

GNO (REGION IX) SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR FAQ SHEET

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- What is the Greater New Orleans (Region IX) Science & Engineering Fair?** The Greater New Orleans (Region IX) Science & Engineering Fair is one of the largest science fairs in Louisiana and is recognized as one of the most outstanding fairs in the nation. The Fair typically involves more than 300 students from the Greater New Orleans area (Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard parishes form Region IX).
- When will the GNOSEF be held?** The event is scheduled for **March 15-16, 2007** at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in New Orleans, 5290 Canal Boulevard. A complete schedule for the event will be posted on the GNOSEF website.
- What awards are given?** Among the numerous category and special awards presented, two (2) Grand Award winners, Senior Division only, will be selected from the First Place Winners in each category and will represent Region IX in the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Albuquerque, NM, on May 13-19, 2007. Details can be found on the ISEF web site www.sciserv.org/isef/
- Three (3) finalists in each category of both divisions (Junior and Senior) will be certified for entry in the Louisiana State Science Fair on April 12-14, 2007 at LSU in Baton Rouge.
- Cash prizes are also awarded to first through fourth place in each category in both divisions.
- Who's eligible to enter the Science Fair?** Any student in grades seven through twelve with an interest in science and/or engineering and enrolled in a public, private, or parochial school in the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, or St. Bernard is eligible to enter the fair by following the process established at his/her school. Exceptional sixth grade students are also eligible. Each school selects which students will represent it at the GNOSEF.
- How do I register for the event?** School Science Fair Sponsors **must** fill out and submit an Affiliation Form **before December 15, 2006** in order for that school to be eligible to send students to the GNOSEF. Once a school identifies the students who will be participating in the GNOSEF, Student Registration forms **must** be submitted. The **deadline for final submission is February 15, 2007**. If a local school fair is held after that date, please contact the fair director to extend the deadline.
- The Affiliation Form is included with the initial mailing to the school. It can also be obtained at the GNOSEF web site above or by contacting the fair director. The Student Registration form is currently being revised and is anticipated to be available as an on-line entry form. Details will be provided to affiliated schools in January, 2007.
- What is the first thing my students must do?** 1) Each student must complete a research plan (abstract plus required forms). Use the ISEF Rules Wizard www.sciserv.org/isef/students/wizard/index.asp to identify necessary forms. The forms will indicate which projects need to go before the SRC. These projects typically involve human subjects, non-human vertebrate animals, pathogenic agents, controlled substances, recombinant DNA research, and human and animal tissue.
- 2) If a student enters a project that must go before the SRC, a complete research plan for the project **must** be submitted on or before January 15, 2007. **No plans will be accepted after January 15, 2007**. These forms must be approved and signed by the chairman of the GNOSEF Scientific Review Committee before actual research can begin.
- How many students can one school send to the GNOSEF?** Junior Division - 3 students per category per school
Senior Division - 4 students per category per school
- Are there any limitations to the types of projects that can be performed and how can one obtain the official rules?** **Yes.** Please refer to the official rules and exhibit restrictions located at the GNOSEF web site. If you don't have access to the Internet, please contact the fair director.
- Will assistance be provided to schools with getting registered?** **Yes.** Please contact the fair director for **any** assistance regarding the Science Fair.