



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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To: Science Olympiad B/C Coaches
From: Meredith Davis, Coordinator
Re: December Meeting Update and Reminders

- All necessary regional event forms and the Final Event Schedule are posted online at <http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/olympiadformsbc.aspx>. Most forms can be filled online but must then be downloaded and faxed to 468-9232 or mailed to P.O. Box 213030 Stockton, CA 95213-9030, attention Meredith Davis.
- Event clarifications can be found at <http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/bceventrules.aspx>.
- The current Section Breakdown and Event Manager Roster will be available at the meeting this Thursday and will soon be added to the event forms at the site given above.
- We are currently looking for event managers for Experimental Design B/C and Mouse trap C. If you know of anyone who might be willing to take on these events, please contact me at mdavis@sjcoe.net or 468-9030.
- The paperwork deadline is Friday, February 5, 2010. Documents needed are Student Permission Forms for starters and alternates, the Official Team List(s) with student signatures, and the Event Manager Verification Form. If you should have any special needs in order to manage your school's event, please let me know as soon as possible by submitting the Equipment and Supplies Request form (online). Do not wait until February to do so—allow me time to order needed materials. The official registration fee deadline is also February 5, but participating teams must be paid by competition day.
- Our next meeting is this Thursday, January 14, in the Kingston Room in the ESC. So far, I have the following event presentations scheduled:
 - Anatomy B
 - Astronomy C
 - Bio Process Lab B
 - Chemistry Lab C
 - Forensics C
 - It's About Time C
 - Pentathlon B
 - Physics Lab C
 - Technical Problem Solving C

If you are an event manager and have not yet presented, I would hope that you could join us this week so students have a chance to prepare before competition. Give me a call at 468-9030.

- The coaches' work session for Road Scholar B is scheduled for tomorrow in the Kingston from 4-5. B coaches wishing to attend, please call me today or tomorrow morning so I have a count for Dick Filson.
- I have been asked by several coaches if Dick would also be willing to schedule a study session for students and coaches for Remote Sensing. He has graciously agreed and we have set the date for February 9 again in the Kingston from 4-5. Please let me you're your numbers before the session.
- Each team's final coach's packet will arrive two to three weeks before the competition and will include student wrist bands, blank student nametags, team stickers for sign-up events, campus maps, extra schedules and rosters, extra breakdowns, blue Team ID forms, and a few last minute reminders.
- Please remember that each B team can have a maximum of 5 ninth graders and Division C a maximum of 7 twelfth graders. Each team can have up to 5 alternates. Alternate team members can be listed on both team lists but only as an alternate. Regular team members can compete on one team only and cannot be listed as an alternate. In the event that a regular team member is unable to attend the state finals, then an alternate listed on the winning team's list can replace that student for the entire day. Also, when substituting in an alternate, the coach must follow the grade level maximum rules.
- In the event that an alternate competes at the regional in place of a starter, it will be up to the coach's discretion whether the alternate filling in for the team or the originally listed starter competes at the state level should the team advance.
- Nothing but what is specified in the event rules are allowed into any event with the students, including cell phones and other electronic devices.
- Events sign-ups will take place from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. on the morning of the competition. The sign-up sheets will be at each event site requiring sign-ups (see Schedule of Events) and any student from the team, whether they are participating in that particular event or not, may sign up the team for a time.
- Student and team recognition will remain similar to past years. Students in first through third place will receive medals in all individual events. The top five teams per division will be awarded a plaque and medals. The top three teams from different schools in each division will be awarded the right to go on to state finals. There will be four random \$100 grants per division given by the San Joaquin County Office of Education Educational Foundation for science equipment. Student recognition will include zipper pulls for all participants. The amount provided by our Foundation to each team participating at state

competition is \$500 rather than \$700 this year and may be spent on food and/or lodging. State competition will be at Clovis High School on April 17, 2010.

- Scoring will be based on the eleven point system. First place awards will earn 11 team points, second-places earn 10 points, etc. Past 10th place, all teams in an event earn one team participation point. The team with the highest number of team points after all events have been counted is the winner. In the case of a tie, both teams are awarded the designated number of points and the next place below is skipped. For example, a tie in third place would give the two tying teams 9 points each and no fourth place would be awarded for that event. Should there be a tie for team awards, the team receiving the most first place medals would be declared the winning team.

- A concession stand will once again be provided by the UOP chemistry club under the direction of Dr. Pat Jones. Lunch tickets up to \$5 in value will be provided to event managers in their binders.