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## CARLSBAD: Nonprofit to sponsor Science Olympiad teams

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CARLSBAD ---- Carlsbad Educational Foundation will sponsor middle and high school students for a national science competition this year.

The nonprofit group will pay \$18,500 for the registration, equipment and coaching costs for the Science Olympiad at Carlsbad Unified School District's three middle schools and Carlsbad High School, said Valin Brown, chief executive officer of the foundation. The Beckman Coulter Foundation has given the educational foundation a \$7,500 grant to help cover the costs.

Each team will compete in a variety of science-based challenges throughout the school year.

"Science Olympiad is an innovative way to engage our children in the sciences while preparing them for successful careers," said Cathy Dougherty, grant director of the Beckman Coulter Foundation, a philanthropic arm of Beckman Coulter Inc.

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