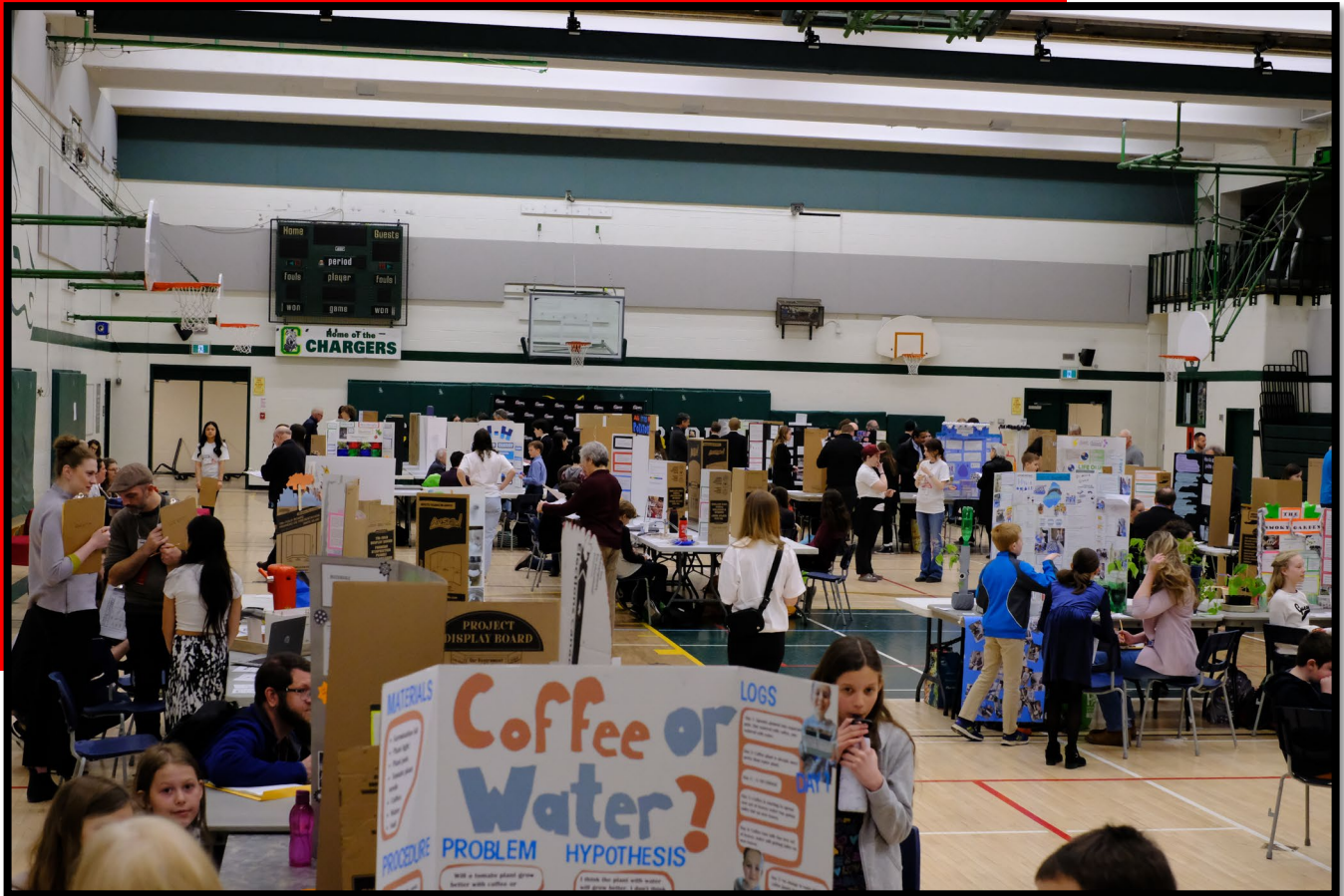


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The Quinte Regional Science and Technology Fair



1. What is the Canada-wide Science Fair (CWSF)?

The Canada-wide Science Fair is a prestigious annual event that showcases the innovative research and projects of young scientists from across the country. It provides a platform for finalists to present their work, network with peers, and gain valuable feedback.

