March , 2007

Dear Special Awards Judge:

Thank you for agreeing to be a Special Awards judge at the 2007 Beal Bank Dallas Regional Science & Engineering Fair. We will be back in the Automobile Building in Fair Park on Saturday, March 24, 2007. A map is enclosed that you can also print from our website at http://DallasScienceFair.org.
Your participation as a judge, as well as your organization's support and generosity, are both critical to the success and continued growth of the Regional Fair. We are sincerely grateful for your time and effort.

To all veteran judges – welcome back! To those of you new to the Fair, we know that you will be inspired by the effort put forth by our exhibitors. We are excited to announce that approximately 700 projects- and 800 students- have been entered into this year's Fair. Please remember that each has already excelled at their school and/or district levels.

Below is information describing the basic timeline for Special Award judging, as well as a few special reminders and suggestions.

Special Award Judging Information
(Please note Fair Award Judges follow different schedules)

Day/Date:	Saturday, March 24, 2007
Place:	The Automobile Building at Fair Park (map enclosed and online at http://DallasScienceFair.org)
Parking:	Parking is free of charge. The most convenient parking will be immediately adjacent to the Music Hall. You can enter through the First or Grand Avenue entrances to Fair Park. Handicap parking is available immediately outside the main entrances to both the Automobile Building and the Music Hall.
Attire:	Suggested attire is business casual, with comfortable shoes.
To Bring:	A clipboard, paper and pen are suggested for additional notes you may take.

Timeline:

  Judge Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Informal – coffee, doughnuts, etc.)
Judge Orientation: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
  Award Judging: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
                 (Judging time varies by award; judging must be completed by 1:00 p.m. PLEASE NOTE that all students are dismissed from the building promptly at Noon!! The remaining hour is for additional discussion or comparison of projects, if necessary.)
   Judges Lunch: 12:00 p.m – 1:30 p.m.

During your Special Awards Judge Orientation, you will receive instructions and have ample opportunity to ask any questions you may have. You will also receive a report, broken down by individual science, project number and title, to aid you in your judging process.

We have included in this mailing a suggested "Criteria for Judging". Please note that these judging criteria are for your general information only. It is recognized that you may prefer to supplement or replace these guidelines with additional criteria that reflect the uniqueness of your organization.

Once again, that you for agreeing to participate on behalf of your organization as a Special Awards judge. Your commitment of time, energy and resources is one of the reasons this Fair is entering its 50th year stronger than ever. Please call Shirley Melton at (214) 768-2495 should you have any questions.

Fred Olness   Randall Scalise   Simon Dalley
Fair Director   Fair Director   Fair Director

                        Southern Methodist University

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REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR
<u>JUDGING CRITERIA</u>

SUGGESTIONS FOR JUDGING A SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR PROJECT

A good project should involve the scientific method:

Purpose + Hypothesis + Procedure + Results + Conclusion

The criteria listed below is provided for your information and suggested use:

I. CREATIVE ABILITY   **0-30 points**

Does the project show creative ability and originality?

II. SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT/ENGINEERING GOALS   **0-30 points**

Is the problem stated clearly and does the project have a clear objective?

III. THOROUGHNESS   **0-15 points**

Does the project carry out its purpose to completion within the scope of its original aims?

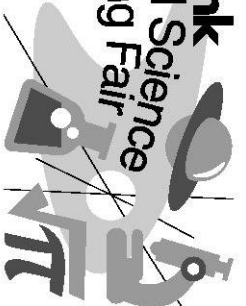**IV. SKILL**   **0-15 points**

Does the student have the skills required to do all of the work related to the project?

