

71st Annual Colorado Science and Engineering Fair

Colorado State University Lory Student Center – 3rd Floor

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Finalist Schedule

There will be NO on-site SRC interviews or paperwork fixes.

If SRC issues are not dealt with by April 6th, then the student will not be allowed to participate in the CSEF.

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Staggered Junior and Senior Division Finalist Check-In (your region's check-in time will be emailed to you)	Grand Ballroom Foyer
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Finalists MUST stay with their exhibit until Display & Safety Inspection has been done and an Official Photo has been taken. Finalists must be out of the exhibit areas by 12:00 noon.

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Tour Ticket Pick-Up Pre-ordering of tickets is highly encouraged!	Room 322
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12:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Judging Interviews – <i>Students must be at their exhibits.</i>	Grand Ballroom
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Adult Schedule

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	CSEF Scientific Review Committee Debrief & Discussion	Room 322
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2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Professional Development - TBD	Room 322
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Judging Schedule

9:45 a.m.	Grand Awards Judge Captains' Orientation	LSC Theater
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11:00 a.m.	Grand Awards Judges' Orientation	LSC Theater
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11:45 a.m.	Grand Awards Judges' Luncheon	LSC Theater Lobby
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12:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Grand Award Judging Interviews	Grand Ballroom
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1:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Special Award Judging Interviews	Grand Ballroom
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5:15 p.m.	Exhibit area is locked. Best-of-CSEF judging begins. <i>Only Judging Captains and SRC Members are permitted in the exhibit area at this time.</i>	
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Friday, April 10, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	CSEF Finalist Exhibits Open to the Public and the Media	Grand Ballroom
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9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Guest Speaker – Dr. Charles Kuehn, Associate Professor and Chair of Physics and Astronomy at University of Northern Colorado	LSC Theater
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11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Tours & Presentations – <i>Registration is required.</i>	
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2:00 p.m.	Finalist Ballots for Student Choice and Poster Contest are due.	Registration Booth
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6:00 p.m.	CSEF Awards Ceremony	Timberline Church
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Saturday, April 11, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Public Viewing – <i>All Finalists MUST be present at their projects.</i>	Grand Ballroom
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9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Advisory Council Meeting	Room 322
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11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Pizza Party & Door Prizes (must be present to win)	Grand Ballroom
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11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Exhibit Tear-Down – Everything must be removed by 1:00 p.m.	Grand Ballroom
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12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Board of Director's Meeting	Room 322
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