



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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To: Science Olympiad A2 Coaches
From: Meredith Davis, Coordinator
Re: November 5 Meeting Update

- Event clarifications presented at the November 5 meeting will be posted online next Monday at <http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/olympiada2.aspx>. They will include six Build events plus two Study events—Barge Building, Hot Air Balloons, Mission Possible, Pastamobile, Straw Egg Drop, Tennis Ball Catapult, Rock Hounds, and Disease Detectives. Propeller Propulsion and Water Rockets will be presented along with the remaining Study events at the Thursday, January 7 meeting. These events include A is for Anatomy, Crime Busters, Don't Bug Me, Pond Study, Starry, Starry Night and Weather or Not. If an event manager for one of these events is unavailable, it would be appreciated if they would send a representative in their place or let me know prior to meeting day so I can inform coaches.
- Attached is an event schedule updated on 11/5/09. The only change from the previous 10/2/09 schedule is the dropping of the word impound from the Mission Possible event. Students will bring their devices when they report for their assigned section time.
- I have attached the updated and final Section Breakdown. We currently have 55 teams participating and the window of opportunity to join us this year is closed. If the program continues to grow, we will need to look at possible solutions in the spring like having two competition dates in 2011 or limiting schools to one team or perhaps dividing competitions between grade levels 3-4 and 5-6. Your suggestions are welcome.
- If you have yet to receive a copy of the Study Themes for 2010, a map of McNair, or a Competition Day Schedule, you will find them online at the address above under Forms and Schedules. You will also find Important Dates, Meeting Agendas, Meeting Updates and Event Rules/Clarifications.
- I am pleased to say that all of our 24 events have event managers (see attached). It has been our policy that schools new to the competition be excused from managing an event their first year. That certainly will be the case this year. However, if you are a returning team and have yet to sign up for an event, I know that there are event managers who would appreciate your help. Please let me know what event(s) you would be willing to assist.

- A concession stand will be available to all on the day of the competition. It will be run by St. George's School again this year. A menu and prices will be available before event day.
- Thanks to Dave Bussey, event manager for Hot Air Balloons, there will be a practice session open to all participants prior to the competition again this year. More on this will follow but we will plan to do this fairly close to competition day.
- Just a reminder that all event questions must come to me from the head coaches and that unnecessary or trivial questions will be filtered out. No questions will be accepted after March 12.
- Pam and I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you at the January 7 meeting.