



Projects Step-by-Step

WEEK 10

What to Expect at the LSEF



Once you have your project finished, your abstract/report written, your poster display is prepared, and your presentation practiced, you are ready for the Lakota Science & Engineering Fair (LSEF)! This step's information is to help you get a clear picture of what the event will be like and what will be expected of you.



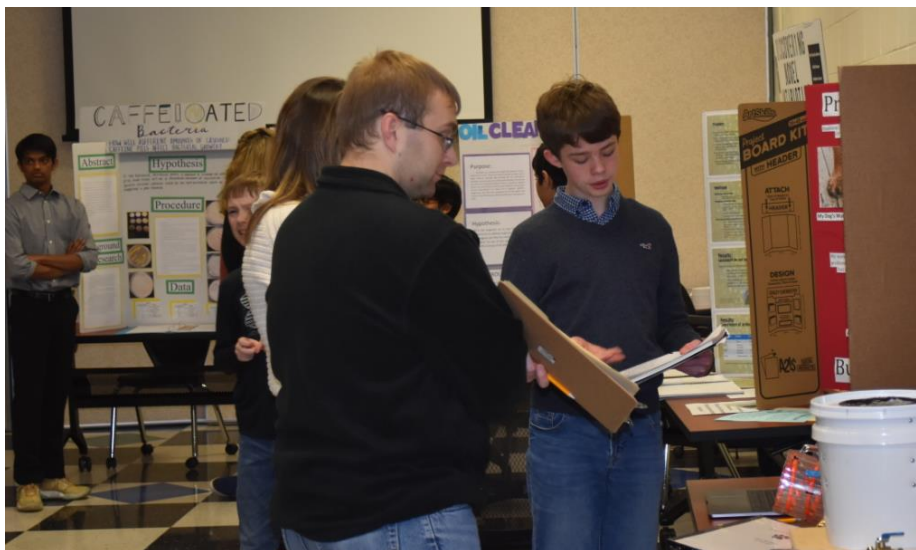
The annual Lakota Science & Engineering Fair is held each year on a Friday evening in January at one of the Lakota school buildings. Exact times and location are determined in the fall. Registration for the event is open in the fall and closes at the end of November.

SET-UP – Participants will be allowed ample time to arrive, check in, and set up their displays before the event begins. At check-in, you will be directed to your assigned location. All participants will have an allocated tabletop and chairs where

they can set up. If you have any special needs, like access to an electrical outlet or additional table or floor space, you will have the opportunity to request that during the online registration process. Parents are allowed to help with the set-up but are not allowed any involvement once judging begins.



JUDGING – You will be given a judging window of time during which you will be expected to stay with your project and wait for the judges. Each project will be visited by two or three judges. Each judge visits multiple projects during that window, so much of the time will just be waiting for your turn and talking to parents and other visitors about your project. You should stay with your project during the entire judging period (quick trips to the restroom are fine). After the judging period, participants can leave their projects but are asked to stay at the event until the end for the presentation of awards.



AWARDS – All judges’ scores will be totaled, and awards will be handed out at the end of the event. All projects will be rated Superior, Excellent, Good or Fair based on the average of the judges’ scores. All project participants with one of the top three ratings will receive a ribbon, and the top-scoring Superior-rated project in each category will receive a trophy. Trophy categories are based on type of project and age group. You will also receive your judging score sheets, so you can see how you scored in each category as well as the judges’ comments.

BEYOND THE LSEF – All projects that receive the top rating of “Superior” are eligible to move on to the regional competition at the University of Cincinnati (Southwest Science & Engineering Expo,) and projects that receive a Superior rating at that event are eligible to move on to State Science Day in the spring. (NOTE: The regional competition at UC has been allowing projects rated “Excellent” at a local fair to also compete since covid, but this could change.)



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We hope you have enjoyed working on a science or engineering project, and we really hope to see you at the LSEF in January!

As always, please contact us at LakotaScienceFair@gmail.com with any questions!