

# How San Diego Chapter Approaches Science Fairs

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# San Diego Senior Science Fair

- Select one senior for National competition and award \$2,000 sweepstakes prize
- Select 4 other finalists for \$750 awards.
- Select Non-ISEF winner to balance regional
- All ISEF students eligible for AFCEA awards
- ISEF location varies every year (this year Atlanta and next year Reno.....)
- Will the local AFCEA chapter or national sponsor this AFCEA award every year?

# San Diego Junior Science Fair

- Students in Grades 5 through 8
- Typically our SD AFCEA chapter selects about 12 to 15 students in Physical Sciences / Math / Engineering from local schools / fair to compete
- Individual presentations are made in front of audience and about 5 AFCEA judges
- Students are judged and 2 to 4 finalists are awarded prizes and a trip to Space Camp (at a cost of \$2,000 per student)

# San Diego Junior Science Fair- expanded program

- Work in Progress
- Possible nomination to Society for Science & the Public (SSP) competition
- Nomination due by June 4 to SSP & 30 Finalists are chosen by SSP to go to Washington DC in October
- All Expenses paid by SSP
- <http://www.societyforscience.org/msp/Index.asp>
- 1-202-785-2255 (Michelle Glidden)

# Science Fair Questions

- What is the “Way Ahead” for AFCEA Science Fairs?
- Does AFCEA continue to support ISEF? (Atlanta Chapter very successful in 08 – Lessons Learned available.)
- Does AFCEA continue with Science Fair at the High School level? (fewer nominations in 08)
- Does AFCEA hold Science Fair at the Junior level to possibly include Society for Science & the Public (SSP) competition?