



Georgia Council for the Social Studies
2018 Regional Social Studies Fairs
Fair Dates, Deadlines for Entries, and
Contact Information

1. School District Level Social Studies/Fair Coordinators or Curriculum Directors (if there is no district level *social studies* coordinator) should sign and submit entries to the regional directors. If you are a school level coordinator, consult with your school district social studies coordinator/curriculum director for your role in the process and to determine who is coordinating the entries for your district/system.
2. The state is divided into regions based on student population. A listing of regions, the school systems they serve, and the number of regional entries allowed for each district/system can be found in the GCSS Regional Divisions document at <http://www.gcss.net>. Contact information for regional directors is included in the regional fair information following this section. System social studies fair coordinators may email your regional director to ask him/her to put you on a list for possible last minute updates.
3. All requested information on the first page of the **official regional/state entry form must be completed using the computer completion feature** (not handwritten); information on the second page should be handwritten, signed and marked by parents or guardians. Old forms or incomplete, illegible, or inaccurate teacher and parent sections will cause a delay in the organization process and publicizing of winners. Lack of accurate information may result in inappropriate t-shirt sizes (when t-shirts are funded) at the state contest or the Best In Fair teacher award being given to the wrong person. Parents and school officials, please be certain all blanks are complete and accurate and that **choices are circled** before forwarding entries to the system level. Coach students to **follow all directions**, so that no points will be deducted in a run-off situation.
4. Regional Directors will enter their sixteen best projects in the GCSS State Social Studies Fair (to be held **April 14, 2018**, at Clayton State University) no later than **March 31, 2017**.

East Metro Regional Fair

Fair Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018

Deadline for Entries: January 31, 2018

Fair Director: Virnilisa Printup

vprintup@studentsrockdalek12ga.onmicrosoft.com

(770) 860-4263

Twitter: RCPS_SS

Fair Location: Memorial Middle School

3205 Underwood Road, SE

Conyers, GA 30013

Project set-up: 8 AM-9 AM

Project interviews: 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

Awards: 1:30 PM

Mail entry forms to

Virnilisa Printup

Rockdale County Public Schools

954 N. Main Street

Conyers, GA 3012

Northeast Regional Fair

Fair Date: February 17, 2018 (8:00 AM-2:00 PM)
(Entry forms must be postmarked or hand-delivered
by 2:00 PM on Monday, **February 12, 2018.**)

Location: The University of North Georgia
Martha T. Nesbitt Building Cleveland Room 3110
3820 Mundy Mill Road
Oakwood, GA

Please mail forms to:

Fair Director: Dr. Linda K. Reece
University of North Georgia | Gainesville Campus
College of Education
119 Oakwood Building
Oakwood, GA 30566
Linda.reece@ung.edu
(678) 717-2368

Project set up: 8am-9am
Project interviews: 9:30am-11:30am
Awards: 1:30pm

Northwest Regional Fair

**Fair Date/Times: Saturday, March 17, 2018
(8:00 AM to approximately 2:00 PM)
(Entry forms must be postmarked by February 20, 2018.)**

**Location: North Cobb High School
(See signs on the site for specific rooms.)
3400 Old 41 Hwy NW
Kennesaw, GA 30144**

**Fair Director: JoAnn Wood
(770) 355-9695
msjoannwood@gmail.com**

Mail entry forms to
JoAnn Wood
293 Vance Circle
Marietta, GA 30060

Southeast (Richard Persico Regional Fair)

**Fair Date: February 24, 2018 (8:00 AM- approximately 2:00 PM)
(Entry forms due by February 16, 2018)**

Location: Georgia Southern University College of Education

Fair Director: Dr. Michelle Reidel

mreidel@georgiasouthern.edu

(912) 478-5806

Alternate contact person: Lori Wiggins

lwiggins@georgiasouthern.edu

(912) 478-5203

Mail entry forms to

Dr. Michelle Reidel

Georgia Southern University

P.O. Box 8134

Statesboro, GA 30460

Email entry forms to

Mreidel@georgiasouthern.edu

Project Set-up: 8:30 AM

Judging begins at 9 AM

Southwest Regional Fair

Fair Date: March 3, 2018 (9:00 AM-3:00 PM)

Deadline for Entry Materials: February 16, 2018

(Include typed entry form, signed media release permission form and typed copy of abstract. Follow Social Studies Fair guidelines at www.gcss.net.)

