Participation Timeline

For a more detailed description of participating in GEARSEF with links, see the “Participation Basics” document on our website or contact Josh King. For a very short summary timeline, see below:

1.) Participating fairs register online with the GEARSEF system. [As soon as possible]

2.) Local fairs set up their accounts in Scienteer. [Start in early Fall]

3.) Students register their projects in Scienteer. [Start in early Fall]

4.) Sponsoring teacher and fair committees review student projects in Scienteer. [Per ISEF rules, before students begin experimentation]

5.) Schools hold local fairs to narrow down the students who will be advancing to GEARSEF. [Usually November - January]

6.) Fair administrators select winning students in Scienteer to advance to GEARSEF. If you are part of a district/county fair system, selecting winners in Scienteer advances them to the district/county fair. The district/county fair would then select winners to advance to GEARSEF. [Due Feb. 5]

7.) Each fair system submits a Payment Form with the final number of projects. [Due Feb. 5]

8.) Local fairs facilitate project corrections from the GEARSEF review. [Due within 1 week of notification]

9.) MOC forms and full payment submitted for students advancing to GEARSEF. [Due on/before March 6]

For further information, see our website http://auburn.edu/cosam/gearsef. For question, or if you’re new to GEARSEF, please contact Josh King at josh.king@auburn.edu.