

71st Annual Colorado Science & Engineering Fair

ALL of the 2026 CSEF Events will be held at the Lory Student Center, CSU.



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
12:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Judging Interviews – <i>Students must be at their exhibits.</i>	Grand Ballroom

Adult Schedule

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

Judging Schedule

9:45 a.m.	Grand Awards Judge Captains' Orientation	LSC Theater
11:00 a.m.	Grand Awards Judges' Orientation	LSC Theater
11:45 a.m.	Grand Awards Judges' Luncheon	LSC Theater Lobby
12:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Grand Award Judging Interviews	Grand Ballroom
1:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Special Award Judging Interviews	Grand Ballroom
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>	

Friday, April 10, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	CSEF Finalist Exhibits Open to the Public and the Media	Grand Ballroom
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
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Tours & Presentations – <i>Registration is required.</i>	
2:00 p.m.	Finalist Ballots for Student Choice and Poster Contest are due.	Registration Booth
6:00 p.m.	CSEF Awards Ceremony	Timberline Church

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
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Advisory Council Meeting	Room 322
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Pizza Party & Door Prizes (must be present to win)	Grand Ballroom
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Exhibit Tear-Down – Everything must be removed by 1:00 p.m.	Grand Ballroom
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Board of Director's Meeting	Room 322

Sponsor tables will be set up for viewing in the foyer outside the Grand Ballroom during the CSEF.

The 2026 International Science & Engineering Fair ([link](#)) will be held in Phoenix, AZ May 10-15, 2026

The 72nd Annual Colorado Science & Engineering Fair (CSEF) will be April 8-10, 2027. (Dates are subject to change.)
For more on ALL CSEF information, please go to <https://csef.natsci.colostate.edu>.