



Florida Junior Academy of Science

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- the additional interaction with judges
- students previewing some of their SSEF competition

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The 2009 competition will be at
St. Leo University on March 21st.

Similarities of FJAS and SSEF:

- Students must use ISEF forms and obtain appropriate approvals PRIOR to experimentation
- Students compete with their peers in Junior and Senior divisions
- Students are judged by university professors and scientists in the field
- Students are awarded plaques and other awards

Differences between FJAS & SSEF:

At FJAS:

- Only FJAS members can compete
- Literary research is a category
- Only individual research is presented
- Research papers are submitted for a preliminary judging by **January 31st** instead of competing at a regional fair
- Ten to 12 students are selected to compete in each session at the state competition
- Oral presentations are given usually with power points, **not** a board - similar to JSEH Symposium
- Sessions may combine related categories based on the number of entries
- Members receive information through 3 newsletters a year, either by mail or from the website
- Student observers, parents, teachers are welcome at the competition

The membership application is available on the website.

Dues should be received by **December 31st**:

\$10 for full membership with 3-4 mailings

\$ 5 for "web" membership where information is obtained from the website through the newsletters, only the club card and receipt are mailed

Late memberships are \$10 for the "web" membership

Still have questions? To find out more about FJAS:

Contact the FJAS Coordinator at pzalo@yahoo.com or

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