



General Event Information

FOR THE 74TH GEORGIA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

MARCH 31 - APRIL 2
THE CLASSIC CENTER
300 N. THOMAS ST.
ATHENS, GA 30601

ALL ATTENDEES

All GSEF attendees (exhibitors, parents, teachers, chaperones, guests) must adhere to the safety protocols required by The Classic Center, which are updated periodically at: <https://classiccenter.com/381/Safety-Protocols>

PARENTS/TEACHERS

- ▶ Please review the [Parent/Teacher Letter](#), which details ways you can support your GSEF exhibitor.
- ▶ Please review the [GSEF Registration Instructions](#) and the [Exhibitor Handbook](#) with your student. These contain important information for your student to successfully register for and participate in the GSEF.
- ▶ We will primarily use email to communicate with your student about their registration status, so please help your student ensure that their email address is provided clearly and correctly in GSEF registration materials. If your student is not receiving emails from GSEF, please encourage them to **check their junk mail folder**.
- ▶ Exhibitors are not required to bring an adult to GSEF and are encouraged to attend in school groups, if possible. Parking can be limited, so students are encouraged to carpool or bus. **Only student exhibitors and judges will be allowed in the Exhibit Hall during judging on Friday.**
- ▶ Parents, teachers, and friends: We know you are excited to support your student at GSEF, and we are eager as well to ensure the exhibitors have the best experience possible. **We request that all parents, teachers, and other guests refrain from being in the Classic Center after 9:30 AM on Friday, April 1.** We hope you will use this opportunity to explore UGA and the beautiful Athens community. We have reserved a lounge for you with free WiFi across the street at the Hilton Garden Inn. Thank you for helping us make GSEF an excellent experience for all.

LODGING / PARKING

- ▶ GSEF participants are responsible for their own hotel arrangements. Check with your school, district, or Regional Fair to find out whether they plan to handle lodging.
- ▶ The Athens Convention & Visitors Bureau has secured special rates at certain hotels close to the Classic Center for GSEF attendees. Space is limited and many blocks drop in early March, so reserve EARLY. Visit <https://mmxreservations.com/fer/#/visitathensga?pageCode=GSEF> to make reservations in a GSEF block.
- ▶ For hotel options close to the Classic Center, see GSEF's list of [Athens Area Hotels](#).
- ▶ Attendees may park in the Foundry St. deck behind the Classic Center at a rate of \$1.50 an hour, up to \$8 for the day, or in the Washington St. deck across Thomas St. at a rate of \$1.00 per hour. **Parking may be limited**, so attendees who are staying in hotels near the Classic Center are encouraged to walk or take public transportation. Groups arriving by bus, please coordinate with the Classic Center regarding [Bus Parking](#).

ATTENDANCE & SCHEDULE

- ▶ Review the **Attendance Policy** and **Event Schedule** in the [Exhibitor Handbook](#). Exhibitors must be present Friday, April 1 for judging and Saturday, April 2 for the Awards Ceremony. Exceptions will not be made for schedule conflicts. This policy ensures equitable judging and respects the time and efforts of volunteer judges and sponsors who make GSEF possible.
- ▶ Any exhibitor who enters quarantine or isolation in accordance with current CDC COVID-19 guidance in the two weeks prior to GSEF must notify the GSEF office immediately at gsef@georgiacenter.uga.edu.

AWARDS CEREMONY

- ▶ Students, please **know your social security number** at the Awards Ceremony. You may need it to claim awards.
- ▶ The Awards Ceremony at 4:00 PM is an exciting part of the event for exhibitors. **Student attendance will be mandatory.** Guest attendance may be limited in adherence to The Classic Center's safety protocols; more information about guest attendance will be added to this document at a later date.
- ▶ Guests are invited to watch Georgia Public Broadcasting's [Livestream of the Awards Ceremony](#) on their own electronic devices or in a big-screen viewing room on site.

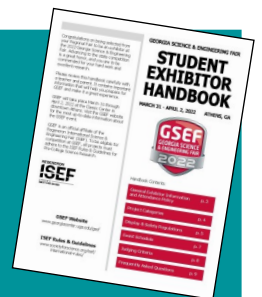


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Additional information for students can be found in the **Exhibitor Handbook**, including:

- ▶ **Attendance Policy**
- ▶ **Event Schedule**
- ▶ **Project Categories**
- ▶ **Common Display & Safety Violations**
- ▶ **What to Bring to GSEF**
- ▶ **What to Wear at GSEF**
- ▶ **Judging Criteria**
- ▶ **FAQ**



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