

2012-2013 Forsyth County Social Studies Fair

Reminders for Students

The Forsyth County Social Studies Fair is scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2012, at the Forsyth County Board of Education Building. The Fair will begin at 4:00 and end at 7:30.

Registration

(1) Please complete the online registration: : <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8DV99TV>

The deadline for completing online registration is December 5 at 5:00 p.m.

(2) Please complete the registration form that is found in the GCSS Social Studies Fair Guide. The 2013 Fair Guide has not yet been posted. For your reference, the 2012 Fair Guide is located on the GCSS website (www.gcss.net). When the 2013 Guide is available, print the registration form, ask your parent or guardian to sign the form, and bring it with you to the Social Studies Fair.

Classes and Disciplines

- (1) Projects may be entered by individual students or by groups of up to three students from Grades 5-12. Class 1: Grades 5-6 Class 2: Grades 7-8
Class 3: Grades 9-10 Class 4: Grades 11-12
- (2) Projects may be entered in the following categories: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Sociology/Social Psychology.

Time

When you complete your online registration, please indicate the time period in which you would like to present your project. Please arrive at least fifteen minutes before your presentation is scheduled to begin.

If a project includes audio or video recordings, slides, computers, or any combination of these audiovisual media, the total listening/viewing time may not exceed ten minutes.

Students should be prepared to present a five-minute oral overview of the project to the judges.

Requirements

- (1) All projects must be accompanied by a research summary paper of approximately four or five double-spaced typed pages. The summary paper should give the question being explored, methodology, research findings, and conclusions of the project. The summary paper must also include bibliographic references. If direct citations are to be used in the summary paper, the proper footnotes should be included.
- (2) An abstract of the project should be included on a 3" by 5" card. Information on the abstract provides a succinct description of the project, including the title, statement of problem or question, methodology, and conclusion. Students should give this card to the judges at the beginning of the oral interview.

Sample Abstract

Title: Advertising and Fast Food: How Effective?

Name(s): John Jones and Mary Martin

Statement of the Problem/Question: The purpose of this project is to determine the effectiveness of fast food restaurant advertising.

Methodology: Surveys were submitted to 138 elementary students asking them to match advertising slogans to companies' names. Sales accounts were compared from five fast food restaurants for two months when advertisement "wars" were held.

Conclusion(s): Findings indicated that students matched the slogans and compared sales accounts correctly. The advertisements were determined to be effective.

- (3) The visual presentation must include the following components in a backboard:
 - Clear statement of the question being studied (may be stated as a hypothesis, question, or purpose)
 - Methodology (procedures used in the research)
 - Visuals that illustrate or enhance the research findings

- Conclusion, based on analysis and interpretation of data that directly answer the question being studied

Winner Notification and Region Fair

An email including the names of all local winners will be sent to school coordinators by December 14. Eligible winners' registration forms will be forwarded to the region coordinator. Only first prize winners whose scores are 90 or above will be eligible for entry in the regional fair. The Region Fair will be at Gainesville State College. The dates for the Region Fair and State Fair have not been posted.

Social Studies Fair Guide

The Social Studies Fair Guide presents detailed information about all aspects of the Fair. Procedures for the Forsyth County Fair mirror those of the Region and State Fairs. The 2012 Fair Guide is available on the website. The 2013 Fair Guide has not been posted.

Questions

If you have questions, please contact Ann Reid, the Forsyth County Social Studies Coordinator. Her telephone number is (770)887-2461, ext. 202246. Her email address is alreid@forsyth.k12.ga.us.