

2010 OTEA Spring Conference – School Exhibits

Well, it is that time again. I hope that everyone is having a rewarding and successful year. We would like to invite you to participate in the conference school exhibits program and give your students an opportunity to receive the recognition they, as well as you, deserve for their accomplishments. The conference is right around the corner so begin planning now.

The 2010 OTEA conference will be held in Columbus at *Thomas Worthington High School* on Friday April 9 - Saturday April 10. Notice that this is different from last year.

The school exhibits display will be in the hallways between the conference entrance and commons area. The plans are to utilize 6' tables, as we used in 2008 and 2009, so keep this in mind as you are determining your table requests. Also, parking we will be outside and adjacent to the rear of the school. Loading and unloading will be out back along the bus loading areas with exhibits being brought in through the rear double doors (3' each with a center post).

The main categories this year will be again broken down into sub-categories to assist in categorizing exhibits for instructors. The seven main categories are: Manufacturing-Materials & Processes, Manufacturing-Mass Production, Graphic Arts, Computer Generated Technology, Construction/Architecture, Energy/Power/Transportation, and Bio-Related Technology. The sub-categories are listed under each category in the exhibits application. **Please take note of the addition of an *Engineering* category, refinement of the *Energy/Power* category, and the removal of *Robotics* from *Energy/Power* to the new *Engineering* category. There is also a need for more thorough completion of the exhibit tags, and increased neat project documentation of the school exhibits at this year's conference.**

All exhibitors are required to judge an area in a different age level from that exhibited in. Awards for 1st and 2nd place will be given in each sub-category. The awards of each sub-category will be judged to determine the Best-of-Show and Runner-up in each main category using a criteria system. The Best-of-Shows in all main categories will once again be judged to determine the Zupancic Award by the Past-Presidents. The Past-Presidents will once again judge for outstanding Technology display as in years past.

It is very important that instructors wishing to exhibit please fill out the school exhibits application, indicate the number of project cards needed, and return your form prior to the ***March 12th*** deadline to reserve your space.

Note – to facilitate judging we are going to provide a count of actual projects in each category per school to each judge to help make sure projects are not skipped over during judging. Therefore on the application, exhibitors need to indicate an estimated number of projects in each category that they plan on exhibiting in the spaces provided. In the school exhibits packet, along with guidelines, procedures, and exhibit tags, a project count sheet will be included to complete with exact actual number of projects exhibited. This form will be sent to the school exhibits manager prior to arrival at the facility. Judging forms will be generated from those actual exhibit count sheets prior to judging. Packets will be mailed out to all registered exhibitors **March 19th. Please make note that setup will begin **Friday April 9 at 12:00 pm** and Judging to start promptly at **5:45pm**. Efforts will be made to accommodate special requests on a first come basis. Have a good year and see you at the conference!**