

NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR
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TO: Science Fair Directors, Non-APS Schools

FROM: Connie Skelton, Director, Northern Virginia Regional Science Fair

DATE: September 2, 2009

SUBJ: Regional Fair Information Session, Affiliation Fee, Project Allocations,
and Project Registration Schedule

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: September 16, 2009

An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, from 4 to 5 p.m., in RM 212 at the Syphax Academic Center (1439 North Quincy St., across from the Main Ed Center Building). Michele Lombard and I will review the schedule and deadlines, go over the procedures and required forms, and answer any questions you may have. **Attendance is strongly recommended for new Fair Directors.**

AFFILIATION FEE:

The Regional Fair Affiliation Fee for **each participating school** is \$100.00. An invoice is included in the front pocket of your notebook. Checks should be made payable to "Arlington Public Schools" and mailed to the Science Office at the address above by **October 16, 2009**.

PROJECT ALLOCATIONS:

Each participating school has a limit on the number of projects that can be accepted in the Regional Fair. The allocations for this year are:

High Schools -- 30 Projects

Schools with Grades 7 & 8 Only -- 15 Projects

Please inform your judges of these allocations and work with them to determine which projects will be recommended to the Regional Fair. Participation in the State Fair (April 3, 2010) and in the International Fair (May 9-15, 2010) is limited to students in Grades 9 to 12. All First Place Middle School students have the opportunity to participate in the Society for Science and the Public competition.

PROJECT REGISTRATION FOR REGIONAL FAIR:

- **Prior to October 16, 2009:** Affiliation Fee due by this date.
Science Fair Directors may make an appointment with Michele (703-228-6162) or Connie (703-228-6163) for submission of paperwork for early SRC consideration.
- **During the week of November 2, 2009:** Science Fair Directors must meet with Michele or Connie to review **ORIGINAL** paperwork for projects requiring SRC approval.
- **Registration window for the Regional Fair will be open for 10 days after the School Fair.** Science Fair Directors must make an appointment within 5 days of the closing of the registration window with Michele or Connie to review and submit **ORIGINAL** paperwork for all Regional Fair entries.

The *International Rules for Precollege Science Research: Guidelines for Science and Engineering Fairs, 2009-2010*, a publication of Science Service, is downloadable at <http://www.societyforscience.org/index.html>. A copy may be found in your Science Fair Director's notebook.