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2018 – Angelina County Science & Tech Fair Official Rules

Overview: The Angelina County Science & Tech Fair is an annual event hosted by the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce. The event is planned and implemented by a Science & Tech Fair Committee, Angelina County science and technology teachers, home school coordinators, and members of the business community.

Participants: Participants must be Angelina County students in grades 6-12, including public, private, and home schools. Participants shall turn in a Parental/Student Agreement Form the day of the event in a designated area to participate in the Angelina County Science & Tech Fair. A digital Entry Form for each individual and/or team competing shall be submitted on the Angelina County Science & Tech Fair Google Site

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[SSFtFlocO173YIF7iYBAobYWEBEpwK2DOcRMdyco/exec](https://script.google.com/macros/s/AKfycbyVISYt9V-SSFtFlocO173YIF7iYBAobYWEBEpwK2DOcRMdyco/exec)). Competitions will specify single or team participation. The number of eligible team members will be included in the event rules for each event. In case of a tie, a team will be given the advantage over a singular entry.

- Middle School (Grades 6-8) competition
- High School (Grades 9-12) competition

Events: The Events (Competitions) for the 21th Annual Angelina County Science & Technology Fair are:

- Conversion Contraption
- Catapult
- Think Tank
- Life Science
- Robotics

Rules: Rules for each of the contests are available from:

- Science & Tech Fair website: www.angelinascienceandtech.com
- Science and technology teachers at middle school and high school campuses
- Home school coordinators
- The Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce (1615 S. Chestnut in Lufkin)

Preliminary Judging on Campuses: The science and technology teachers on each campus are charged with hosting preliminary judging on their campus. They will be asked to eliminate projects that are not compliant with the rules and to choose the projects to send to the S&T Fair Check-in (**May 3, 2018**) and Competition (**May 4, 2018**). Teachers' decisions are final.

Deadlines: Deadline for teachers to ensure all electronic entries submitted by **April 6, 2018**. Notebooks must be submitted electronically to the Google Site by **April 27, 2018**. Parental agreement forms are to be turned in day of competition **May 4, 2018** in designated locations.

Attendance: Only students competing in an event will be allowed to leave their school campus to attend the Science & Tech Fair, unless special arrangements are made with the school.

To compete in the Angelina County Science & Tech Fair

1. Complete an Entry Form provided by school for the event chosen to enter – one form per team per competition. Turn in entry forms to your teacher by their deadline.
2. Complete a Parental/Student Agreement form for each student and turn in the day of event in designated area.

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3. Check your project in at the George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center on **May 3, 2018 between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** Projects must be complete and all portions must be presented at check-in. No partial projects will be accepted. At least one student per project must be present at check-in (any deviation must have prior approval from the Science & Tech Fair Chairman).

Disqualification:

- All of the competitions require an electronic notebook submission except robotics. The lack of an electronic notebook will be grounds for disqualification. Notebooks are required to be submitted electronically to the Science & Tech Fair website one week prior to project check-in/competition. Electronic submissions of notebooks **will only be accepted in .PDF format.**
- Event Rules specify additional requirements for projects.
- Each project should be original. Any duplicate/repeat entries from previous years will be investigated by Science & Tech Fair Chairman.

Student Attire: Schools are asked to have their students wear school t-shirts for quick identification for all events except Think Tank. The Think Tank participants are asked to dress professionally for their presentation.

Banners: Each school should provide a banner at check-in at the Information Station located near the announcer booth. The Logistics/Signage Committee will hang the banner in a specified section for each school. Students should sit in the area behind their campus banner.

Student Transportation: Schools will transport students to and from Expo Center the day of competition. Students are discouraged from driving private vehicles to Expo Center. Buses and all vehicles will park on the zoo (north) side of the Expo Center.

Project Pickup:

- After competition, students must pick up and remove ALL projects from the Expo Center competition areas. Students may leave projects outside in a designated area for late-pickup that same day. Projects cannot be left in the competition areas! Anything left in the competition area will be disposed of by the cleanup crew at the Expo Center immediately following the event (around 2:00 p.m.).
- A **LATE PICK-UP AREA** will be designated outside the Expo Center for late pickup of projects on the same day as competition. Students are responsible for moving their projects to this area prior to leaving the Expo Center for the day. The Angelina County Science & Tech Fair, George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center, and the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce are not responsible for any projects left outside for late pick-up. It is recommended that projects be picked up by 6:00 p.m. on the day of the event. Projects in the late-up area will be disposed of if still present the morning following competition.

Questions: Questions and comments pertaining to the Science & Tech Fair should be directed to Susie Cardwell via email at scardwell@lufkintexas.org.

Parents and Volunteer Parking: Parking is allowed only on the zoo (north) side of the Expo Center.

**** By attending or participating in the Science & Tech Fair, you are giving the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce permission to use any likeness or photography taken during any part of this event for publicity purposes. ****