



## REGISTRATION DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 6TH

The Synopsys Sac STEM Fair is almost here! We have extended our deadline to February 6<sup>th</sup>. Our new ability to receive instant registration through our online registration has really helped organize and manage our multitude of registrations so far. But we're not done yet! Submit your registration today! We want to see what you can do!

Project boards do NOT need to be completed until the actual Fair registration day, March 13 & 14, 2015. Please feel free to contact the Coordinator, Bianca Gutierrez, at [bgutierrez@sacSTEMfair.org](mailto:bgutierrez@sacSTEMfair.org) with any questions or concerns about the registration process!

High school registration [here](#)  
Middle school registration [here](#)  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 6 - Registration** deadline for ALL projects!

**February 13 - Volunteer & Judge** registration deadline

**March 13 - Student Registration** begins at 5:30PM

**March 13 - Judge Orientation** at Folsom High School begins at 6PM

**March 14 - Synopsys Sacramento Regional Science & Engineering Fair** at Folsom High School!

## STUDENT FAQs - REGISTRATION & THE DAY OF THE FAIR

### 1. HOW MANY TEAM MEMBERS CAN I HAVE?

You can have up to 3 people on a team. These team members can be from other schools and different grades within your division. However, you must make sure your teachers know that you are registering with a student from another school if you are participating through your science or engineering class. If you want to participate with a student in another grade, be careful because you will be judged by the oldest in the group. You **cannot** compete with a middle school and high school mixed team.

### 2. HOW DOES A TEAM SUBMIT THEIR REGISTRATION?

The Student Leader on a team will submit the entire on-line registration. Each team member must fill out the first page of registration, and once the project is fully submitted, the Fair Coordinator will contact the student lead to get the parental/student consent forms signed for all members.

website – they tell you how to begin an engineering project and what materials you will most likely need for your display. Find it [here](#).

• The Student handbook contains the information you need. It begins with science project outlines, goes into engineering project outlines and on page five you will find the engineering rubric. You can find it [here](#).

### 6. WHAT SHOULD THE DISPLAY CONSIST OF? WHAT SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED?

The best place to start to answer this question is to

read our [Items not allowed at your Display](#) document. See the Rules & Regulations for more specifics. However, the big no-no's are anything potentially dangerous - hypodermic needles, diseased organisms, etc. - anything of great monetary value, anything large enough to infringe on another exhibitor's space, and live plants & animals.

## CALL FOR JUDGES

We are still in need of volunteer judges at the Sac STEM Fair.

[SIGN UP ONLINE TODAY](#)

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The Sac STEM Fair thrives on volunteers! We need YOU!

[Please sign up today.](#)

## FEATURED

### 3. I SUBMITTED MY PROJECT, I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE SOME OF ITS DESCRIPTION, WHAT DO I DO?

If you would like to change anything about your project, but you have already COMPLETELY submitted it, please contact the Fair Coordinator, Bianca, at [bgutierrez@sacSTEMfair.org](mailto:bgutierrez@sacSTEMfair.org). If you haven't submitted your registration completely, you can use the link that was sent to the e-mail you provided to access your registration. Clear the form and save it again, then submit when complete.

### 4. HOW MANY PROJECTS CAN I ENTER INTO THE FAIR? CAN I ENTER WITH TWO TEAMS?

Each student can only enter one project into the competition. A student can compete individually or s/he can compete on one team. No student can enter more than one project.

### 5. WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ABOUT ENGINEERING PROJECTS?

- We like to recommend the Science Buddies

### 7. I RECEIVED AN EMAIL ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL FORMS, WHAT DO I DO?

The request for additional forms means that something was missing from your submission. If you fill out the forms sent to you in the email and send them back, your registration will be complete! You can send them back via email, fax, or mail – please feel free to call the office at 916-441-3150 if you have any questions!

Email: [bgutierrez@sacSTEMfair.org](mailto:bgutierrez@sacSTEMfair.org)

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### 8. WHERE CAN A STUDENT GET ADDITIONAL FAIR INFORMATION OR PROJECT ADVICE?

Check out the Resources web page for some project advice and help. Please don't hesitate to call us at 916-441-3150 or email Bianca at [bgutierrez@sacSTEMfair.org](mailto:bgutierrez@sacSTEMfair.org).

**FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US WITH MORE QUESTIONS - WE WILL POST THEM ONLINE TO HELP OTHERS AS WELL!**

## CHECK OUT OUR GREAT WORKSHOPS - FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS!!

The Synopsys Sacramento Regional STEM Fair has beefed up its workshop and panel breakouts for all to attend! Below you will find a short description of each activity that the public and all students, teachers, parents and volunteers are welcome to attend.

#### 1. Professional Development Workshop for Teachers (Presented by RAFT)

The SSRSEF Foundation, in collaboration with Sacramento RAFT is providing a free and informative workshop for all area educators and parents who wish to learn more about how STEM projects can satisfy the requirements of the Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core Curriculum. There will be fun and exciting hands on projects introduced by RAFT, as well as information related to regional programs and services available to teachers and students.

#### 2. College Admission Workshop (Presented by Creative Marbles Consultancy)

Wondering how to apply for college? Problem solved! At the Synopsys Sacramento Regional STEM Fair we are hosting a College Admission workshop presented by Creative Marbles Consultancy! The presentation will provide admissions consulting for students and parents, and college guidance on all aspects of the admissions process, with the goal of making student applications be as competitive as possible. Financial aid advising will be provided – including information on what colleges may expect individual families to pay, as well as recommendations on how to afford

during that crucial period of college admissions!

#### 3. Financial Planning Workshop (Presented by Golden 1)

Make your allowance last! There will be workshops given at the Fair on how you can make your allowance work for you, presented by Golden 1! Golden 1 places great emphasis on becoming responsible savers. The credit union has designed several workshops to help our community's youth develop the financial skills needed to excel in adult life. These workshops address topics that are of interest to high school students: Buying a Car, Careers, and Planning for College, for example. The two workshops are called "Introduction to Money Management." The presentation will focus

on grades 8 through 12. All participants are welcome to attend!

#### 4. STE@M Professionals Panel (Presented by Synopsys Sac STEM Fair)

Professionals from the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Art will talk about their career pathways and how they use all aspects of STE@M in their jobs. The panel will be moderated by Cari Vinci, of Invincible Enterprises, Co-Author of the Playbook for Teens.

#### 5. Student Excellence Panel (Presented by Synopsys Sac STEM Fair)

Participate in a roundtable discussion with past 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place high school winners at the Fair – some who are still competing and others who are already attending their dream colleges! Learn

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## FEATURED EXHIBITORS

Thank you to our new exhibitors! Don't hesitate; registration ends **February 10!**

ACEC - CA Sierra Chapter  
Aerojet Rocketdyne  
American River College  
Bureau of Reclamation  
California Association of Professional Scientists  
California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation  
California Highway Patrol  
California Northstate University  
California Virtual Academies  
City of Sacramento  
 DeVry University  
Folsom Lake College  
Golden 1 Credit Union  
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Intel  
Imagibots  
Mad Science  
Micron  
Professional Engineers in California Government  
Sacto Mofu  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
UC Davis C-STEM Center

**and many more!**

[See their descriptions online here.](#)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

*Featured Scholarship: Visionary Integration Professionals' Women in Technology Scholarship Program*

Attention all college-bound women! If you're pursuing a career in computer science, information technology, management information systems, or other related fields, Visionary Integration Professionals (VIP) would like to invite

increasing college costs, including scholarship options. This workshop is for all participants – parents, students, and teachers – who need help

about their college admissions process and experience. Hear what they have to say about the Fair and how it helped them decide their pathway to STEM.

## JOIN US AT THE COLLEGE AND CAREER EVENT AS AN EXHIBITOR!

The College and Career Event will be held March 14, 2015 from 11AM to 5PM at Folsom High School. Exhibiting is a great way to market your organization, college, company and more. Exhibits will be open to the public. The attendees will include the participating STEM fair students, teachers and parents as well as the public – that's over 1,500 people! Bring your hands-on activities and showcase your support for STEM education.

space approximately 10'x10' in size – you will have plenty of room to involve students and parents in your demonstrations! You can even reserve multiple exhibit spaces. All exhibitors will receive a listing in the program, a feature in our newsletter, and recognition on our website. Nonprofits and state organizations receive free exhibit space!

[Sign up today!](#) Registration closes on February 10!

The exhibit space includes an open-air, covered

you to apply for our annual Women in Technology Scholarship (WITS) program.

VIP awards multiple scholarships of up to \$2,500 per recipient. We encourage qualified women to apply by downloading the application [here](#). Submissions are due March 9, 2015.

For more information contact [WITS@trustvip.com](mailto:WITS@trustvip.com)

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