



DELAWARE VALLEY SCIENCE FAIRS, INC.

TO: All Regional Fair Directors, DVSF Participants, Teachers, and Parents
FROM: Bob Solomon
DATE: September 16, 2025
RE: DVSF Schedule

Here is the schedule for the 2026 Delaware Valley Science Fairs at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA. See our website for directions and GPS address (www.dvsf.org). Please distribute this information to those students who are going on to participate in DVSF. **You must be registered through STEM Wizard. Be sure your STEM Wizard registration is complete, including all milestones.**

Tuesday, March 31st

Set-up will open at 9:00 AM and continue throughout the day until 8:00 PM. You will set up your poster in Exhibit Hall A. Masks are not required, but you may wear one if you choose. Pick up your folder at the registration table to obtain your project number, badge and forms that need to be completed. Use the onsite maps to find the location of your project.

IMPORTANT – Along with this schedule you will find the Check-in Procedures sheet. Please review these guidelines. They may be different from your local fair. For those students who worked in an outside laboratory, research institution, or industrial setting, you **must** display your Form 1C. If you did a continuation project, you **must** display your Form 7. These forms are required and very helpful for the judges. You must have a copy of your abstract. Please bring several with you. We will not print any forms or documents from our STEM Wizard files.

Please note: Electrical hook-up is not available at your table. The best thing to do is not use electricity for your display. Remember, you will be judged on the science, not the show.

You must have your project approved by the DVSF Display and Safety Committee (blue jackets) before you leave. You are permitted to have someone else set up your project, but make sure they check in and get it approved. Also, make sure that whoever sets up your project gives you your badge and packet of information. Do not lose your badge and be sure to keep it visible when you arrive on Wednesday. **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE EXHIBIT HALL WITHOUT YOUR BADGE.** Badges must be worn at all times in order to get on the exhibit floor. It is difficult and time consuming to have them replaced.

Because of the tight security, there is no need to worry about your project and equipment (computers, etc.).

No one will be permitted to set up on Wednesday morning.

Wednesday, April 1st

This is Judging Day! Judges will arrive in the morning and after a brief meeting will start looking at your project. You should arrive at the Expo Center no earlier than 11:30 AM - you will not have access to the Exhibit Hall before then. Doors will open so that you can be at your project by 12:00 noon. Interviews will start at 12:30. Judging could go until 5:00 PM, so students are permitted to bring food and drinks. If you need a laptop, we recommend you arrive with it fully charged. You cannot leave before everyone is dismissed unless you have the Director's permission prior to the fair. If you leave without permission, you will not be eligible for any awards.

A link to the winners' names and project numbers will be shared via Stem Wizard. These results will be posted on our website (www.dvsf.org). Please check the list to see if you need to attend the awards ceremony. To find out exactly what you have won, you must attend the Awards Ceremony on Thursday (see below).

Remember you must have your badge visible as you enter the Exhibit Hall. Only Judges and Participants are permitted on the floor during judging. However, there will be a designated area for teachers and parents in the lobby area. In case of emergencies, DVSF volunteers will be available to get messages between parents/teachers and students. DVSF will be offering free workshops in classrooms down the hall from the teacher/parent area. See our website (www.dvsf.org) for more information. Beverages will be provided for teachers and parents in the afternoon. There is a charge for Wi-fi access.

A College Fair will be available to students at this year's fair. Colleges and Universities will have tables set up in the exhibit hall. The College Fair will be from 2:30 to 4:30. You may visit the tables after your judging is completed. It is recommended to not stay away from your project for long periods of time in case Special Awards judges are looking for you.

Note: Unfortunately, the Fairs will not be open to the public on Thursday. Because of this, you will take your project with you after the judging. Security personnel and DVSF staff will be monitoring the exits as you leave. We ask that you do this in a calm and orderly fashion. Please be patient and things will proceed a lot faster. Thank you!

Thursday, April 2nd

The Awards Ceremony will take place at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in the evening starting at 5:30 PM in Exhibit Hall D. All are welcome! Please try to get there on time because we would like to start promptly at 5:30. Keep in mind - westbound Rt. 422 always has heavy traffic at that time of day.

Special Awards will be presented first. The Category Awards will then be presented at approximately 7:00 PM, starting with Grades 6-8 and moving on to Grade 9, Grade 10, Grade 11 and finally, Grade 12. High School Medal Winners will be asked to stay until the end so they can attend a short meeting about the trip to the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Phoenix, Arizona.

If you cannot come to the Awards Ceremony, you will need to make arrangements with your regional fair director to get your award. This could delay delivery until the end of May. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

If you have any questions or concerns, please email info@dvsf.org. You can also check our website (www.dvsf.org) for the latest information and updates. Good Luck!