



## Calgary Youth Science Fair

### Location: University of Calgary Olympic Oval

Dear Colleague;

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 2024! Calgary Youth Science Fair (CYSF). The 2024 fair will be held at the Olympic Oval **from April 11-13, 2024**. 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. Our fair is organized to benefit all students, regardless of whether they end up winning a major prize. 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 \*\* We are always needing more volunteers, so 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 twelve students with the best projects from our cityfair are sent to the Canada Wide Science Fair, at our expense.

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 2nd and will run through November 30th.**

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](mailto:entries@cysf.org). Independent registration begins December 1st. Overall project registration cut-off is February 9th with all projects intending to go to the fair being on the platform, with at least the basic information section complete.

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](mailto:entries@cysf.org).

#### IN SUMMARY, PLEASE NOTE:

1. Schools must appoint a coordinator and sign up their school by November 30th.
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](mailto:entries@cysf.org) on or after December 1st.
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 2024 fair. All schools, regardless of enrollment, will be allowed at least 5 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. Our web site address is [www.cysf.org](http://www.cysf.org). New information and updates will be added as appropriate.
6. **If you have any questions please contact us at [entries@cysf.org](mailto:entries@cysf.org) .**

Yours sincerely,  
Entries Committee  
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