



# 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Colorado Science & Engineering Fair

Grand Awards Judging Schedule & General Information

**Thursday, April 9, 2026**

**Lory Student Center (LSC) Theater, CSU - Fort Collins**

## **Schedule/Timing:**

Parking/Shuttle from Timberline Church to the CSU Main Campus will operate 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and drop-off/pick-up on Meridian Avenue - a short walk to the LSC. Instructions and maps will be posted on the Grand Awards Judges information page and emailed a few days before the CSEF.

- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** Team Captains/Assistant Captains Check-In: LSC Theater  
LSC Map (200 Level): <https://lsc.colostate.edu/building/maps/>  
Parking Services: <https://pts.colostate.edu/visitors/parking>
- 9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.** Team Captains'/Assistant Captains' Briefing: LSC Theater  
Team Captains/Assistant Captains **MUST** be check-in before 9:45 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** ALL Grand Award Judges Check-In NO LATER THAN 11 a.m.: LSC Theater
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.** ALL Grand Award Judges' Briefing: LSC Theater  
ALL JUDGES are required to attend the briefing.
- 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.** Team Captains meet with category teams at the Grand Award Judges' Luncheon (box lunches served in the LSC Theater Lobby) and all judges will eat at their assigned tables to discuss and plan judging strategy during lunch.
- 12:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Interview students at their exhibits.
- 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.** Category judging teams meet to select Category Project Awards of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> places and Honorable Mention.
- 5:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.** Team Captains in each category report results. ALL Category result forms must be signed by the Team Captain.
- 5:30 p.m.** Best-of-CSEF Judges (Team Captains) meet in the Grand Ballroom for both Junior & Senior Divisions. ALL students must be out of the exhibit area before presentations start. Team Captains **MUST NOT** leave the LSC in order to be present for Best-of-CSEF judging as it will begin promptly.
- 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Best-of-CSEF Judging Teams complete judging for the best project award winners for both Junior (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places) and Senior (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> places) Divisions.
- 8:00 p.m.** Best-of-CSEF Team Captains report judging results. ALL Team Captains from each Category and Division must sign the Best-of-CSEF judging form.

Questions or Issues: CSEF Officials will be available in the Grand Ballroom during the judging period. Erin Comstock, the Grand Award Judging Coordinator will be in the LSC Theater or ballroom during the judging period for any questions or concerns. All Best-of-CSEF judging materials must be returned to Erin Comstock for disposal.