2. What are the dates for the 2025 Canada-Wide Science Fair?

The 2025 Canada-Wide Science Fair will take place from May 31 to June 7, 2025.

3. Is there a website to help me with information about CWSF?

[The Canada-wide Science Fair](#)

[Documents directory for Youth Science Canada-](#)

[QRSTF CWSF Website for CWSF Finalists](#)

4. Where will the 2025 Canada-Wide Science Fair be held?

The event will be hosted in Fredericton (University of New Brunswick), providing a fitting backdrop for showcasing scientific innovation and research.

5. What are the eligibility criteria for finalists?

Finalists must have won a regional science fair and must be in grades 7 to 12. Participants must also comply with all safety and ethical standards relevant to their projects. All ethical guidelines and forms need to be filled out and brought with you to CWSF. We will discuss your project and expectations.

[Ethics for STEM Projects](#)

6. Is there a handbook for CWSF for Finalists to help them through the process?

Yes, there is a Finalists Handbook It is found on the documents site. [Finalists Guide](#)

7. How should I prepare my project for the fair?

Ensure your project is well-organized, clearly presented, and meets the guidelines set out in the official handbook. Prepare a presentation that highlights your research,



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methodology, and findings. We will have several meetings to go over your project and the expectations for project at CWSF 2025. We will also look at how to update your project.

8. What materials should I bring to the fair?

You should bring your display sheets, project materials, any required equipment, and a copy of your project summary. You do not need to bring any tape to affix your project sheet. The tape is provided by CWSF.

9. Do I have to laminate my display sheets?

No, the lamination helps with protecting it and from the tape ripping the display sheet. If you do not laminate the display sheet, you can put packing tape on the back of the project sheet in the key spots you are going to put the tape so that it does not rip the display sheet.

10. What do I need to bring for luggage?

Delegates will go over what to bring for luggage and clothing. They will also go over the bus, train and airline rules for luggage size and weight. Remember to have soft soled shoes. There is usually a lot of walking using between buildings. Save room! They usually provide t-shirt and a string backpack full of items (we shall see what they give us this year!)

11. What should I do if my laptop or cell phone is misplaced or stolen?

Before you go to CWSF, write down all the important information about your electronics. (serial number, type, model). Keep it with you. If it is miss placed or stolen, please inform your delegate immediately so they can help you find it.

12. Is there an app for CWSF that will help with notifications?

Yes, there has been an app for CWSF for the last few years. Regions will be notified what the app is this year and how to download it during the registration period.

13. Do I need to bring any identification with me?

Yes, you should bring some identification with you. Not just for the travelling but also for any emergencies. (health card and person identification)



14. Do I need to bring money with me?

Yes, if you wish to bring some money it is acceptable. The amount can be worked out with your parents. This is so that you can buy souvenirs. (CWSF has a gift shop)

15. How do I bring by display sheet to CWSF?

Most groups are using a mailing tube. It is either made of cardboard or plastic. [Amazon mailing tube](#)

16. How do I register for CWSF as a finalist?

Once your name has been entered by your delegate or the regional coordinator, you will be sent a login. Once you have gone through the two-step verification; you will be able to register your project and enter important information. Your delegate and regional coordinator will help you through the process.

17. Are there different project classifications that are different from my regional fair.

Yes, there may be a difference between your regional fairs project classification and CWSF's. [Read over CWSF's project classifications and Project Challenges.](#)

18. Is there a description of the display area and the requirements of size and shape for the project.

Yes, there is a document describing the display area and dimensions for the project. [Download a Full description of the board, dimensions and expectations](#)

19. Is there a template for the display sheets for the various types of projects.

[CWSF Poster Template \(pdf\)](#)

[Discovery CWSF Poster Template Innovation \(pdf\)](#)

[CWSF Poster Template Sample Airplane \(pdf\)](#)

[Designing Your CWSF Poster \(pdf\)](#)

20. Is there a due date when all forms and registration must be complete?



Yes, all forms and registration must be completed by April 30th, 2025. This does not mean that you have to stop working on your project. This is a date for all registration.

