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Hello, Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair Judges,

JUDGE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN at www.STEMisphere.org/PRSEF.

Returning judges – If you registered to judge last year and you have a username and password for www.STEMisphere.org/PRSEF, log in and then click on the *Registration Type* drop down box under *Judge/Volunteer Registration* on the right side of the screen.

New judges – If you did not register to judge last year and you have never logged in at www.STEMisphere.org/PRSEF before, go to www.STEMisphere.org/PRSEF and click on the red “*New Judge or Volunteer? Click Here*” button. Please see the information below about the virtual aspects of the fair and how the judging experience will be different from it was in previous years. If you are not comfortable with the virtual format, please do not register to judge this year – we will be happy to see you back in 2022.

The Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair will be held on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021**. For the first time in its 82-year history, Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (PRSEF) will be held **VIRTUALLY**. No students or judges will be present at the Carnegie Science Center on the day of the event. All judging will take place remotely through video conferencing. The awards ceremony will also take place virtually and will be held on the evening on Thursday, March 25, 2021.

WE NEED YOUR HELP MORE THAN EVER TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS.

A few points of interest for judges regarding the change of format include:

- A uniform set of information for each project in your category will be provided for you to review prior to judging. No hard to read boards! **You will need review this material before the day of the fair to prepare for interviews and deliberation.**
- No confusing software or searching for the exhibit on your interview list. You will log into a website in the morning and will be automatically directed to all of your interviews and deliberation sessions.
- **All interviews with students will be conducted over video conference by groups of 2-4 judges.**
- Interviews will be pre-scheduled in 15-minute intervals from approximately 8:30AM-12PM.
- Deliberation to determine the winners will take place, as usual, in the afternoon. This will be done over video conference as well. You should be done by 2-2:30 as usual.

Thank you for your continued support of the fair. I am looking forward to working with all of you again this year! If you would like to be removed from this email list, please let me know by responding to this email.

Best,
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