



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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To: Science Olympiad B/C Coaches
From: Meredith Davis, Coordinator
Re: Update of the October 13 Meeting

- The regional event is scheduled at University of the Pacific on March 6. The state competition is being hosted by Fresno County and will take place on April 17. The National Finals will be held at the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign on May 21 and 22.
- Our county Science Olympiad website is at <http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/olympiadbc.aspx>. You will find links to Forms and Schedules, Important Dates, Agendas, Meeting Updates and Event Clarifications.
- At the last meeting, we had two event presentations. For Disease Detectives B/C you will find both the event description and the Epidemiology Pocket Guide attached. As per the description, the pocket guide will be provided by the event manager in place of teams bringing in their own 1 page, two-sided notes. Currently this Guide is only one-sided, but Dr. Funamura will supply more information for side two a little later. Students are encouraged to follow the pandemic outbreak of H1N1 in the news. Also attached is the event description of Science Crime Busters B. These three documents will be posted to our website today or tomorrow.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for November 17 beginning at 3:45 pm in the Kingston Room. At that time, I will have our 2010 event schedule ready for distribution, so you may wish to turn in your Intent to Participate (see the website above) in order to be assigned a section number. At this time, I have 8 high school teams and 10 Division B teams registered (see attachment). Also, we have the following event presentations scheduled; Ecology B/C, Picture This C, Remote Sensing C, Road Scholar B, Trajectory B/C and Wright Stuff B. Event Managers, please let me know if you would like to present in November.
- I have attached an Event Manager Roster. We are still in need of many event managers, and I have some schools that have not signed up for an event. Please let me know as soon as possible what you are willing to take on or if you know of a community member who can assist.
- Dick Filson has been asked to do a Road Scholar workshop for B Division coaches and students. We are going to try to have it in January, and I will be letting you all know the day and time later.

- There is a wonderful opportunity for students interested in ornithology to attend a birding symposium right here in Stockton. It is to be held at the Stockton Hilton Hotel on November 19th to the 22nd. If you go to <http://www.cvbs.org/> you will find a list of available workshops and field trips.
- There is still time and room to register for the Modesto workshop on October 31. Go to the NorCal website at <http://www.norcalscienceolympiad.com/> and click on workshops for more information and a registration form.
- As mentioned above, the regional competition will take place at UOP on March 6. The awards ceremony will take place in the Scottish Rite auditorium at 33 West Alpine. Schools may enter up to two teams per division. Each team is composed of a maximum of 15 students and up to five alternates. B division teams are limited to a maximum of 5 (five) 9th graders and C division may have no more than 7 (seven) 12th graders. Please remember that should your team already have the maximum number of 9th or 12th graders, an alternate from those grades may not be substituted in on the morning of the competition.
- The NorCal rules state that alternates of one team may not be team members of a second team. Alternates may be the same for both teams if desired. A winning school going to state competition may not combine students from two teams to form the state team. A state team must be composed of the students who participated on that same team for regionals or be one of the team's alternates should a starter be unable to attend. If you have any questions about these rules, please contact me.
- At competition, students will again be asked to wear nametags and wristbands. Both of these items will be sent to each head coach 2 to 3 weeks prior to competition along with the blue ID forms for each event.
- Individual and team awards will be the same as in the past. There will be several Hall of Fame awards given to friends of the Science Olympiad program in San Joaquin County. First through third place medals in all individual events will be given in each division. The \$100 Nasco gift certificates from the SJCOE Educational Foundation will be randomly awarded to four schools per division to spend on science materials. Zipper pulls will be given to all participants and the first through fifth place overall teams per division will receive medals plus plaques. State fees for the six teams advancing to state finals will be paid by the SJCOE Foundation and in addition, the Foundation will supply \$500 to each team to help defray traveling expenses.
- At the November meeting I will have several 2010 NSO resource materials available for checkout. They are Problem Solving-Technology Resource CD, Chemistry-Physics Resource CD, Biology-Earth Science Resource CD, NSO Finals Highlight DVD; Test Packet 2010 Division C, and Test Packet 2010 Division B. If you checked them out at our last meeting, please remember to return them on November 17 for someone else.

- San Joaquin County has several events to cover for the state finals in Fresno. They are Battery Buggy B, Bio Process Lab B, Disease Detectives B/C, Dynamic Planet B/C, It's About Time C, Road Scholar B, Tech Problem Solving C, and Wright Stuff B. Dr. Funamura has kindly offered to manage Disease Detectives at both regionals and state finals again this year, but if there is something other than that listed above that you would LOVE to manage for state finals, please let me know.

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