

FEEDBACK ON STUDENT SCI-TECH FAIR PROJECTS

The Children's Museum Annual Science & Technology Fair

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Following, for the use of students/teachers/parents, is the judge's feedback from past events:

- 1. Make sure your project is an original approach to the problem or topic**
- 2. Make sure the project is primarily the work of the student(s)**
- 3. The student should not have props or information in the exhibit which they don't understand**
- 4. The display should be no wider than a 3 foot cardboard tri-fold (back part 24-30")**
- 5. The display should contain the students name, age, and name of school**
- 6. The information on the exhibit display should be visually attractive, with accurate information & correct spelling**
- 7. The student should demonstrate a good understanding of the topic chosen**
- 8. When asked by the judges, the student should be able to defend the results and conclusions of his/her exhibit/topic**
- 9. The student should also be able to explain to the judges why they chose this project**
- 10. The student should also be able to tell the judges what they learned from doing the project**
- 11. The student should also be able to explain to the judges what source(s) he/she used to obtain information about their project**
- 12. The student should be able to explain to the judges whether the results or conclusions surprised them or not, and why**
- 13. Extra hint: while the student(s) can certainly refer to the wording on their exhibit board, they should not read everything word for word, but be comfortable explaining what project they chose, why they chose it, how they researched it, and what results they discovered.**

All students will receive a signed framed Certificate of Entry, with their name on it, along with a ribbon for their winning category. The Grand Prize, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners will also receive prize cards to purchase electronics of their choice at a local store.

In order to follow National Science & Technology Fair guidelines, during the 30-45 minute judging time, the floor will be cleared of everyone except the students entered and the judges. As soon as this is over, parents / teachers / other visitors may return to the floor while the judges meet behind closed doors to determine the category winners.

After exhibit projects are setup at the Children's Museum (between 9:45am-10:00am on the Sat. of the Fair) exhibitors are free to take turns manning their exhibit so they can also enjoy our four floors of interactive exhibits. Pizza, soda & water will be provided between 11:30am & 12:00 noon in our first floor kitchen for student entry participants. Adults are welcome to bring additional lunch items for this time (no beverages or food are allowed on the floors). All students involved in their projects should be back at their exhibit table by 12:00noon. Judging will take place at 12:30pm. Prizes will be awarded at 1:30pm. Fair will end at 2:00pm.