

California State Science Fair (CSSF) Information Meeting

2016 CSSF - Detailed Plans
for Parents and Students

Agenda

- **Project Hints (for students)**
 - Help yourself
 - Board hints
 - Visual aids / Props
- Fair Preparations
- 2016 CSSF Details
- Setup Day, Mon, May 23
- Fair Day, Tue, May 24

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. What is *unique* to your work?
- Registered Research Institute (RRI), have ISEF Form 1C in your notebook or on your board
- Display board size limitations at the CSSF Science Center:
 - Maximum width 4 feet (122 cm)
 - Maximum depth 2½ feet (76 cm)
 - Maximum height 6½ feet (198 cm) table
 - 9 feet (274 cm) floor

Project Hints

Visual Aids / Props

- Understand the risks
 - Distracts, 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

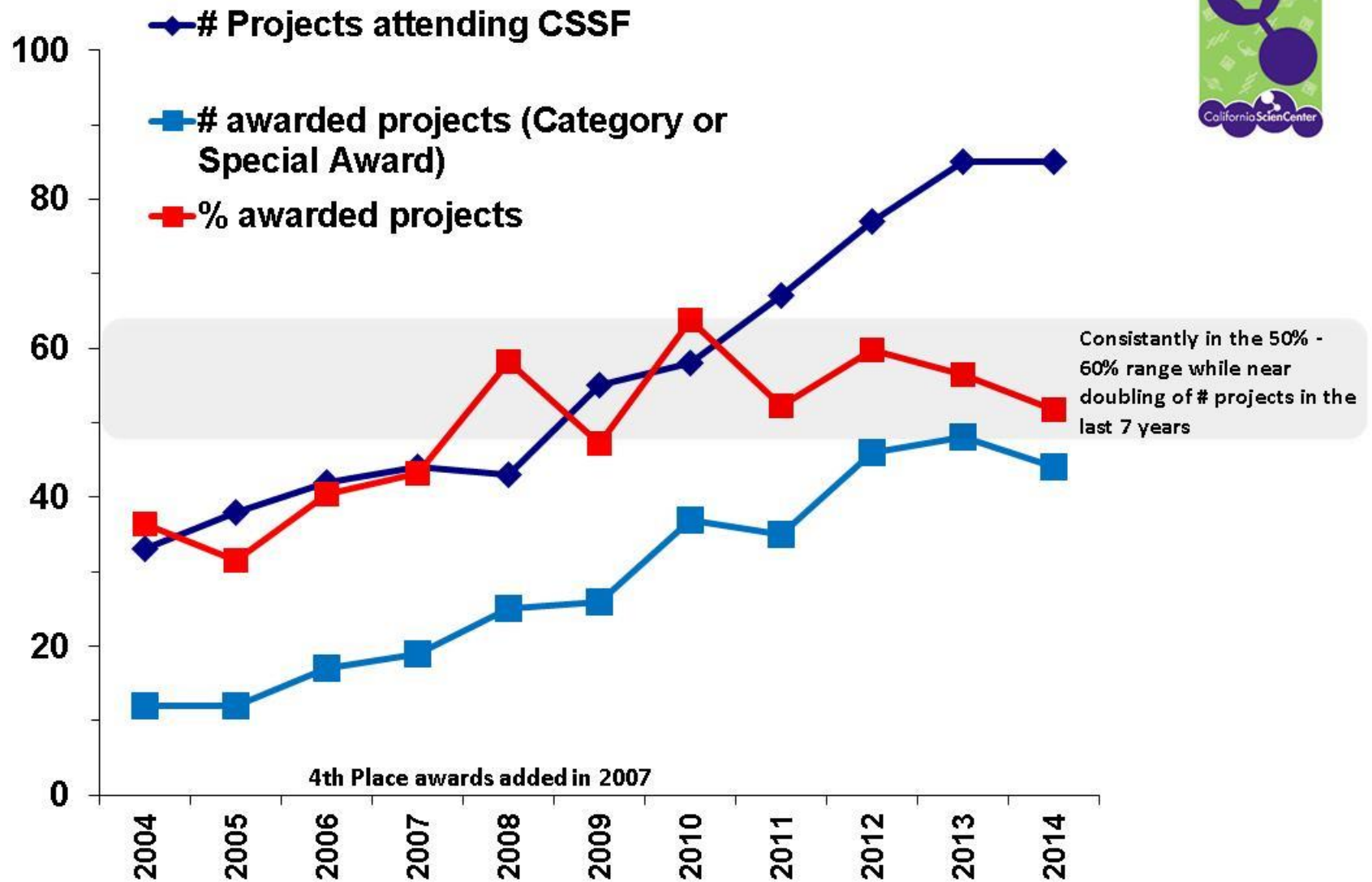
Online Registration – Should be Done

- Deadlines: Application 4/19, Fee 4/21
- Notice of Acceptance: May 1
- CSSF website <http://www.usc.edu/CSSF/>
- Different categories – as you already know!

Project Definitions

- **Allocated:** Projects allowed by CSSF
 - 2016: 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 not go

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2016 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. *Board must fit/fold in the Transport Box (folds to 5'4" X 2' for sponsored students).*
 - Every student is assigned a chaperone
 - Luggage transfers are provided
 - Radisson Hotel rooms are provided

2016 CSSF Details

- For Students of all Non-Sponsored projects
 - Provide all your own transportation
 - Provide delivery of your display board
 - Does anyone want to volunteer to transport some boards?
