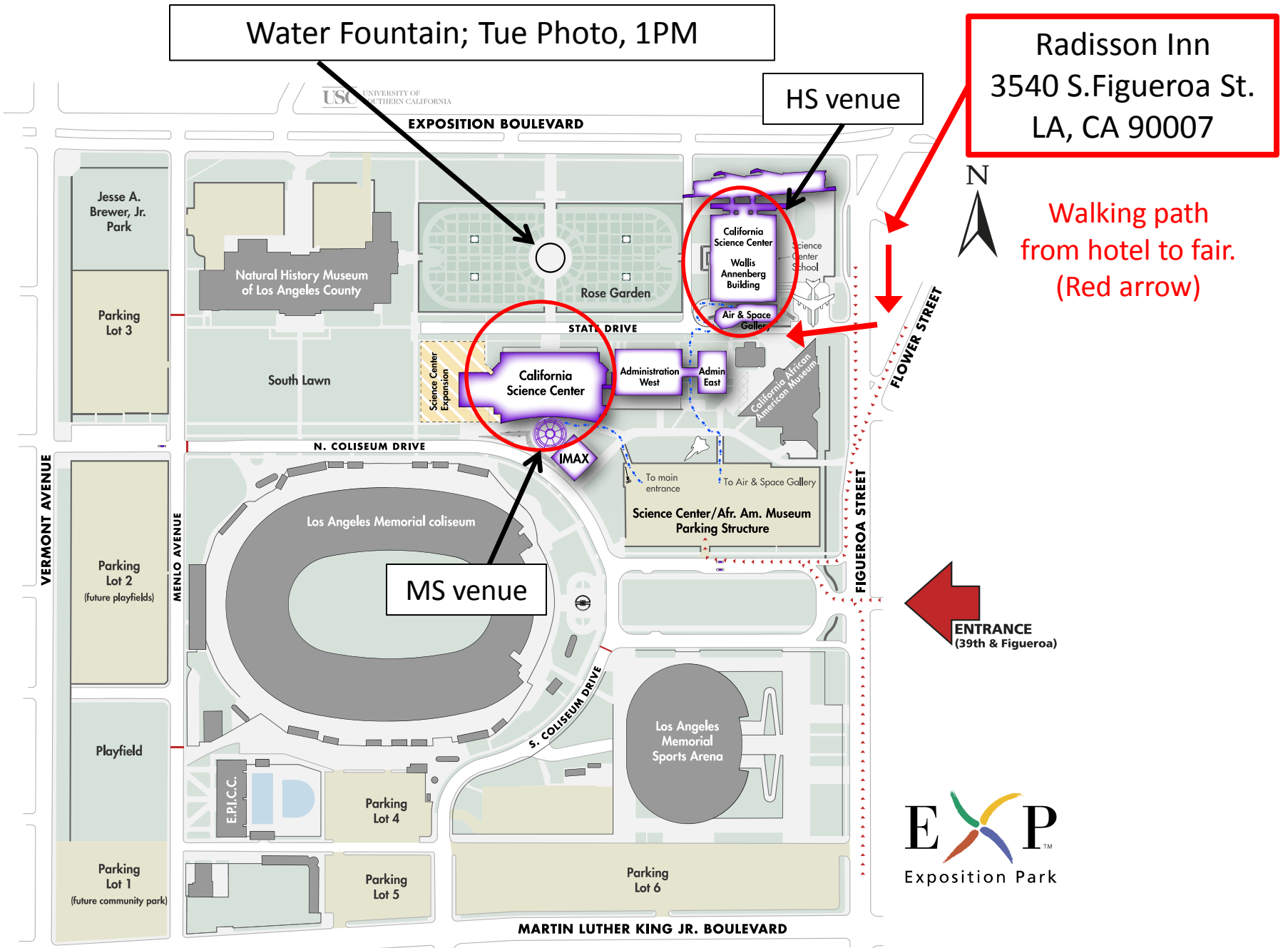
Please be on time!!

Water Fountain; Tue Photo, 1PM

HS venue

Radisson Inn
3540 S.Figueroa St.
LA, CA 90007

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Walking path
from hotel to fair.
(Red arrow)

MS venue

ENTRANCE
(39th & Figueroa)

2014 California State Science Fair

Synopsys Championship participants at the
2014 California State Science Fair in Los Angeles, April 28.

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. Your responsibilities are complete. 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

- 4:00PM – 5:00PM: MS Awards Ceremony
  - Limited viewing access. One ticket at registration
  - Bus back to LAX after MS AC
- We will <u>miss</u> the HS Awards Ceremony
  - Southwest #747 departs LAX at 8:55 PM
  - Chaperones & sponsored students require check-in
  - Potential traffic delays
  - Potential security delays
- Awards will be mailed from CSSF to winners

Sponsored: Tue Night

- 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

- Relax…..

Safety

- Primary concern
  - Students staying in different places
  - Dependent upon self regulation, no assigned chaperones
  - Cell phone contact is vital
  - 6th and 7th grade students <u>must</u> have adult supervision
- Safest to stay in the Science Center complex

Miscellaneous Notes

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

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