



**DR. NELSON YING
TRI REGION SCIENCE
AND ENGINEERING FAIR**

Advancement to the Ying TRSEF from Local Science Fairs

Advancement is entirely up to local fairs or sponsor organizations. Neither the Ying TRSEF nor Onondaga Community College restricts the number of students advanced to the regional level.

Every local fair in the 24 NYS counties served by the Ying TRSEF advances to our regional. Those from other counties using “Fair in a Box” must use the international fair’s listings to identify their own regional fair. www.societyforscience.org/isef/affiliatedfairs

If a local fair is available to a student, s/he must participate regardless of that fair’s date before or after the Ying TRSEF. *Reminder: If no local fair is accessible to a student, s/he should register directly with the Ying TRSEF at www.YingTRSEF.org.*

Registration for the Ying TRSEF can be done by any sponsoring adult. The required paperwork will include parent permissions, so classroom teachers, fair directors, club advisors, 4-H or Scouting leaders, or mentors, as well as parents, can complete the Ying TRSEF Adult Registration that lists the student(s) being sponsored.

Local fair advancement options include:

Local fair before Ying TRSEF’s registration deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All local students considering the Ying TRSEF MUST attend their available local fair; they are not permitted to “leap frog” to the regional level. • Competitive local fairs may authorize advancement by all students who receive fair commendations, the top ten projects in the fair, the three highest scoring projects for each grade, or the “top 40%” – whatever works. • Semi-competitive local fairs may simply identify only one level of commendation, that being advancement to the Ying TRSEF. • Non-competitive fairs are urged to encourage ALL of their students to attend the Ying TRSEF.
Local fair between Ying TRSEF’s registration deadline and its Fair Weekend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local fair director should contact the Ying TRSEF <i>before</i> the regional deadline to discuss its fair date, expected numbers, advancement plans, etc. • A fair sponsoring and transporting its students should reserve and pay for a block of places, so the Ying TRSEF can recruit enough judges and arrange sufficient supplies. The director will register specific students within 48 hours of the local fair’s completion. • If the local fair expects parents to register and transport their children, ALL of the local fair’s participants should be encouraged to register for the Ying TRSEF before its deadline. Students may continue to work on their projects.

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<p>Local Fair after the Ying TRSEF takes place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL of the local fair’s participants should be encouraged to register for the Ying TRSEF before its deadline. The two-day experience in Syracuse will be valuable to every student who comes! • Note: The Ying TRSEF will notify the directors of local fairs of students participating from their districts. As noted earlier, the Ying TRSEF requires that ALL of its students attend their local fairs, even if they take place after the Ying TRSEF. • Students may use the Ying TRSEF in various ways. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By bringing a topic poster to the Ying TRSEF, students can get input about possible experiments fitting their interests. They could have time after the Ying TRSEF to conduct those experiments and present then at the local fair. ○ Students may bring a research project to the Ying TRSEF and use the same presentation at both fairs. ○ They may even choose to present different topics or experiments at the regional and local fairs. • Note: Any experimentation begun after the Ying TRSEF takes place can be presented the following year at the Ying TRSEF as a research project. For example, a team of Buffalo students came as Poster Presenters to the 2009 Ying TRSEF. They began their experimentation over the next summer, and competed in 2010 as Research Students. In fact, they were selected as the first team to represent the Ying TRSEF at the International Fair!
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If you have ANY questions regarding the advancement process or dates of fairs, please contact the Ying TRSEF as soon as possible. As noted in the footer, our contact info is:

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