 - No assigned chaperone. The SCVSEFA chaperones will support as requested
 - Provide your own lodging and luggage transfers

On to the Fair



Agenda

- **Setup Day, Mon May 23**
 - Flight, Bus, & Hotel
 - Display Board Setup
 - Public Viewing, Keynote, Evening Mtg

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 **7:30 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
- Meet at SJ Airport at 7:30 AM
 - Southwest #1331 departs San Jose at 9:35 AM arrives LAX at 12 Noon (Recommend a carry-on snack)
 - 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 AM - 3:30 PM
 - 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
 - Public viewing 3 -4:30 PM
 - Go to Radisson, claim your luggage and unpack
 - Keynote address 5 – 6 PM (if time permits)
 - Dinner
 - **Meeting at USC Radisson; 7:30 PM – 8:45 PM**
 - **For EVERYONE!**
 - **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 (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
 - Public Viewing 3 - 4:30 PM
 - Keynote address 5 - 6 PM (if time permits)
 - Dinner
 - *Meeting at USC Radisson; 7:30 PM – 8:45 PM*
 - *Sponsored and Non-Sponsored Students*
 - *Fair information & icebreaker games*
 - Get a good night's sleep!!

Agenda

- **Fair Day, Tue, May 24**
 - Judging
 - CSSF Photo at the Fountain
 - Display Board Breakdown
 - Award Ceremonies
 - Return logistics

Tue – All Students to 1:00PM

- 7 AM: Judges can preview, students can setup
ALL sponsored luggage must be in
Chaperone's room by 7:45 AM **
- 8 AM: Student Orientation Meeting
- 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Judging & break
– Bring entertainment, snack, & water!!
- ***1:00PM: Super Duper Famous Photo at the
Rose Garden Fountain for EVERYONE!***
Please be on time!!

