



Calgary Youth Science Fair

Location: University of Calgary Olympic Oval

Hello Calgary Educators,

Would you like your students to participate in an exciting event for the upcoming year? If yes, then consider helping them take part in the 2025 Calgary Youth Science Fair (CYSF). The 2025 fair will be held at the Olympic Oval **from April 10-12, 2025**. The city-wide science fair is open to students in Grades 5 to 12. Your students will benefit in a variety of ways by completing a science fair project at the school level. For those students who wish to compete at the next level, our annual city-wide fair also provides a healthy competitive environment. The Science Fair experience is truly a unique learning opportunity that you should consider for your students. With a significant annual prize budget, our fair has a prize structure that rewards all students who participate.

The Calgary Youth Science Fair Society is a non-profit organization made up of approximately forty directors who work year-round to put on the city-wide science fair. Interested in getting more involved? We are always in need of more volunteers, don't hesitate to reach out if you're interested!

The Calgary Youth Science Fair is also part of a larger, national organization, Youth Science Canada, which sponsors a national science fair. Every year, up to thirteen students in Grades 7 through 12 with the best projects from our city fair are sent to the Canada Wide Science Fair all expenses paid.

If your school would like to participate in our program, please identify a school science fair coordinator to whom we can send all future communications for this year's science fair. A coordinator's responsibilities include:

- Receiving all communications from CYSF and sharing them with students/parents in a timely fashion, as appropriate
- Ensuring the online school sign-up is carried out on time; you will be asked to give coordinator contact information during the online school sign-up
- Ensuring students from their school are aware of procedures and rules regarding science fair projects
- Overseeing the students' projects
- Ensuring that the online student/project registration is completed and on the project platform on time
- Ensuring that students have reviewed the entry rules and other important documentation as it becomes available to the coordinators
- **Online School Sign-up begins October 7th and will run through December 13th**

If you are a parent of a child whose school does not participate in the CYSF program, it is possible to register yourself as your child's coordinator and your child's project will be entered as an independent project. In order to register yourself as a coordinator of an independent project contact Brenda Bossenberry at entries@cysf.org. Independent registration begins December 16th. Overall project registration cut-off is February 7th. All students must be registered on the platform by February 7th, they must have completed their Basic Project Information and their Ethics and Due Care sections by February 7th.

CYSF directors are willing to assist school coordinators with any aspect of preparing for the city-wide fair. To request assistance email us at entries@cysf.org

IN SUMMARY, PLEASE NOTE:

1. Schools must appoint a coordinator and sign up their school by December 13th.
2. If a student needs to register as an independent (**this means that their school does not participate in our fair**) their parent or guardian must contact Brenda Bossenberry at entries@cysf.org on or after December 16th.
3. Please note that students that register in the CYSF may not register at another regional science fair.
4. We have a quota for ALL schools in both elementary and secondary. The quota is one project for every 30 students in your school (in elementary schools only grade 5 and 6 students are counted). In addition, there is a maximum cut-off of 15 projects allowed regardless of school enrolment. Middle schools must report their elementary student totals (for grades 5 & 6) and secondary student totals (grades 7-12) **separately**. This quota will be in effect for the 2025 fair. All schools, regardless of enrollment, will be allowed at least 3 projects at the fair. Students enrolled in online learning are attached to a teacher who is given a set number of projects that matches our already established quotas.
5. Independent Entry is limited to students who attend a school that is not registered with CYSF and that a maximum of two students attending the same school can register for independent entry in a given year. We strongly encourage schools to sign-up, but if your school does not sign up registration for independent entry is offered on a first come first served basis.
6. Our web site address is www.cysf.org. New information and updates will be added as appropriate.
7. **If you have any questions please contact us at entries@cysf.org .**

Yours sincerely,

Entries Committee Volunteers
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