What will the judge ask me?

When the judge comes to your project:
— stand up, stick out your hand and say:
— “Hi, my name is _____ and my project is _____ (state your title)”.
— Then, BRIEFLY summarize the project in 1 minute (maybe 2).
— Then, say: “Do you have any questions?”

PRACTICE this with friends and family – it will help with the nervousness.

Some judges will be judging their first science fair, while others will have judged several fairs at varying levels. Nevertheless there are many common questions and, the more you have thought about them, the better your interview experience will be.

20 Questions you should expect:

- Where did you get this idea?
- How did you come up with this title?
- What research did you do?
- What was your hypothesis?
- Why did you think that would happen?
- What were your independent and dependent variables?
- What was your control?
- What did you measure and how?
- How did you calculate that result?
- Why did you choose that amount, (or measurement, or piece of equipment, etc.)?
- How did you replicate the experiment?
- What does that graph tell you?
- How variable were your results and what might explain the variability?
- What did you base that conclusion on?
- Why/How are your findings important?
- Who might want to know this information?
- What would be the next experiment you would do?
- What was the hardest part (or most fun, or most exciting, or most surprising, etc.)?
- Who helped you?
- If you had to do it all over again, is there anything you would do differently?