Fair Location:

The National Infantry Museum

1775 Legacy Way
Columbus, Ga 31903

Fair Director:

Piper Hudmon

Muscogee County School District

(706) 748-0783

System Social Studies Fair Coordinators email entries to

Hudmon.piper.L@muscogee.k12.ga.us

You will receive a reply e-mail indicating the number of entries received. If you do not receive the reply email, assume your entries were not received and call or re-send.

West Metro Regional Fair

Dates: March 9, 2018 (Mandatory set-up; see below.)

March 10, 2018 (Fair Day; see below.)

Deadline for Entry Forms: February 23, 2018

(Send entry forms to Dr. Powell at Lake Ridge Elementary.)

Fair Location:

Lake Ridge Elementary School
7900 Lake Ridge Circle
Riverdale, Ga 30297

Fair Director: Dr. Michael Powell

Phone: [\(770\) 907-5170](tel:7709075170)

Fax: [\(770\) 907-5185](tel:7709075185)

Email: Michael.Powell@clayton.k12.ga.us

Fair Dates:

Friday, March 9, 2018 4:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.: Mandatory Fair Set Up

Please be prepared to set your project up. All materials (including board, research paper, and abstract) must accompany the project. One person who worked on the project or a teacher can set the project up on this date.

Saturday, March 10, 2018 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.: The West Metro Fair will take place.

At least one student who worked on the project will need to be present to take part in a 10-minute interview. Students must be prepared to pick their projects up by 1:30 p.m.

We look forward to your participation this year. Any questions can be directed to the director via email: Michael.Powell@clayton.k12.ga.us. The email subject line should state "West Metro Fair".

Virtual Regional Fair

Dr. Freda Goodman will direct the Virtual Fair for virtual school students and traditional students with conflicts with other competitions on the days of their assigned regional fairs. Students who are selected for regular regional fairs by their systems, but who have competition conflicts should consult with their local social studies fair coordinator who will clear participation in the virtual fair with the state fair coordinator (smcoleman50@gmail.com). It is always important to clear participation in a fair with your system social studies coordinator or curriculum director when representing your system in competition.

Note: To be admitted to the Virtual Regional Fair and given a judging appointment, entries must have all required components and must have been through at least one prior judging process using the GCSS social studies fair virtual judging form (cleared by Dr. Goodman) or have been selected as a regional participant at a local school system fair (cleared by the state director).

The virtual format for this year will be the traditional research paper described in the regulations; a power point (requiring the same information as the traditional display) in lieu of a backboard; and an online narration/interview. Students coming from regular format local fairs must adapt their projects for virtual competition.

Specific dates and instructions are forthcoming. Check this website periodically for announcements about the virtual regional fair. These will be posted as soon as they are finalized, so please refrain from requesting information in advance.

An online interview time on the day of the Virtual Regional Fair will be assigned to each project. Directions will be emailed to the registered participants. The regional fair will take place in February or March (specifics TBA). No local virtual contest is required this year, but your virtual fair entry form must include the signature/approval of your system social studies coordinator or curriculum director (if there is no social studies coordinator).

There will be only one day for the assigned interviews (the regional fair date TBA) and one interview time assigned; a parent's or teacher's commitment to be available will be required to aid the student with connecting to the judges, should there be a technology problem.

Judging and state awards for virtual participants will be limited, additional to, and independent of the awards listed in the social studies fair guide.

State virtual award announcements will be made at the state fair. Students will be invited to appear in person to receive their awards.