

## Design and Preparation of your poster for NWSES fairs

Your poster should answer these four questions:

- Why did you do this project?
- What methods did you use to carry out the project?
- What were your results or findings?
- How do your results expand our understanding of the field?

A poster cannot contain all of the words that you would write in a paper. A poster should be easily understandable by the viewer because it is written in clear, short statements; in a readable type-face (at least 16 point); and it has well-designed and clearly labeled graphics.

The poster is organized from left to right, top to bottom, with each section clearly labeled. The abstract should be on the top left, followed below by a brief introduction and a statement of your hypothesis. The middle panel should show an outline of your methods and then your results, in the form of tables or graphs, with a brief sentence interpreting each graphic. Be sure to include appropriate statistical tests. The right panel should have your conclusions and discussion on the top and your references on the bottom.

If you would like to provide additional information for the judges, you may bring a paper that you prepared on the topic. This may include additional graphic materials, photographs, data, notes, etc. However, the basic four questions of the project should be answered on the poster itself.

If your project is a continuation from last year, be sure to provide the proper form and make clear that the poster is new information from that presented previously.

In presenting a team project, each member of the team should be prepared to speak to the judges and to make clear each individual contribution.