V. CLARITY   **0-10 points**

How clearly is the student able to display and discuss the project?
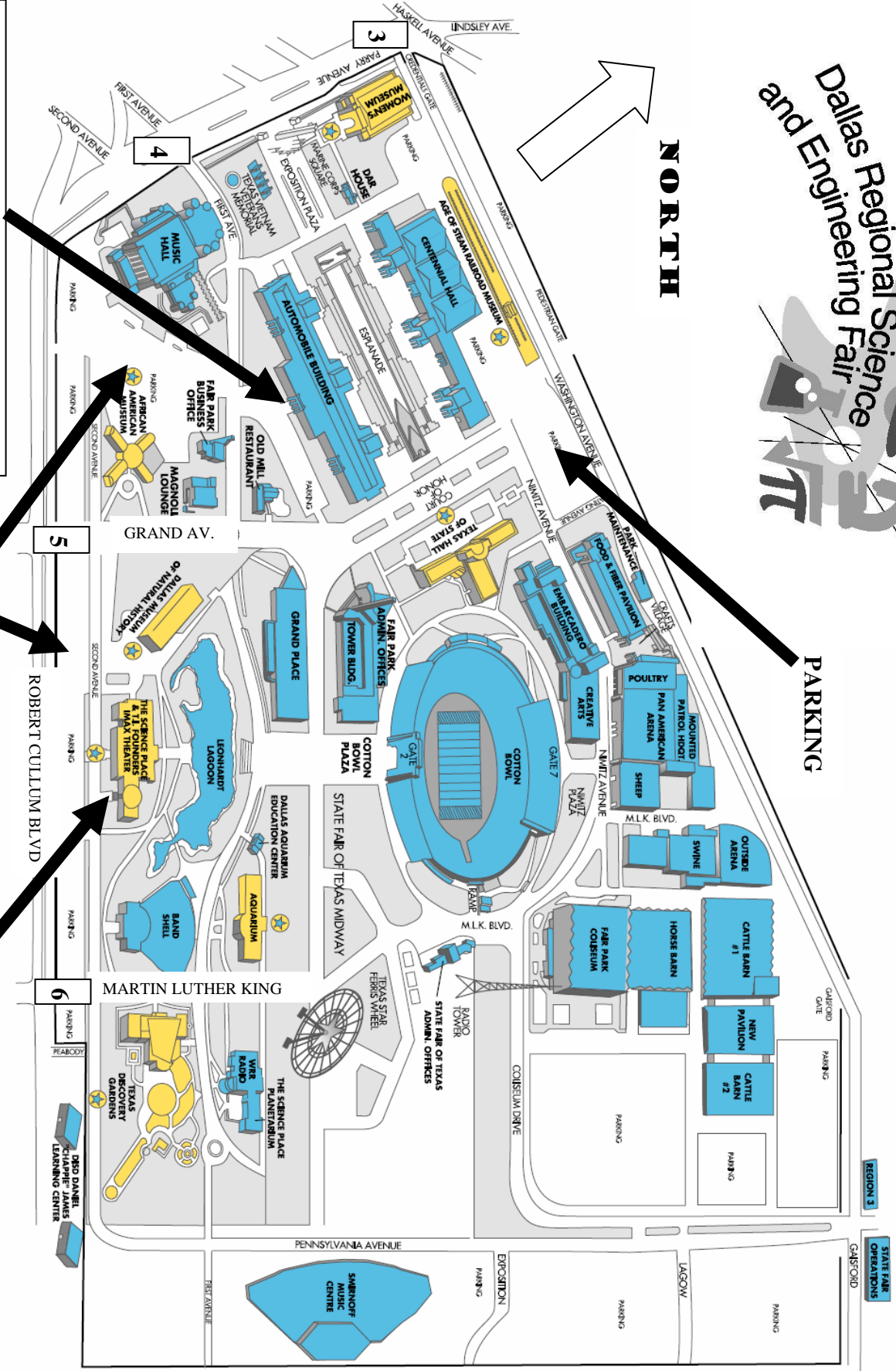
Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair

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NORTH

SCIENCE FAIR HERE !
AUTOMOBILE BUILDING
Enter from South side of building

PARKING

PARKING

SCIENCE PLACE

PARKING

GRAND AV.

ROBERT CULLUM BLVD

SECOND AVENUE

MARTIN LUTHER KING

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HASKELL AVENUE
LINDSLEY AVE.
PARRY AVENUE
FIRST AVENUE
SECOND AVENUE

WOMENS MUSEUM
DAR HOUSE
TEXAS VIETNAM TEXAS VETERANS MEMORIAL
MUSIC HALL
MARINE CORPS SQUARE
EXPOSITION PLAZA
CENTENNIAL HALL
AGE OF STEAM RAILROAD MUSEUM
AUTOMOBILE BUILDING
ESPLANADE
OLD MILL RESTAURANT
FAIR PARK BUSINESS OFFICE
AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM
MAGNOLIA LOUNGE
PEDESTRIAN GATE
GRAND GATE
WASHINGTON AVENUE
NIMITZ AVENUE
COURT OF HONOR
COURT OF STATE
TEXAS HALL OF STATE
GRAND PLACE
TOWER BLDG.
FAIR PARK ADMIN. OFFICES
PARKS MAINTENANCE
FOOD & FIBER PAVILION
EMBARCADERO BUILDING
CRAFTS VILLAGE
CREATIVE ARTS
POULTRY
PAN AMERICAN ARENA
MOUNTED PATROL HDQT.
DALLAS MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
THE SCIENCE PLACE & T.I. FOUNDERS IMAX THEATER
LEONHARDT LAGOON
COTTON BOWL PLAZA
GATE 2
COTTON BOWL
GATE 7
NIMITZ PLAZA
M.L.K. BLVD.
SHEEP
DALLAS AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER
AQUARIUM
BAND SHELL
STATE FAIR OF TEXAS MIDWAY
RAMP
M.L.K. BLVD.
SWINE
OUTSIDE ARENA
FAIR PARK COLISEUM
HORSE BARN
CATTLE BARN #1
NEW PAVILION
CATTLE BARN #2
GALSFORD GATE
PARKING
TEXAS STAR FERRIS WHEEL
STATE FAIR OF TEXAS ADMIN. OFFICES
RADIO TOWER
TEXAS DISCOVERY GARDENS
WRR RADIO
THE SCIENCE PLACE PLANETARIUM
DELSO DANIEL "CHAPPIE" JAMES LEARNING CENTER
COLISEUM DRIVE
PARKING
PARKING
PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
SMIRNOFF MUSIC CENTRE
EXPOSITION
FIRST AVENUE
PEABODY
LAGOW
GALSFORD
REGION 3
STATE FAIR OPERATIONS