

ISEF Newsletter #2

A bright spring day greeted us as we gathered in White Plains, NY for take off to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Atlanta. After a Mother's Day Breakfast at the airport the parents bid adieu to their high school students and off we went on our adventure. Thanks to the exquisite planning of Sandy and Wynn Muller the day clicked off like clockwork.

We checked in quickly at the Hilton Garden Inn and went in search of our restaurant STATS for dinner. STATS is a sports restaurant that is in an old converted factory for Adidas footwear. We settled in for a true barbeque dinner served family style with enough for a family of twenty. Dayton Horvath had a pile of ribs on his plate that we all couldn't believe he could eat. The girls were a little more diet conscious with chicken and salads. We quickly found out that here in the South they keep refilling your glasses without asking. Eliza McNitt had to finally cover her glass of milk with a coaster after getting three huge refills.

We found the huge Convention Center a few blocks away and we were amazed with the size of the facility. There is still evidence of damage from the tornadoes that moved through Atlanta March 14th. Many hotels have boarded up windows and the Convention Center actually just became fully functional last week. Our hotel is brand new and was under construction when the tornado hit.

Our registration went smoothly and we proceeded to our projects to see if there were any violations from the Scientific Review Committee. The projects were set up and final preparations will be tomorrow after breakfast. The students went off to the Hyatt Hotel with Andy Bramante for the beginning of pin trading and meeting other students from all over the world.

Photos can be seen and downloaded from Flickr at:

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