

The 69th Greater San Diego Science & Engineering Fair will be held on March 15th, 2023

We hope you can join us again this year.

Experience like yours is deeply valued.

THE FAIR WILL BE BACK IN PERSON!

Category judging will be from 7:30AM - 11:45AM

In-person Professional Society judging will be from 11:15PM - 4:00PM

NEW: All Category judges must register in our zFairs online portal (see below).

There are two simple steps to sign up to be a Category judge:

1. **Go to your zFairs account**
 - a. This step is explained in [this short 5min video](#) (watch now!)
 - b. If this will be your very **first time ever** judging at the GSDSEF, you must first create a zFairs account, at gsdsef.zfairs.com. **Do NOT re-use your old login and password from a GSDSEF Google account.**
 - c. If you have **ever been a GSDSEF judge** (1955-2022), you already have a zFairs account, which either you created (2021/2022) or we created for you. Go to Step 2. **Do not create a new zFairs account.**
2. **Enter your 2023 Judging Preferences**
 - a. This step is explained in [this second short 5min video](#) (watch now!)
 - b. Use your personalized magic link to log in directly to your zFairs account, with no username and password required.
 - i. If you are a brand-new judge, this link will be in the email you received from gsdsef@zfairs.com during Step 1 above
 - ii. Otherwise, use the link sent to you in the email
 - c. Complete your account profile and enter your judging preferences, as explained in that [second short 5min video](#) (watch now!)

If you cannot judge this year, please let us know by a reply to this message.

Important notes (continued on the next page):

- **The GSDSEF Categories changed a bit in late 2021** (aligning with ISEF), so please [review the current categories list](#) before entering your preferences
- If you also want to be a Grand Awards judge (formerly Sweepstakes), see that [second short 5min video](#) about eligibility and how to nominate yourself

- If you will be a Professional Society judge (or judging team captain), follow the guidance received from Sejal Pabari (sejal.pabari@gsdsef.org) and/or your judging team captain (and see also that [second short 5min video](#))
- Students will upload a summary slide deck about their project to zFairs, and optionally also a 2-minute video and/or project notebook (PDF), so you will have the option to preview your assigned projects before the Fair
- A detailed judging day agenda and instructions will be sent to you prior the Fair, and also posted in the zFairs portal

If you know of others who might like to judge, please forward this email to them.

Again, we appreciate your interest and hope very much that you will be able to help us this year.

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