

JUDGES

Thank you for registering to judge at this year's Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair! Here is some information about the judging process. Also, a reminder, if you haven't done so already, to double check your judge's profile at

<https://secure.youthscience.ca/sfiab/vancouverisland/login.php>

and make sure that all three sections (contact information, other information, and areas of expertise) are complete.

If you have any questions about the fair, please don't hesitate to ask. See you on April 8!

This year's fair will be held on Sunday April 8 and Monday April 9, at the University of Victoria, in the Elliott Lecture Wing. As a judge, we ask for your assistance on Sunday, April 8.

In brief, what happens is this: Before the fair each judge reads reports for up to six projects in the same age category (elementary up to senior high school) and the same subject area. In Round I of judging on the day of the fair, you interview the presenter(s) for each of your assigned projects, and then work with other judges to rank the projects. In Round II you see another group of up to six top projects from the same age level, and are asked to rank them against your morning projects. Many people come for both rounds of judging, but if you like, you can leave after round I.

An approximate schedule is as follows:

9:00 - 9:30 am	Arrival, get badges, find judging teams in Elliott Room 168
9:30 - 10:00	Orientation and instructions
10:00 - 11:30	Round I judging
11:30 - 1:00 pm	Team meetings and Round I ranking in Bob Wright B150; prepare for Round II judging (light lunch provided)
1:00 - 3:00	Round II judging <small>(If you can stay for the afternoon session please enter the word "afternoon" in the "Other expertise" box in your judges profile. If you come for the afternoon, enter "afternoon only")</small>

Most people find talking with the participants a very positive experience: their enthusiasm and energy is contagious. It also helps encourage the scientists and engineers of tomorrow!

A note regarding languages: Every year we receive projects written in both French and English. French projects are submitted by either francophone or French immersion students. We try to find French-speaking judges for francophone students; however immersion students may be interviewed in English, although their projects are written in French. Due to a shortage of French-speaking judges, anglophone judges may occasionally be asked to judge French immersion projects. If you are anglophone and would prefer to judge only English projects, please indicate 'English only' under 'Other Expertise' in your judge's profile.

The fair registration website

is <https://secure.youthscience.ca/sfiab/vancouverisland/login.php>. This is where you can edit your judge's profile, or sign up for other volunteer jobs. General information about the fair, including judging guidelines, can be found at <http://www.virsf.ca/>. You should hear back from us during the week before the fair with your assigned list of projects, together with pdf's of your students' reports.

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