



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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To: Science Olympiad A2 Coaches
From: Meredith Davis, Coordinator
Re: January 7th Meeting Update

- The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 11 in the Kingston Room of the ESC beginning at 3:45 p.m. We will be doing all the remaining DO events at that time. If you are scheduled to do a presentation and have a conflict, please let me know ahead of time so I can pass this information on to all head coaches. The DO events to be presented are Get Your Bearing, Metric Mastery, Name the Scientist, Pentathlon, Picture This, Science Bowl and Write It, Do It.
- The following event clarifications are attached to this email and will soon be online:
 - A is for Anatomy
 - Crime Busters
 - Don't Bug Me
 - Pond Study
 - Starry, Starry Night
 - Weather or Not
 - Propeller Propulsion
 - Water Rockets
 - Reflection Relay
- Coaches, PLEASE NOTE that it was decided at the meeting to limit the airplane kits for Propeller Propulsion to the **Midwest Delta Dart Rubberband Powered Airplane Kits** which can be found at a number of sites online, including Nasco at <http://www.enasco.com/product/9721406> and eHobbies at http://www.ehobbies.com/mid3950.html?utm_source=mid3950&utm_medium=shopping%2Bengine&utm_campaign=froogle, at Midwest Products Inc. at http://www.midwestproducts.com/item_detail.asp?item_id=476 and other sites as well. Please make sure you are purchasing a **Delta Dart** with the larger tail fins and NOT the **Super Delta Dart** which is more expensive and is a larger plane. I have ordered two more class sets of 35 each which is cheaper, and they should arrive next week. Please let me know if you are interested in purchasing some at a cost of \$1.00 per plane.



- All forms required to be submitted by each team i.e. the Student Permission forms and the School Preliminary Registration form can be found online at <http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/olympiadformsa2.aspx> along with other important information including the Competition Day Schedule, the Event Schedule, McNair High School map, Special Needs Request form and more.
- We are currently at 54 participating teams. Event managers will need to plan for up to 11 teams during each testing period. Please plan your test copies, materials and stations accordingly.
- Please be reminded that the four study themes for 2010 are Astronomy, Chemistry, Earth Science, and The World of Science. The revised list can be found on our website above. All four topics and their sub categories will be used in the Science Bowl event and three of the four (all but The World of Science) will be used for Picture This. These study themes will also affect the Pentathlon event which will be presented in February.
- There are no gender requirements in Pentathlon. Any combination of four boys and/or girls is allowable.
- Here are a few suggestions for coaches and event managers. 1) Please no cell phones in the testing rooms—students or adults. 2) Only the students on the teams whose names are on the blue identification form are allowed to take the tests. They must also be wearing wrist bands. 3) Each team can only participate once in each event. 4) Each event manager is responsible for creating their test, bringing enough copies for all teams, furnishing needed equipment (unless requested from me in writing) and being onsite by 8:00 a.m. if they are running an impound event.
- The Science Bowl Proctor form needs to be returned to this office with your other paperwork if your team is planning to participate (you will be hearing more about this event at the next meeting). If you have more than one team participating, I will need a form for each one. Your proctors will be assigned to other teams on the day of the event, and they will also be asked to attend a short orientation before the oral relay round in the Large Gym. The form can be found at the link given above.
- The Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club is available to come to your classroom for a free presentation. Please contact Richard Calderon at rockhound@clearwire.net or 601-1497 if you are interested in scheduling. This is a wonderful opportunity.
- The county competition will be held at Ronald McNair High School on Saturday, March 27.
- Student recognition at the county competition will include individual event medals, team awards, and the SJCOE Educational Foundation grants. Students will be recognized with medals from first through sixth place in each of the 24 events. Teams from first to tenth place will be announced with places 7-10 receiving team medals and places 1-6 receiving plaques and team medals. The Educational Foundation of the San Joaquin County Office of Education will be awarding eight random \$100 Nasco grants to schools for the purchase of science equipment. All participants, starters or alternates, will also receive A2 zipper pulls.