



INSPIRING TOMORROW'S INNOVATORS

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Annual WESEF Science Research Teachers Workshop & Dinner

One afternoon. A year's worth of ideas, answers & connections.

We invite you to sign up for the annual WESEF area Science Research Teachers workshop, gathering, and dinner. This event continues to strengthen the WESEF 'family' by bringing together experienced and new teachers to share ideas about every aspect of multi-faceted, multi-grade-level Science Research programs. Over the years, it has become a valuable source of practical guidance, collaboration, and support that lasts throughout the school year.



This year's event will be held at 141 Family Eatery in Thornwood on Thursday, Oct. 1st

Please complete the brief registration form by Friday, September 18th so we can properly prepare for the event.

Important: the registration link is different from the PayPal payment link.



Why Attend?

- 1 Gain practical guidance on WESEF registration, paperwork, judging, awards, and deadlines.
- 2 Share strategies for motivating students and overcoming common Science Research obstacles.
- 3 Connect with Science Research teachers from across Westchester and Putnam Counties.
- 4 Enjoy dinner, conversation, and a network of support you can rely on throughout the year.

*Great Research Teachers
Inspire the Future STEM Leaders*



Basic Information



Date: Thursday, October 1st



Time: 3:30 – 7:00



Location: 141 Family Eatery
Thornwood, NY



Cost: \$100 per person

Payment may be made by cash, personal check, school check, or PayPal Giving Fund. If you need a receipt, please email treasurer@wesef.org.



Quick Payment & Registration Notes

- Registration form: please complete it by Friday, September 18th.
- PayPal Giving Fund link:
<https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1973345>
- The registration link is separate from the PayPal link.
- If paying by school check, include a completed copy of the invoice with payment.

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Detailed Schedule, Topics & Payment Information

Practical guidance, important updates, and meaningful conversation for Science Research teachers.

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Basic Schedule

1 3:30 – 4:00 Re-connecting and meeting the new Science Research teachers

- Appetizers and beverages (included) will be available starting at 3:30

2 4:00 – 6:00 Workshop Topics

Registration and Payment

- WESEF Registration (online via zFairs)
- WESEF invoice and payment

Science Review Committee Presentation

- WESEF project categories (how to determine them)
- WESEF forms including
- Pre-Approval Process
- Important 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

General Review of WESEF

- Rules for participating in WESEF
- Set-up on Friday, March 12
- WESEF on Saturday, March 13
- Rules for project display at WESEF vs. other competitions

Judge Review

- Judging process
- Judge recruitment

Awards

- Special awards vs. place in category vs. grand awards
- Awards ceremony on Thursday, March 18
- Differences between Grand Awards (ISEF and Genius Olympiad)
- Differences between winning a spot for the Genius Olympiad at WESEF vs. via research paper submission

Q & A

- Open discussion and questions

Quick Presentations: Additional Science Fairs / STEM Competitions

- Somers Science Fair
- Putnam, Westchester, Rockland Senior Science Symposium
- Westchester Regional Middle School Science & Engineering Fair (WRMSSEF)
- Regeneron Mentorship Program

3 6:00 – 7:00 Dinner and Dessert

- Opportunity to continue conversations about teaching Science Research and participating in the different competitions.



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- If paying by check, make checks payable to "WESEF."
- Checks may be brought to the workshop or mailed at least a week in advance.
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INVOICE

Westchester Science and Engineering Fair Workshop

Regeneron-ISEF affiliated
Westchester/Putnam Science
and Engineering Fair

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Location: 141 Family Eatery

Located in the Town Center at Thornwood
1006 Broadway Thornwood, NY 10594

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2026

Arrivals and Reconnecting: 3:30pm

Official start and end time: 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Description: The WESEF Executive Board invites Science Research teachers from the region to join us for a workshop to review fair and competition paperwork, rules, best practices, FAQs, and a variety of other topics.

School Name: _____

Teacher Name(s): _____

Teacher email address(es): _____

**Registration fee: \$100 per person
in SCHOOL CHECK/PO, CASH, PERSONAL CHECK, PayPal
(Covers food/beverage and workshop materials)**

Instructions:

- ☐ Payment can be made by school check/PO, cash, personal check, or PayPal Giving Fund @ <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1973345>
- ☐ Make checks payable to “WESEF”
- ☐ Purchase orders can be emailed to treasurer@wesef.org
- ☐ CHECKS can be brought to the workshop or mailed to our address at least a week in advance. Cash should be brought to the workshop.
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