

Schedule and Information for WMSF Participants

This document contains important information for participants, school coordinators, and parents, including a detailed schedule of events, a campus map, and supervision information. It is expected that everyone who attends the science fair (or their parent and/or supervisor) has read this document and understands what is expected of them while at the fair. Students should be informed ahead of time what is expected of them, and where they should be at any given time according to the schedule below.

Supervision of Students at the Western Manitoba Science Fair:

The Western Manitoba Science Fair committee is made up of a small group of volunteers, who organize and run the fair. Fair day is quite structured, and we try our best with our limited numbers to keep all students on track and where they should be. **We do, however, depend on schools/chaperones/parents to provide any extra supervision that they deem necessary, as we always have.** We also expect that students who have been chosen to attend WMSF understand the schedule, know where they should be throughout the day, and will be on their **best behavior**.

Shoes:

Students are asked to remove their outdoor footwear before entering the gym and keep them under their table at their projects. They can bring a pair of indoor shoes to change into, or sock feet is fine.

Bathrooms:

There are bathrooms available to students in the hallways outside either gym. Students are not to go upstairs to the track, as it is open to the public that day. Students are to remain on the main floor of the building.

FAIR DAY SCHEDULE:

****Please note this schedule of events is subject to final changes/adjustments. Please check the schedule at www.wmsf.com on the Resources page right before the fair for any changes.**

This year the Western Manitoba Science Fair will be held at the Healthy Living Centre at Brandon University on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Please read through this document carefully as it contains important information and instructions for the day. Campus map is attached and if you have any questions please email info@wmsf.com or call 204-727-4700.

Project set-up

We will be allowing project set-up/check-in the evening before the fair. This is optional but will save time in the morning and is encouraged. Set up times are:

6:30 pm to 7:30 PM on Monday April 10th and

7:00 am to 8:30 AM Tuesday April 11th.

Parking directions will be updated here closer to the fair. Once parked please walk around and enter through the main doors (North side), where you will be directed to the correct gym. School busses can use the Loading Zone on Louise Ave in front of the HLC main entrance (North Side of the building) to

drop students off, and then park on one of the adjacent residential streets if needed. Please do not be late for set up, as we will be keeping to the schedule and will finish set up promptly at 8:30 AM.

8:30 – 9:15 Opening Remarks

Participants will be moved into the main gym to sit on the bleachers for opening remarks from our committee and receive instructions for the day.

9:15 – 12:30 Judging and Special Judging

Participants should be at their projects for the entire judging time, other than necessary bathroom breaks. **Any students who have to be asked repeatedly to return to their projects during judging will have their names taken down and will not be permitted to attend future WMSFs.** The judging process is the most important part of science fair and if the student is not taking it seriously, they should not be in attendance. NO parents or teachers are allowed in the project areas during judging, unless given permission by our committee on a case-by-case basis. Parents and teachers may wait in other areas of the building.

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch and Entertainment

Participants will be moved to the bleachers once again, to eat lunch and watch the Bubbleman show. **Please note that there is no food to purchase at the HLC so a bag lunch should be packed.** Participants should NOT leave the building unless with a parent or supervisor.

12:30 – 1:30 STEMinist Convention: Accessing Your Girl Power

Details on this activity will be updated here soon.

1:45 – 3:00 Science Olympics for Grades 1-4

A series of fun science challenges will take place in the main gym for grades 1-4.

1:45 – 4:00 University Tours for grades 5-12

On their table label grades 5-12 will find a Tour Group Number that identifies which tour group they are in and determines when they will go for their tour. Volunteers will be calling groups and guiding the participants through this activity.

2:00 – 4:00 Public Viewing

Public is invited to come and view the projects and talk to the participants. Media may also be present (local newspaper, etc) to conduct interviews. Participants should be at their projects unless they are on their tour or finishing Science Olympics.

4:30 – 6:30 Project take down for grades 5-12 – Henry Champ Gym

Grades 5-12 projects can be removed any time after 4:30. The WMSF Committee won't be responsible for projects left after 6:30. Please be respectful and place garbage and recycling in the appropriate containers to make our clean up easier after the fair.

4:30 – 5:30 Award Ceremony for grades 1-4

Located in the main gym. Parking instructions will be updated here closer to the fair. Please use main entrance (North side of building). Seating is on the bleachers; there will be volunteers to show the way.

5:30 – 6:30 Project Take Down grades 1-4 – North side of Main Gym

Grades 1-4 please ensure all projects are taken down and removed from the gym after 5:30 pm. The WMSF Committee won't be responsible for projects left after 6:30. Please be respectful and place garbage and recycling in the appropriate containers to make our clean up easier after the fair.

6:30 – 8:00 Award Ceremony for grades 5-12

Located in the Main Gym. Parking instructions will be updated here closer to the fair. Please use main entrance (North side of building). Seating is on the bleachers.