

Louisiana Social Studies Fair



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STATE SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR 2008 GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATE SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR

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To: Regional Fair Directors

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Subject: REVIEW OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 1. Site of the State Fair Lake Charles Civic Center, 900 Lakeshore Drive, in Lake Charles on Monday, April 21, 2008.**

The schedule of the day is as follows:

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Project Registration
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Judges' Meeting/Judge orientation
10:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Judging of Projects
1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.	Processing of judges forms
1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.	Public Viewing of Projects
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Award Ceremony
3:30 p.m.	Removal of Projects

This time schedule must be followed and should be given to regional fair participants for the state.

All projects remaining after 3:30 will be discarded. The State Social Studies Fair Council will NOT hold, store, guard, etc., projects that are not removed in a timely manner.

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2. Participants must make their own arrangements for staying in hotels, if necessary.

3. The state registration fee \$20.00, must be collected for each project entered in the state fair. The regional director will collect all fees and remit in a lump sum with entry forms to the State Fair Secretary, Ms Jennifer Powers.

4. Participants in the fair must follow parking regulations.

5. Each region will be allowed 72 entries to the State Fair as follows:
 - a) First and Second Place Winners in Division I, n, and HI for Individual Projects
 - b) First and Second Place Winners in Division I, n, and HI for Group Projects

6. No school uniforms may be worn by participants at the Regional or State Fairs. No names of schools, teachers, students, etc., may be worn on buttons, ribbons, on the project, within the research paper, etc.

7. Participants may not utilize cell phones, two-way radios, or any other communication device while judging is being conducted. Any participant caught violating this rule is subject to immediate disqualification. Parents can be assured that their child will be allowed to call them on such devices when their project category has been completely judged, to arrange a meeting place.

8. During judging, participants will be released once all projects in their particular category are completely judged. At that time they must exit the judging area.

9. Only one participant will be allowed to present a project, this includes group projects. Group project participants must decide which member of the group will present the project. All other group members will not be allowed in the judging area once judging has begun.

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CHECK-OFF LIST

Before going to the state fair, check off each of the following to make sure you are in compliance with state regulations. This form is to be completed and returned with the application.

- ____ 1. Research paper is not attached to the backboard.
- ____ 2. Title page is included (not labeled as such)
- ____ 3. Table of Contents is included (labeled at the top of the page, separate page)
- ____ 4. Abstract is included (labeled at the top of the page, separate page)
- ____ 5. Body of Research is included (pages are not labeled)
- ____ 6. Conclusion is included (labeled at the top of the page, separate page)
- ____ 7. Footnotes/Endnotes are included (labeled at the top of the page) (required for Division III projects, optional for Division I and Division II.)
- ____ 8. Bibliography is included (labeled at the top of the page, separate page)
- ____ 9. The research paper is typed (required for Division III, optional for Division I and Division II)
- ____ 10. Minimum 100 ft. extension cord if needed for project.
- ____ 11. This project, as is, has not, nor will be entered into any other type of fair (i.e. Science, Home Economics, and Industrial Arts) other than social studies fair.
- ____ 12. Oral presentation has been prepared for defending the project (3 minutes). Two minutes additional for judges' questions.
- ____ 13. This project conforms to the maximum space allotment of 36" wide, 30" deep, 8' high, and not over 100 lbs. (These figures are maximums, project maybe smaller)
- ____ 14. The entrant's name, school, hometown, or other identifying information is not visible anywhere on the project or research paper.
- ____ 15. No live animals, embryos, fetuses, or original archaeological items are exhibited on the project.
- ____ 16. Only one student is permitted to defend and be present on the floor for judging of group projects.
- ____ 17. If my project deals with archeology, I am aware of state regulations governing this topic.

Signature of Entrant(s)
REQUIRED

Signature of Parent/Guardian
REQUIRED

For group projects:

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