21. Will there be opportunities for networking at the fair?

Yes, the Canada-Wide Science Fair includes various networking events, allowing finalists to connect with peers, judges, and industry professionals. Also, there will be many opportunities to pin trade with other finalists. [Pin Trading](#)

22. Are there any specific presentation guidelines I should follow?

Finalists will be required to present their projects to judges. The presentation should be concise, typically lasting about 7 minutes, followed by a Q&A session. You should have a presentation that is less in time (5 minutes) to prepare for judges for the special awards and spontaneous judging.

It is recommended you present your project for 3-5mins and the judges will then ask you questions for the remaining time. All interview panels will have multiple judges and your judges will have viewed your ProjectBoard site before the interviews.

Medal interviews are 20-minutes; special award interviews are 10 minutes.

23. How are projects judged?

Projects are evaluated based on criteria such as scientific thought, creativity, thoroughness, communication, and overall presentation. Judges will provide feedback as part of the evaluation process. You will have a schedule at your presentation to tell you the times the judges will arrive and any other activities that have been programmed for the day like the STEM Fair.

24. Will there be an awards ceremony?

Yes, an awards ceremony will be held on June 5, 2025, where winners will be announced and recognized for their accomplishments. Tickets will be made available for purchase for parents in time before the fair. They are available from the online CWSF [gift shop](#).

25. Can parents visit the finalists at CWSF?



Yes, parents can visit with the finalists during the designated times and days. The finalists have a full schedule during the week. It is filled with judging, workshops, labs, and other activities.

[Parent Guardian Handbook](#)

26. What does the Judging Form for CWSF look like?

[CWSF Judging Form](#)

27. Is there a registration fee for finalists?

There are no registration fees for finalists. This has been taken care of when your regional fair paid for your registration.

28. Will travel expenses be covered for finalists?

Finalists are typically responsible for their own travel expenses. However, some regional support may be available; please check with your local science fair committee for details.

29. Will we be guided to the proper registration area and our rooms when we get to CWSF?

We will be greeted at the arrival point by a team of volunteers and directed where we can pick up our luggage, keys and packages and directed where to go for our rooms. **DO NOT LOOSE YOUR KEYS. THERE IS A CHARGE FOR EACH LOST KEY.**

Sometimes the keys are electronic cards.

30. Will we receive anything for passing through security?

Yes, you will receive a pouch which you can put around your neck. Do not lose it. You can store your keys or key card in it and also, it is great for putting your traded pins on.

31. What if I have a mentor for my project?

There is a mentor form that you have to fill in and send up during registration. [Mentor Form](#)

32. Do I need a logbook?



Yes, a logbook is very important to your project and to the judging. QRSTF [Logbook file](#) It shows your thinking processes throughout the scientific research.

33. Will there be WIFI available while we are at CWSF?

There is usually WIFI throughout the building including the residences, the display hall and the main lab areas.

34. Is there a place at CWSF for down time?

Yes, there is the finalist lounge. These areas are set aside so that you can pin trade, play games or do activities. Make sure your delegate knows where you are at all times.

35. Do I have to put my project up on the virtual portal during registration?

Yes, but it will be a modified reduced version of your project. This is so the public will be able to see your project online if they can't visit it in person.

36. Do I have to use CWSF Template for my display sheet?

No, you can use the Scientific Method if you wish. CWSF template is formulated toward a question-and-answer approach.

37. Do I have to use the labels for the online portal presentation for my project?

No, you can change them to suit your project.

38. Do I have to have a video describing myself and my project?

Yes, there is a spot in the registration and inputting of your project where you must complete a one-minute video of yourself and the project.

39. What accommodations are available for finalists?

The accommodations for the finalists will be in the residences. Finalists usually have a roommate. The delegates will discuss this and hopefully you have one of your team mates as a roommate.

40. Will I have a roommate at CWSF.



Yes, you may have a roommate from another part of Canada or one of your teammates.

41. Are there any travel grants available for finalists?

Some regional and national organizations may offer travel grants to support finalists. Check with your local science fair organizers for more information.

