SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR EXHIBITORS, GRADES 6-12

Thursday, March 26

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Registration – Manuel Lujan Building, Hall B
Exhibitors must register and set up their exhibits during this time. The registration packet will include an official program, 60th year pin, t-shirt, and badge. Doors will close promptly at 7:00 pm!

5:30 pm – 6:15 pm | Judging Workshop (for students) – African American Performing Arts Center
(not mandatory, but very helpful!) Longtime Master Judge Chairs, Len Duda and Richard Bild, will give interviewing tips, ways to prepare, and what to expect on judging day.

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm | Alumni Panel – African American Performing Arts Center
Past participants will discuss their experience at Research Challenge, lessons learned, doors opened, and life after science fair!

8:00 – 9:00 pm | 60th Anniversary Reception – African American Performing Arts Center
Join us as we celebrate 60 amazing years of Research Challenge! Light refreshments

Friday, March 27

6:00 am – 4:00 pm | Exhibit Hall closed to general public.

7:30 am - 8:00 am | Exhibit Hall open ONLY to those exhibitors who received permission on Thursday evening to bring additional materials. NO JUDGES allowed on the floor during this time.

6:30 am – 7:30 am | Judges preview projects without students present.

8:00 am – 8:45 am | ALL Exhibitors to be with exhibits for interviews by Regional Judges.

9:15 am - 12:00 pm | EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES ONLY ON EXHIBIT FLOOR! Doors open at 9:00am. 9:15 is the required start time for ALL students.

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm | Exhibitor Lunch Break—NOT PROVIDED—Concessions will be open. EXHIBIT HALL CLEARED OF ALL EXHIBITORS.

1:30 pm - 3:45 pm | ALL Exhibitors to be with exhibits for interviews by Special Award Judges
BE ON TIME! EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES ONLY ON THE EXHIBIT FLOOR!

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm | PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE – Manuel Lujan Building, Hall B. Exhibitors are encouraged to stand by their exhibits to talk with visitors about their projects.
PROJECT DISPLAYS CANNOT BE REMOVED UNTIL AFTER AWARDS ASSEMBLY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28! NO EARLY REMOVALS!

Saturday, March 28

Exhibitors, Teachers, Judges, Family, and Friends Welcome

7:00 am – 12:30 pm  Exhibit Hall Closed to all exhibitors and public

9:00 am – 10:00 am  Special Award Ceremony
Junior & Senior (combined) – Manuel Lujan Building, Hall A

10:00 am – 10:15 am  Break

10:15 am – 12:00 pm  Grand Awards Ceremony – Manuel Lujan Building, Hall A

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  Removal of all Exhibits from Exhibit Hall.

Please make arrangements for someone to pick up your exhibit if you can’t as we do not have space available for storage! ALL project boards left in the exhibit hall after 2:00 pm will be disposed of immediately.

2:00 pm  2020 Research Challenge Closes

OPEN HOUSE!

Friday, March 27, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Expo NM, Manuel Lujan Building – Hall B

Featuring Fun and Interactive Exhibits from:

- Sandia National Labs
- Air Force Research Labs
- Science Girls Lab
- Abq Isotopes and Orbit!
- Mind Research Network
- UNM
- ¡Explora!
- NMSU
- CNM
- U.S. Navy

AND MORE!

The exhibit hall will be open for public viewing of all the remarkable science and research projects displayed at this year’s fair. Invite your family, friends, and teachers. They won’t want to miss this exciting afternoon of science!

We will be raffling off prizes for student exhibitors who stay for the open house!