



## SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

January 26, 2010

To: Science Olympiad B/C Coaches  
From: Meredith Davis  
Re: Update of the January 14 Meeting

- Our final coach's meeting before competition is scheduled for February 10 at 3:45 in the Kingston Room. I am hoping that the events we have not yet heard from will present at that time.
- Event managers and coaches need to be aware that we currently have 23 B teams (11 in Section B1 and 12 in B2) and 19 C teams (9 in C1 and 10 in C2). Events will need to accommodate these numbers. See the attached Section Breakdown.
- All paperwork—team rosters, alternate and starter participation forms, Equipment & Supplies Request form (if needed), Fee Payment form, and Event Manager Verification listing all those you want acknowledged in the program are due by Friday, February 5. These forms can be found on our website at <http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/olympiadbc.aspx> under the Event Forms and Schedules link.
- The 2010 Schedule of Events will have some room changes as soon as I have time to do it. I went to campus last Friday, and the remodeling done to the South Campus buildings are great, but it will change some event rooms. No other changes will be made—just rooms.
- The good news is that we have almost all events covered and the bad news is that we do not have all events covered. Mousetrap Vehicle C is going to be managed by Jim Bock (yes!) and Niki and Pati DeMartinis have kindly consented to take on Fossils B ☺. We are currently looking for an event manager for **Experimental Design C** (see attached Event Manager Roster). If you have any ideas, let me know.
- In sending all the event clarifications out to you yesterday, I left out Pentathlon B (attached). All 13 documents are now posted online at <http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/bceventrules.aspx>.
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- We will be using the traditional system for sign-up and impound events this year. Students on the team will have from 8:00 to 8:45 to sign up and impound their devices at the event locations. Please remind your event manager doing these events that they must be at their event site by 8 am. We will have blank sign-up sheets available to them at the registration table.
- Wristbands will be used for team member identification again this year—a different color for each of your two teams. These will be sent via U.S. mail in the pre-competition packets that we intend to send out to head coaches mid February. Also included will be the blue Team ID forms for each event, nametags, team stickers for sign-up events and assorted other goodies.
- A concession stand will be provided at the competition by Dr. Pat Jones and his chemistry students again this year. It will be located in the foyer of the Chemistry Building (across from morning registration). Each event manager will receive a lunch ticket in their binders worth up to \$5.
- SJCOE Educational Foundation will once again be awarding eight randomly selected \$100 Nasco Grants, four per division. We are very appreciative of the support given us by the Foundation.
- Many thanks to Dick Filson for his coaches' work session on Road Scholar B and to the Delta Valley Modelers for assisting coaches and students with Wright Stuff B. In regards to Wright Stuff, the club thought students wishing to test fly their planes may be interested in attending a Swap Meet at the SJC Fairgrounds on February 21 (see attached flyer). There is no fee for olympians except if ordering lunch.
- A reminder to C Division coaches that on February 9, Dick Filson will be presenting a workshop for both coaches and students on Remote Sensing C. You will be meeting in the Kingston Room from 4 to 5 o'clock and reservations are requested since take-home goodies will be passed out.
- At the request of several C Division coaches, we have scheduled a practice launch day for Egg-O-Naut on Saturday, February 27. It will be held at the SJCOE soccer field across from Venture Academy on Transworld Drive from 9:00 to noon. Students need to bring their rockets but all else, including the AquaPort launcher and eggs, will be provided.
- The NorCal competition is scheduled for April 17 at Clovis High School in Fresno County. San Joaquin County is expected to cover 8 events which are Battery Buggy B, Bio Process Lab B, Disease Detective B/C, Dynamic Planet B/C, It's About Time C, Road Scholar B, Technical Problem Solving C, and Wright Stuff B. The 6 winning teams will receive \$500 from the SJCOE Educational Foundation to help defray expenses.
- The San Joaquin County regional competition is scheduled for Saturday, march 6 at the University of the Pacific. See you there.