



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LOCATION: THE CLASSIC CENTER AT 300 N. THOMAS STREET, ATHENS, GA 30601

## thursday March 26

5:30 pm - **EARLY EXHIBIT SET-UP**  
8:30 pm *Classic Center Grand Hall*  
Family and friends welcome. Exhibits may be set up Thursday evening and/or Friday morning but must be completely set up by 9:30 am Friday at the latest.

## friday March 27

7:30 am - **EXHIBIT SETUP**  
9:30 am *Classic Center Grand Hall*  
Exhibitors, parents, chaperones, and guests must exit Exhibit Hall by 9:30 am.

9:30 am - **EXHIBITOR FREE TIME**  
11:45 am Exhibitors free for an early lunch, hotel check-in, shopping, etc. Return for judging at 11:45 am.

9:30 am - **PARENTS/CHAPERONES FREE TO EXPLORE ATHENS AND UGA**  
5:30 pm Parents/chaperones are asked to remain clear of the Classic Center building after 9:30 am today. A GSEF parent hospitality room with free coffee and Wi-Fi is available across the street at the Hilton Garden Inn.

10:00 am - **JUDGES' DISPLAY & SAFETY COMPLIANCE INSPECTION**  
11:45 am Only **official judges and GSEF staff** are permitted in the Exhibit Hall. Your complete exhibit must be displayed. Electrical items that can be operated in an unattended mode should be turned on.

11:45 am - **EXHIBITOR INTERVIEWS**  
3:00 pm **ALL** Exhibitors must be at their projects. Exhibitors & Judges **ONLY** in the Exhibit Hall.

3:00 pm - **CONCESSION BREAK**  
3:30 pm *Classic Center Atrium; concessions available*  
Students, remember to bring money for snacks! Please, no visitors (parents/chaperones/teachers) in the building during the break.

3:30 pm - **EXHIBITOR INTERVIEWS**  
5:30 pm **ALL** Exhibitors must be at their projects. Exhibitors & Judges **ONLY** in the Exhibit Hall.

5:30 pm **EXHIBITORS RELEASED**  
Exhibitors and parents/chaperones are free to enjoy dinner and explore Athens. Exhibitors/parents/chaperones are not permitted in any part of the building at any time this evening.

## saturday March 28

9:00 am - **EXHIBIT HALL OPEN TO PUBLIC**  
3:00 pm *Classic Center Grand Hall*  
Families, friends, and public welcome.

1:00 pm - **ALL EXHIBITORS AT PROJECTS (MANDATORY)**  
3:00 pm *Classic Center Grand Hall*  
All exhibitors must be at their projects to answer questions. Families, friends, and public welcome.

3:30 pm **EXHIBITORS LINE UP IN EXHIBIT HALL**  
*Classic Center Grand Hall*  
All exhibitors must be present. GSEF staff will be present to give instructions.

4:00 pm - **AWARDS CEREMONY**  
6:00 pm *Classic Center Theatre*  
Exhibitors must be present or forfeit awards. Exhibits may not be removed until conclusion of ceremony.

Guests (parents, teachers, chaperones) must have a **ticket** to enter the Awards Ceremony. Limit one guest ticket per student; additional tickets may be available on site on first-come, first-served basis. Further information about tickets will be included in GSEF registration confirmation materials.

Livestream of Awards Ceremony will be available for viewing on devices or in a viewing room on site.

6:00 pm - **PROJECT TEARDOWN**  
8:00 pm *Classic Center Grand Hall*  
After the Awards Ceremony, parents/chaperones should plan to meet students at their exhibits.

Exhibits must be removed between 6:00—8:00 pm. Exhibits left after 8:00 pm will be removed by the clean-up crew.

6:30 pm - **ISEF PARTICIPANT MEETING**  
7:00 pm *Classic Center Theatre Stage, Backstage*  
For **all** ISEF 2020 delegates (those selected from their Regional Fair and those selected at GSEF): Report backstage immediately after the Awards Ceremony to take a group photo and receive important information about ISEF 2020.

Please review the **GSEF Attendance Policy** on page 2 of this document and the **GSEF Exhibitor Handbook** posted at [www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/gsef](http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/gsef).



# ATTENDANCE POLICY

FOR ALL STUDENT EXHIBITORS

## General Attendance Policy

Please do not register for this event unless you can commit fully. All exhibitors are expected to attend the entire event, including morning and afternoon judging sessions on Friday and the Saturday Attended Public Viewing and Awards Ceremony. Thursday evening early setup is optional.

No exceptions will be granted for conflicts with other events or activities, including academic or athletic competitions, social events such as weddings and proms, family or group travel commitments, or cultural events such as art shows, concerts, or performances. Students and their families must decide together which events will take priority. We realize that these other events are important to you and that some of you will have to make hard decisions about which event you want to attend. Notify us immediately if you have been selected for GSEF but you decide not to participate.

Exceptions may be granted only for serious medical situations, such as scheduled chemotherapy or dialysis, and for certain religious prohibitions, such as observant Jews who cannot travel on the Sabbath. Notify us early.

## Judging

Judging outside of the officially scheduled periods is prohibited. Morning and afternoon judging involve different judge teams and are for different purposes and awards.

## Team Attendance

If the exhibit is a team project, all members must register and pay the registration fee. Teams may be represented at GSEF by one or more members; however, individual judges have the freedom not to consider a team if they haven't had the opportunity to meet and interview all members. If the project advances to ISEF, all members must attend the international competition.

## Awards Ceremony Attendance

Any student who misses the Awards Ceremony will be ineligible for the major and special awards, including scholarships, internships, ISEF Trips, Grand Awards, the Pinnacle Award, and large monetary awards. This is out of respect for the award sponsors, who often wish to present the awards in person and to have publicity photos taken with the winners they interviewed on Friday. The absent student may still be eligible for "honors" and some unsponsored awards, provided the substitute policy (below) is followed.

## Substitute Policy

No substitutes are permitted during judging.

A student who cannot attend the entire Awards Ceremony may designate another student exhibitor to come to the stage at the time the absent student's name is called and to accept unsponsored awards on the absent student's behalf. The substitute's photo will be taken with the award, and if the photo is published, it will bear the name of the winner. Parents and teachers may not collect awards on behalf of students. GSEF does not record the names of substitutes, nor is GSEF responsible for the substitute's handling of the award after acceptance. If the absent student wins a monetary award, the substitute must get the tax paperwork to the winner to sign and return to GSEF within ten days. Awards unclaimed at the ceremony may be forfeited.

## Exhibit Removal

Exhibits may not be removed until after the Awards Ceremony. Some awards are distributed by placing them on exhibits while the Awards Ceremony is being conducted. If an exhibit is removed early, honors ribbons and certain other awards will be forfeited.