

# Irving Homeschool Fair Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions

**Below you will find the guidelines for the 2010, Irving Homeschool Fair along with a list of frequently asked questions. If we missed addressing your question or you need more information, please find contact information at the bottom of this page.**

## Guidelines

- 1) All Irving Homeschool Fair participants are required to fill out a Fair Participation Form. Forms will be available Feb. 23rd online at: [www.irvinghomeschoolers.com](http://www.irvinghomeschoolers.com) or at Lee Park Recreation Center.
- 2) The Irving Homeschool Fair is open to any homeschooling families that live in the City of Irving and/or homeschooling families that are current members of an Irving based homeschool group or those that are part of the Coppell Homeschool Group.
- 3) Check in time on the day of the event will begin at 9:15am.
- 4) Children may enter as many divisions as they choose. All items entered must be made/completed in 2009/10 homeschooling year and have the child's full name and age on the back of the item. Please see item 9 for additional information.
- 5) A pre-selected panel of judges will judge entrees received. All entrees will receive an award ribbon. Ribbons consist of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- 6) In order for judging to be completed on time, **the writing category** (poems, essays, short stories) will be pre-judged. **ONLY** these entries **must be turned into Lee Park by March 20th**. No entries in the writing category will be accepted after March 20th.
- 7) Please – no frames on photography or fine art entry's. Photography items must be 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 in size. No other sizes will be accepted. Fine art entrees should be original works with a size limit of 12 x 16.
- 8) For a complete list of entry divisions available, please refer to the HomeSchool Fair Announcement page.
- 9) Please limit entries to one per category. Children may enter two items in the craft category. Two different types of entries per child are permitted in the craft category.
- 10) Siblings are welcome to participate in one group project. However, these items will not be judged. They will be for display purposes only.
- 11.) Please remember:** The Irving Homeschool Fair is an opportunity for our homeschooled children to display ***their*** many talents. We ask that parent involvement on all projects is limited.
12. All projects must be left on display until 3:00pm. Items need to be picked up between 3:00 and 4:00pm on Fair Day. Any items left in the gym after 4:00pm will be recycled.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**1) When and where are all forms available?**

*Participation forms, T-shirt forms and Olympic game release forms will be available online and at Lee Park on Feb. 23rd. Forms can be downloaded at: [www.irvinghomeschoolers.com](http://www.irvinghomeschoolers.com) .*

**2) When do I need to turn in my forms?**

*The Participation form deadline is March 22<sup>nd</sup>.. The Olympic game release form needs to be attached to your participation form. **T-shirt order forms must be received by March 17th.***

**3) What is the cost of the fair?**

*The Irving Homeschool Fair is \$2.00 per person.*

**4) Can we bring extended family members to the Fair?**

*Yes..*

**5) Where do I return my forms and payment?**

*Please return forms and payment (with the exception of the t-shirt form) to Lee Park Recreation Center. Please note deadlines on all forms!*

**6) Will I need to pay for lunch while at the Fair?**

*Lunch is included in the days events.*

**7) I would like to volunteer to help at the Fair. Can I do that?**

*Yes! Yes! Yes! If you would like to volunteer, please put this info on your participation form.*

**8) How many items can my child enter?**

*Children are welcome to enter as many categories as they would like. Please see item 9 of the guidelines for specifics concerning this question.*

**9) Does my child need to be present when the Science projects are judged?**

*Yes, if the project requires verbal explanation. Along with the child's presence, a written explanation of the project needs to be included with the display.*

**10) What are the judges looking for when judging my child's projects?**

**Writing category:** *Judging based on: Content, Grammar, Creativity - Writing projects MUST be typed or hand written by the student. Judges will also note word count.*

**Art:** *Judging based on: Originality for child's age, use of medium, artistic techniques, and composition.*

**Baking:** *Judging based on: Taste. Originality.. Creative*

**Science:** *Judging based on: Scientific method. One page report*

**Crafts, I'm Recyclable, Photography, Sewing:** *Judging based on originality for child's age and techniques used*

**Have a question we did not address? Please contact Tyrone Thurman at Lee Park Recreation Center for additional information. 972-721-2508 or Karen Harmon at: 972-790-7856 [kharmontx@aol.com](mailto:kharmontx@aol.com)**

