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2026 National Tournament
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Dear Science Olympiad State Champions:

Congratulations! Because of your team's outstanding performance at your State Science Olympiad Tournament, you are invited to represent your state at the 42nd Annual Science Olympiad National Tournament at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California, on May 22-23, 2026.

You and your team are to be commended for your outstanding achievement and your commitment to excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education.

- To accept this invitation, please complete the 2026 Invitation Acceptance Form that will be emailed to the Head Coach upon your State Director submitting final tournament results to the Science Olympiad National Office.
- You are asked to accept this invitation no later than 5 days after receipt of the electronic copy of this letter or by May 6, 2026, whichever is earlier. If you are unable to or do not accept this invitation within that timeframe, your invitation will be extended to the next place team by the national office.
- Upon acceptance of this invitation, you will receive additional instructions, including details about Team Numbers, via email on how to complete your team's registration.
- You can find a listing of the events, competition schedule, and other details posted on the Science Olympiad National Tournament USC webpage found [here](#).
- Please bookmark the [Science Olympiad 2026 national web page](#) as well as the local 2026 USC National Tournament website above, as both will be updated with tournament details such as schedules, STEM Expo activities, and Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

On behalf of the Science Olympiad Executive Board, Advisory Committee, volunteers and staff, we wish you the best of luck at the Science Olympiad National Tournament. Congratulations again. Next stop: University of Southern California!

Regards,

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