

QRSTF Parent/Guardian and Student Guide

Responsibilities during **Quinte Regional Science and Technology Fair**

1. Ensure the participating child/children are dropped off at the venue, with all the materials they need, **before** the judging period begins, between 8:15 AM and 8:45 AM. Judging begins at 9 am.
2. Leave the secured venue. The general public is welcome to return when public viewing commences at 11:30 AM. Participants receive support and guidance from our numerous volunteer ushers and members of the QRSTF committee. To be clear, Parents/Teachers/Guardians that enter the space before public viewing will be asked to leave the venue. Should a student require specific accommodations, please communicate them during the registration process.
3. Attend public viewing as possible to engage with the students. Please ensure your interactions are constructive, courteous and collaborative. Any comments deemed inappropriate, abrasive, unkind or otherwise unsuitable for a children's event will be documented and dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the Co-Chairs of the QRSTF.
4. Please attend the Awards Ceremony with your participant(s) if possible. While attendance is not mandatory, it is strongly encouraged. It is at the Awards Ceremony that all the Special Awards are bestowed.
5. Be respectful and courteous to all participants, judges, volunteers, and other parents.

Responsibilities for children attending the **Canada-Wide Science Fair** while representing QRSTF

1. Students will attend weekly check-in and preparation meetings with the delegates and other students. (Dates to be determined).
2. Students will prepare to spend a week away from home (packing, school work, etc.).
3. Students travelling to CWSF will send thank you postcards or letters to sponsors from the Canada-wide Science Fair.
4. Students must follow all Youth Science Canada policy.
5. Students must travel with the group. This helps develop an esprit de Coeur which greatly enhances their experience.
6. Students are expected to adhere to the QRSTF dress code. This will be described fully during the preparation meetings.

Responsibilities for Parents attending the **Canada-Wide Science Fair**.

1. All parents that fly with or travel with Team Quinte to CWSF must follow all YSC (Youth Science Canada) policies. There is a detailed 16-page Parent/Guardian Guide posted at youthscience.public.doctract.com.
2. Parents attending the CWSF, are encouraged to attend the Award Ceremony, and public viewing sessions. Otherwise, parents are asked to minimize in-person interaction with the finalists to allow them to take in the full CWSF experience. All visitation times are governed by YSC.

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3. Parents are expected to stay behind the scenes. Let your child shine. Avoid interfering with judging, media interviews, or networking opportunities. Parents can not take students overnight from a CWSF event.

Additional information:

1. Letters will be sent to the students' schools to request a reduced homework load.
2. Keeping in touch at CWSF. During CWSF there are times when the group will be separated. Delegates always know where the students are. Where possible, the delegates will create a texting group so that all members can stay in touch.

