

## Suggested Packing Checklist for Competing at Twin Cities Regional Science Fairs

- Display board (title, abstract, background, problem or question, hypothesis or engineering objective, procedure, variables & controls, results, statistics/error analysis, graphs & charts, conclusion, photos, credit where each chart, graph, diagram & photo came from, future work, significance/why is this important/practical application, etc.)
- Laboratory notebook / Project journal
- Background notes/notebook
- Photos of project work (on display and/or in a photo binder)
- Copy of Research Paper (easy to make if you didn't do one: create a title page, copy of abstract, write a short summary of your background research on what others have done, question or problem, hypothesis or objective, procedure (from your research plan), results & discussion of results, conclusions, future work, practical application or why project is important, and references (from your research plan), plus copies of charts, graphs, & photos)
- Copy of SRC forms paperwork including all signed consent forms to show judges if needed (keep your originals in a safe place). This is a full set in addition to the copy mailed to the fair.
- A copy of the abstract to post vertically (on the display board counts)
- A copy of form 1C and form 7, if used, to post vertically
- Background articles or reference material you may want
- Tape, paper, pencils or pens to do minor repairs or write yourself notes
- Something to read or do quietly between judgments
- Capped bottle of water in case of dry throat
- (Optional) photocopies of your abstract with the project title, abstract & your name & grade in school (6-12) to hand out to judges. Write your project number on each one for the judges.
- Small amount of money for concessions or bring a snack (eat in lobby; no food allowed on the show floor)
- Wear comfortable flat shoes
- (Optional: telephone to contact ride for after fair)

Please review pages 24-26 of the rules book as to what may or may not be at the display. Photos are the preferred alternative rather than bringing project equipment or samples to the fair.

Do NOT have glassware, food, or chemicals including water (except for capped drinking water). Do NOT have bacteria, soil samples or vegetation, rock, or sand. Do NOT have plants, animal or human tissues or fluids, even in a preserved state or container. Do NOT have sharp objects, anything flammable, hazardous substances, weapons, lasers, or dry ice. Do NOT have open top batteries or wet cells. All electrical must be UL/CSA approved. All electrical must be enclosed. Light bulbs are prohibited. Decorative lighting or illumination is discouraged by ISEF. If used, lighting must be as low a voltage as possible and must be LED lighting that does not generate heat.