Dates to Remember

January 27, 2012
CARSEF Application Packet Deadline

March 3, 2012
UAB Regional Fair (CARSEF) (Birmingham, Alabama)

April 5 - 7, 2012
Alabama State Fair (ASEF) (Huntsville, Alabama)

May 13 - 18, 2012
Intel International Fair (ISEF) (Pittsburg, Pennsylvania)

UAB-CORD
2012 Central Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair
For Middle and High School Students Grades 5-12

CARSEF At-A-Glance

7:00 - 8:30 am Registration and Setup (Jr. & Sr. Division)
7:30 - 9:00 am Display & Safety Review
8:00 - 9:00 am Judges Briefing
9:00 - 10:00 am Student/Parent Orientation
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Judges Project Review (9-10am without students)
12:00 - 1:30 pm Lunch
12:00 - 3:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open to Public
1:00 - 4:00 pm Judges Selection Session
1:30 - 3:30 pm Campus Showcase
4:00 pm Students Return to Rec. Center
4:30 - 5:30 pm Awards Ceremony
5:30 - 6:30 pm Project Breakdown (Jr. & Sr. Division)

Tentative Schedule (Subject to change)

Sponsored in Part by:

March 3, 2012
UAB Campus Recreation Center
1501 University Boulevard
Birmingham, Alabama 35294
The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Center for Community OutReach Development (CORD) will host the Central Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair (CARSEF) at the UAB Campus Recreation Center, March 3, 2012. We will conduct the traditional fair, thus selecting students to compete at the Alabama State Science and Engineering Fair (ASEF) in Huntsville, Alabama, and the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Students who are unable to meet the ISEF timetable and/or requirements will be allowed to present at the regional fair and compete for the non-ISEF-related awards and prizes. Such students will not be eligible to advance to the State Fair and INTEL.

**Path to Intel ISEF**

**To reach the Intel ISEF, students must participate in a high school or local science fair.**

Participation at the high school or local level, enables students to compete in a regional or state fair (unless otherwise stated by your school rules).

Students are eligible to compete at the Intel ISEF if they win at the Regional or State level. The UAB-CORD Regional Science and Engineering Fair can send up to 3 finalists directly to the International Science and Engineering Fair.

**CARSEF Rules and Procedures**

All students who wish to compete in the UAB Regional Fair must submit all required application forms by 5:00 pm, January 27, 2012. Forms may be e-mailed as PDFs, faxed or mailed to:

Central Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair (CARSEF)  
c/o CORD, Room 503, CHSB 19  
933 19th Street South  
Birmingham, AL  35294-2041  
Phone: 205-934-5125  
Fax: 205-934-5158  
E-Mail: ccord@uab.edu

Visit our website, www.uab.edu/cord and click on the UAB-CORD Regional Science & Engineering Fair link to find out more about CARSEF guidelines and requirements!

**General Science and Engineering Fair Requirements**

Students who wish to compete for placement in the State or Intel ISEF must fulfill all timing issues and requirements of the International Fair. These include the following:

1) Any student in grades 9-12 or equivalent is eligible, none of whom has reached age 21 on or before May 1st preceding the Intel ISEF may compete in the Regional Senior Division. Any student in grades 5-8 may compete in the Regional Junior Division.

2) Each student may enter only one project which covers research done over a maximum of 12 continuous months between January 2011 and May 2012.

3) Team projects may have a maximum of three members.

4) Projects which are continuations of previous year’s work and which require IRB/SRC approval must be re-approved prior to experimentation/data collection for the current year.

5) All projects must adhere to the Ethics Statement below.

6) Students will be judged only on the most recent year’s research. This project year includes research conducted over a maximum of 12 continuous months from January 2011 to May 2012.

**ETHICS STATEMENT**

Scientific fraud and misconduct are not condoned at any level of research or competition. Such practices include plagiarism, forgery, use or presentation of other researcher’s work as one’s own and fabrication of data. Fraudulent projects will fail to qualify for competition in affiliated fairs or the Intel ISEF.