Water Fountain; Tue Photo, 1PM

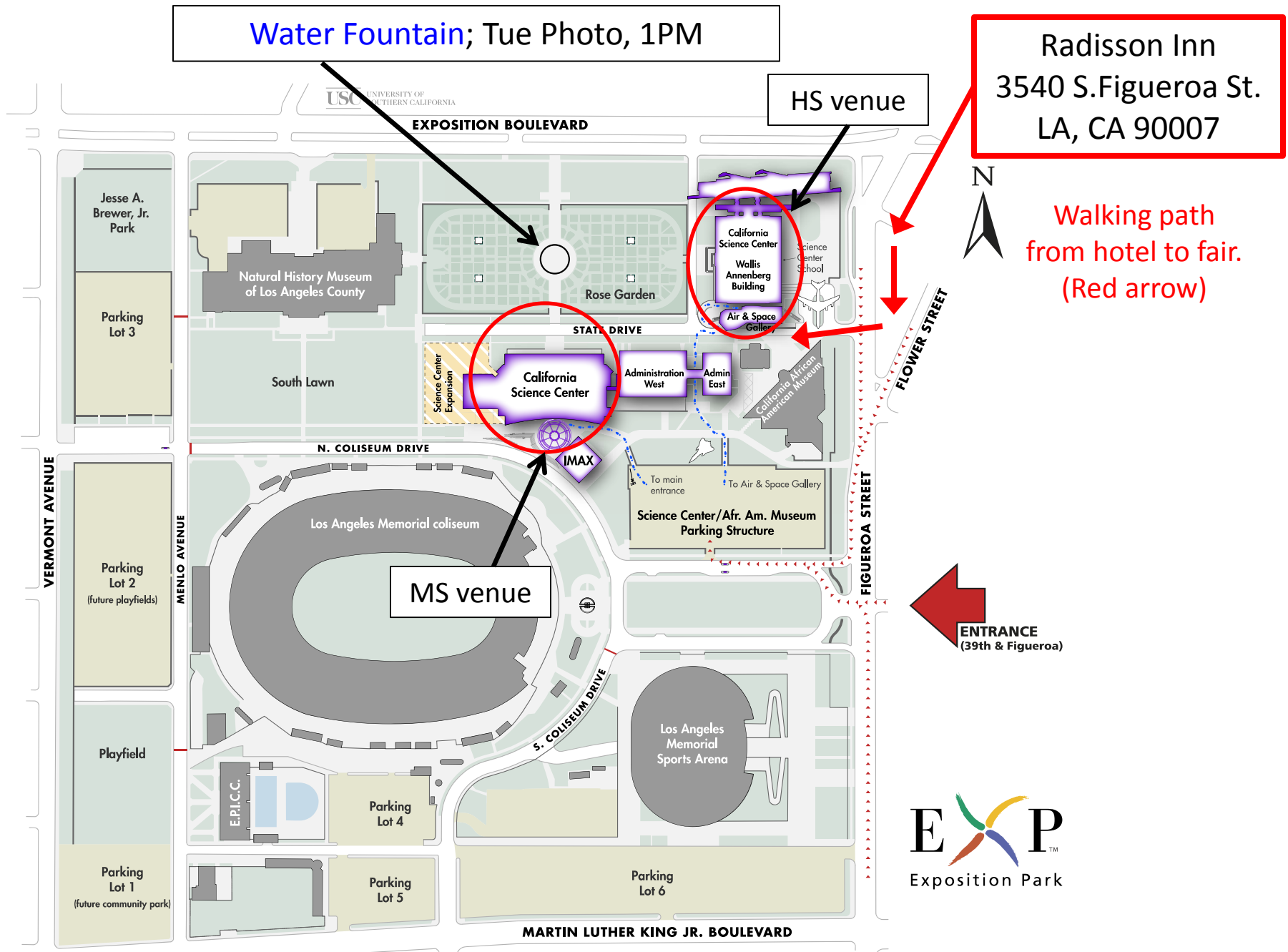
Radisson Inn
3540 S.Figueroa St.
LA, CA 90007

HS venue

Walking path
from hotel to fair.
(Red arrow)

MS venue

ENTRANCE
(39th & Figueroa)





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Tue - Fair Day Afternoon

- 1:30 - 3:30PM: Project breakdown
 - Sponsored Projects: Bring your display board to the Radisson for packing. Arrive by 2:00 PM
 - 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
- 2:00 – 3:30 PM: Free Seminar: *“How to do a Better Science Fair Project”* or *“Telling a Scientific Story: Presenting Data”*

Sponsored: Tue Evening

- 4:00 – 5:00 PM: MS Awards Ceremony
 - Limited access. One ticket at registration
 - Bus back to LAX after MS Award Ceremony
 - We will miss the HS Awards Ceremony
 - HS students may change clothes when they pack boards
- Southwest #2062 departs LAX at 8:20 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
- Board bus no later than 5:30 PM near Rotunda
- 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 must have adult supervision
- Safest to stay in the Science Center complex
- Need cooperation, communication, and compliance from Parents

Miscellaneous Notes

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

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