



## ALABAMA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

April 3 – 5, 2008

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND ADULT SPONSORS

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Alabama Science and Engineering Fair is to bring together the top winners from the seven Alabama Regional Fairs in competition.

**Sponsors:** The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH)

**Who May Enter:** In general, any student in Grades 6-12 who is a winner at an ISEF affiliated Regional Fair may be eligible. Participants from each region must be certified as a winner and a representative from his/her fair by the Regional Fair Director. The only exceptions to this rule are category winners of school, city or county science fairs in these eight counties (Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike). These category winners may choose to apply to any of the Alabama regional fairs at their discretion or may apply directly to the state science and engineering fair. For more information, please contact the state science fair director.

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**Location:** The Fair will be held in the Spragins Hall Gymnasium on the campus of The University of Alabama in Huntsville.

**Rules:** Students must complete a science or engineering project within the 2007-2008 academic year and compete in a Regional Fair (except in the case of the East Alabama Region and Southeast Alabama Region as indicated above). The project must be the work of an individual. **TEAM projects must be explicitly stated as a group effort and cannot enter into the individual categories.** The student must comply with all International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) Rules. **Projects involving vertebrate animals, human subjects, recombinant DNA, and tissues require documented supervision by qualified adults and several pre-approved ISEF rules forms.** Approved ISEF protocol forms must accompany the State application form for all applicable projects. **Failure to submit copies of these forms may result in disqualification.**

#### **Awards:**

1. **Ribbons for places** will be awarded in each of the official categories of competition in the Junior and Senior Divisions. The Alabama Science and Engineering Fair Committee reserves the right to delete or group categories together where there may be an insufficient number of entries for a competitive class.
2. **Special awards** will be given by several local, state, and national organizations. The Alabama Science and Engineering Fair is affiliated with the International Science and Engineering Fair.
3. **International Science and Engineering Fair Finalists Awards.** Four students will be selected from the participants to represent the Alabama Science and Engineering Fair and enter the competition at the International Science and Engineering Fair.

**ISEF finalists from the Regional Science and Engineering Fairs will be special guests of the Alabama Science and Engineering Fair and will be recognized as ISEF finalists. These students are encouraged to bring their research projects and enter the State competition for the top awards in their categories and for all special awards applicable to their project. Regional ISEF finalists will not be considered for the ISEF award at the Alabama Fair since they will already be recipients.**

**of the highest award possible from the State. This allows us to select four additional ISEF finalists.**

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