

MASSACHUSETTS STATE SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR



2008 -- THE 59th MASSACHUSETTS STATE SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

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Dear State Science & Engineering Fair Exhibitor:

Congratulations on being a participant in the 59th annual Massachusetts State Science & Engineering Fair. I am sure you will enjoy the spirit of competition, camaraderie and fun that awaits you, now less than 30 days away. The Fair will be held on May 1, 2, and 3 at MIT's Johnson Athletic Center on Vassar Street in Cambridge. (See enclosed map, or access the MIT website -- <http://whereis.mit.edu/map-jpg>.) For the third consecutive year, we will feature the Science Fair Expo. Sponsoring companies and special friends will be exhibiting in the Johnson Center Foyer, and we hope that you will enjoy their interesting demonstrations and presentations during your free time. The following is important information for all registrants.

REGISTRATION:

Registration begins on Thursday, May 1, from 4-7 pm, and starts again on Friday, May 2, at 7:30 am. Local area exhibitors are encouraged to register on Thursday evening. Projects may be unloaded at the front of the Johnson Athletic Center in the parking lot at the end of Amherst Street. **However, vehicles must be moved out of the lot immediately after unloading.** Parking is difficult. Therefore, students are encouraged to use public transportation. For information about public transportation, contact the MBTA at (617) 222-3200 or go to www.MBTA.com. Parking information for MIT is included in the enclosed map.

Upon entering the Johnson Center, check in at the Registration Desk to receive your location assignment and official 2008 Massachusetts State Science & Engineering Fair Packet. Registration and project set-up must be completed by 9:30 am.

SAFETY INSPECTION:

The MSSEF/MIT Safety Review Committee will conduct project safety inspections on Friday morning. Please remain near your exhibit so that you can answer any questions the Committee members may have about your project. Be sure to review the enclosed safety guidelines sheet. If you have any questions, call Katie Blass, MIT Safety Office (617) 253-4736, or Howard Harrison, MIT Electrical Operations (617) 253-6361.

JUDGING:

Judging begins at 11:30 am. You must remain at your project location until 6 pm. In order for team projects to be judged, **all team members must be present.** During judging, the exhibition area will be restricted to registered participants, MSSEF judges, officials, staff and pre-qualified individuals. Please ask your friends, family, teachers, guests, etc., to comply.

SECURITY:

MIT will provide round-the-clock security in the exhibition hall. However, Massachusetts State Science & Engineering Fair, Inc., MIT, and/or any other fair sponsor cannot be held responsible for loss, theft or damage to exhibits or personal property. Therefore, secure valuable items to your exhibit, but do not