42. What is the dress code for the event?

Business casual attire is recommended for main parts of the fair, especially during judging presentations and the awards ceremony. You should dress for success for the awards and judging. During the other times it is casual dress.

43. Is there a Code of Conduct document?

Yes, there is a code of conduct not just for finalists but for delegates as well. [Code of Conduct](#)

44. Will meals be provided at the fair?

Meals will be provided during the event. If you have any dietary requirements, make sure you make them known during the registration. They will do all they can to support your needs at CWSF.

45. Can I update my project after submission?

Yes, finalists may make improvements or updates to their projects leading up to the fair, but ensure all changes are documented.

46. What should I do if I have special dietary needs?

Please inform the event organizers in the registration process of any dietary restrictions or requirements in advance so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

47. How can I contact the event organizers if I have questions?

It is best to reach out to your delegate(s) for answers. They have the contacts so that your question can be answered correctly.



48. How will we contact each other in case we get separated?

A delegate is to know where you are at all times. We will be exchanging cell phone numbers for CWSF so that parents and finalists can contact the delegates and finalists at all times. It is important that we stay in communication.

49. Will there be any workshops or sessions during the fair?

Yes, there will be various workshops and sessions designed to enhance your experience and provide additional learning opportunities.

50. How do we thank the sponsors that provided support to allows us to attend CWSF?

We will provide postcards that will be mailed from CWSF to the sponsors. You will be able to put a small message on the postcard to thank them for the opportunity and support.

51. What should I do if I need to withdraw from the competition?

If you need to withdraw, please notify your delegate and regional coordinator as soon as possible to allow for proper adjustments. Follow the withdrawal procedures outlined in your finalist packet.

52. Will travel expenses be covered for finalists?

Finalists are responsible to travel to the place where the Team will meet to travel to CWSF. It is dependent on where you live. Expenses to airports and to the team meeting point is usually up to the finalist. QRSTF will provide transportation to the airport from Belleville. The travel from the airport or by bus to CWSF has been paid for by the CWSF registration fees that have usually been paid for by the regional science fair.

53. What if I have any travel deviations from the schedule of from travel to and from CWSF?

There is a form you must fill out and have approved by all levels before the deviation can be done. [Deviation Form](#)

54. Are there any judging techniques I should use?

A. Remember you can say “I don’t know” to a judge’s question. However, you can add or in place of that the comment was a great idea and could be part of my future considerations.



- B. Familiarize yourself with the judging criteria provided by the organizers. These criteria typically include factors such as scientific merit, creativity, presentation, and clarity of communication. Tailor your presentation and materials to address these criteria effectively.
- C. Prepare questions that the judges might ask. Anticipate a wide range of questions that judges may ask about your project, including inquiries about methodology, data analysis, limitations, and future directions. Prepare concise, informative responses to these questions.
- D. Develop visual aids, such as posters, slides, or demonstration materials, to accompany your presentation. Use these aids to enhance understanding and illustrate key points of your project.
- E. Consider creating handouts, business cards, contact information or brochures about your project to distribute to judges and visitors. This can help them understand your research in more detail and remember your work.
- F. Practice your presentation in front of peers, teachers, or mentors, and solicit their feedback. Use their insights to refine your presentation and address any areas for improvement.
- G. Stay Calm and Confident: On the day of the fair, remain calm and composed during your presentation. Approach the judges with confidence, enthusiasm, and a positive attitude. Remember that they are genuinely interested in your work and want to learn more about it.
- H. Engage with the Judges: During your presentation, actively engage with the judges by making eye contact, speaking clearly, and inviting questions. Demonstrate your passion for your project and your willingness to discuss it in depth.
- I. Be Open to Feedback: After your presentation, be receptive to feedback from the judges. Listen attentively to their comments and suggestions, and use them as reference.



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The Quinte Regional Science and Technology Fair runs completely on volunteers. We appreciate the time you have given to our fair, and to the youth of our community. It is only with volunteers such as yourself that we are able to go beyond the books and classroom walls to show students that science is all around us in the “real world” and that there are opportunities in the field. We hope that you will take part in next year’s science fair. See you then.