



2010 Denver Metropolitan Regional Science & Engineering Fair

The Denver Metropolitan Regional Science and Engineering Fair is a non-profit organization that provides Denver area students the opportunity to display their projects in an atmosphere of competition, creativity and education. Next year will mark the 47th year of Fair operation. For all of these students, the Denver Metro Fair represents the culmination of months (in some cases, years) of hard work and dedication. The 2010 Fair will be held on February 24 and 25, 2010 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

The Fair is open to students in grades six through 12 who are enrolled in public, charter, private and parochial schools or are home schooled within the fair's territory. The Denver metropolitan regional territory includes the seven counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, Summit and parts of Grand. In general, the Fair follows the same rules as the Colorado State Science and Engineering Fair (CSEF), established by the International Science and Engineering Fair through Science Service in Washington, D.C.: *The International Rules for Pre-college Science Research: Guidelines for Science and Engineering Fairs*. Significant sponsorship is provided by, The University of Colorado Denver, Colorado Area Health Education Center System Office, Intel Corporation, Lockheed Martin, Denver Society of Petroleum Engineers, Colorado Biotechnology Association, Colorado, Hutton-Ford Architects and Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

The top 30 students and their projects from the Fair will advance to compete at the state level. The top ten percent of students and their projects in the Junior Division are nominated to participate in the national science competition in the Society for Science and the Public Middle School Program. The top two students and their projects in the Senior Division advance with all expense paid trips to compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, which is being held in May 2010. There are 13 categories in which a student can compete depending upon the scientific discipline of their project. First, second and third awards are given in each category. Cash awards are given to each winner and special awards are provided in the competition by government, professional societies and private agencies such as the US Navy, Army and Air Force; American Meteorological Association, Association of Women Geoscientists, Cherry Creek Stewardship Partnership, SPIE The International Society for Optical Engineering Award, the Society for In Vitro Biology and more.

The success of each year's Fair is directly dependent upon the support of public and private organizations, corporations, government agencies, school districts and universities. We

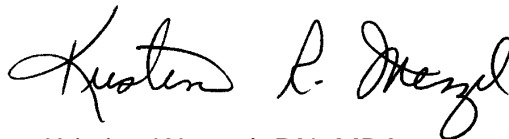
also depend upon the efforts and coordination of more than 130 volunteers including over 150 judges, all with doctoral or professional degrees. Each of the more than 425 gifted students who participate in the Fair is sponsored by a teacher or mentor, who volunteers his or her time to support and coach the student. Presentation of the Fair each year requires a great effort on the parts of these individuals, but it also offers many unique challenges and personal rewards. Witnessing the levels of achievement, pride and excitement from these young people in their scientific endeavors makes it worthwhile.

There are presently over 20 organizations that provide representatives to judge exhibits, many based upon their own criteria, and to present special awards, which may include cash, savings bonds, calculators, books, subscriptions and other prizes, summer job opportunities and college scholarships.

We invite you or your institution / district to affect and encourage the positive growth of the young people in the Denver Metropolitan Region. Make plans now for your school(s) to be a part of this exciting endeavor to enhance the critical thinking skills students need.



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