

# What to Expect At the Fair

## Championship Judging Day

- **Arrive at South Hall** at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center. South Hall at Market St & Balbach St **looks like a blue/white tent**. Line up outside to enter at 1:25 (high school) or 1:55 (middle school). *Exception: students who need to complete compliance requirements before judging should arrive and will be admitted 30 minutes ahead of time to get final approval and retrieve their badges.*
- **Wear your name tag** (received the previous day at Registration). Ask a volunteer for help if you have lost/forgotten your badge. You are also encouraged to dress for success, as neatly and professionally as you can.
- **Bring:** the floor plan map to your project; a book to read or an electronic diversion for the quiet time between judge visits at your board; pen & paper to leave a note; bottled water and a snack. (Food is neither sold nor available at the venue.)
- You are expected to be at your project display beginning at **1:30 pm (High School) or 2:00 pm (Middle School)**.
- If you are not at your project when judges come by, you may be disqualified. Leave a note (with a time indication) at your project if you have gone to the restroom. **You may be required to stay by your project after 5 pm** so that we can complete judging. Otherwise, you'll be able to spend some time looking at other students' projects. **Projects are open to public viewing between 5 and 6 pm.**
- Judges will probably come to speak with you one at a time. There are 2 groups of Judges and both are important. Category Judges are judging for 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and HM awards in scientific categories. Please ask Category Judges (badges with blue ribbons) to sign your Compliance Checklist. Special Awards Judges are seeking projects that meet award-specific criteria.
- **Remove projects between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. only.** Early removal may result in disqualification.



## **Notice Regarding Fair Attendance:**

(1) **Students must be present at the board to be judged.** If on a restroom break, students should leave a conspicuous note at their board with an estimated time of return. For team projects, at least one member of a team must be present to be judged.

(2) Students represent their school in the public viewing time 5-6 PM. Students are expected to stay until 6PM when judging is over and the fair ends. If they must leave before 6, students have to be signed out by their parent or legal guardian. **Boards removed before 6 PM are disqualified.**