

Dear Colleagues:

The 2016 CSRA Regional Science & Engineering Fair is scheduled for **Saturday, March 12th**. We are currently seeking volunteers to help judge the fair. Professionals and educators with a science or engineering degree and prior judging experience are preferred, but not required. Judges are organized into teams under the leadership of an experienced Head Judge. Most important, a science fair judge has a sincere interest in encouraging students who have shown strong scientific interest and ability.

The science fair is conducted to foster enthusiasm for science and engineering through an active, hands-on experience. We believe the fair provides that initial spark that aids many of our children in selecting careers in science and engineering. So as a volunteer judge, you have an opportunity to reinforce our children's interest in science and engineering. Don't put it off! **VOLUNTEER TODAY**. It takes a couple of minutes to register, so click on the link below to sign up.

The 2016 Regional Science Fair will be held at the University of South Carolina-Aiken. Judging will occur on Saturday March 12th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and will involve several hundred top-placing students from the local school fairs held around the CSRA. Note that in most cases some judges will complete their judging activities by 1:00 to 1:30PM and don't have to commit to the entire time period.

Please indicate your willingness to judge by registering before February 19 via the link below:

<http://sgiz.mobi/s3/d3e3f96e62aa>

More detailed information and instructions will be emailed to each judge before the fair and additional information and judge training material will be available at our web site. As a reminder please share this communication with other professionals and educators. For more information, contact me (woodie.melton@srs.gov or 803.952.4331).

Thanks for your support!