



Hi everyone,

I wanted to welcome you to sign up for the annual WESEF area - Science Research Teachers workshop/gathering/dinner. We are excited to continue to build the "family" that we have had in our WESEF community.

This has become a very valuable venue where experienced and new teachers can share ideas regarding all aspects of our multi-faceted, multi grade level, Science Research programs. It has also been instrumental in forming bonds between teachers that have become a fantastic source of support over the school year(s).

In the past, this event took place at my house, however we decided to continue to use the venue we used in 2022 which is the beautiful, Edith Macy Conference Center in Briarcliff.

Please fill out brief registration form, using the link at the bottom of this email so that we can properly prepare for this event. We hope you can join us.

The basic information for this event is as follows:

Date: **Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **3:30 – 7:30**

Location: **Edith Macy Conference Center** - 550 Chappaqua Rd, Briarcliff Manor, NY

Cost: **\$35 per person.**

- The cost is actually \$60/person or more, but thanks to our wonderful sponsors, WESEF is supplementing the difference in cost of the food and beverages for the duration of the event.
  - **Payment can be made via PayPal to @WESEFtreasurer or using this link <http://www.PayPal.me/WESEFtreasurer>**  
This is a different link than the registration link which is below
  - **Please note that there is a PayPal.me/WESEF or @WESEF on PayPal and those are NOT us. The actual WESEF account has our logo**
  - Payment can also be made by cash or check made out to “WESEF” and brought to the event on that day.

Basic Schedule during workshop:

- **3:30–4:00** Getting to know each other/ice-breakers
  - Appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks will be available starting at 3:30
  - all food and refreshments are included in the \$35/person price
- **4:00–6:00** Workshop topics
  - WESEF Registration (online via zFairs)
  - Project categories (how to determine)

- Forms including
    - Dates
    - Different roles of the “Adult Sponsor”, “Qualified Scientist” and “Designated Supervisor”
    - Common WESEF paperwork problems and how to avoid them
  - Common reasons a project would fail to qualify at WESEF/ISEF
  - Rules for participating in WESEF (set up on Fri., March 17, WESEF on Sat. March 18)
  - Rules for project display at WESEF (vs. other competitions)
  - Judging process
  - Judge recruitment
  - Awards - special awards vs. place in category vs. grand awards (Ceremony is on Thurs. March 22)
  - Differences between Grand awards (ISEF and Genius Olympiad)
  - Differences between winning a spot at for the Genius Olympiad at WESEF vs. via paper submission
  - Frequently Asked Questions
  - Review of additional competitions including; Regeneron-STS, WR-JSHS, Tri-County, Genius Olympiad.
- **6:00–7:30** Dinner and dessert with opportunity to continue conversations about teaching Science Research and participating in the different competitions.

Link to register: <https://forms.gle/5mBdXTM5o82GH5Gg6>

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