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That one thing.
That’s what all the guidance counselors and campus tour guides tell students to find. That one thing. A place where you feel like you can be yourself, exercise your unique talents, and find friends who excel in science. That’s Science Olympiad.

If you want to be an engineer, a chemist, a biology teacher, an astronaut, an astrophysicist, a math professor, or hey, how about all of the above, Science Olympiad lets you try it on for size. We’ve got 23 events touching every letter in STEM to allow you to explore any pathway. Science Olympiad helps you find your what, your how, and maybe most importantly, your why.

WANT TO BE PART OF IT?
Click to hear Science Olympiad Spirit Award winners from Cumberland Valley High School in Pennsylvania explain how it feels to be on a Science Olympiad team.
TOURNAMENTS
Science Olympiad tournaments are a blast, usually held on a college or community college campus, comprised of a full day of teams hustling from home base to labs, gyms and classrooms in pairs and threes to compete in events that test learning, lab and building skills on the spot. Picture a track meet, but for science. The payoff? An awards ceremony in a huge auditorium or stadium, with crowds cheering while you’re showered with medals, trophies, scholarships and accolades for your brilliance. Not bad for the college app either.

GIVING BACK
Science Olympiad participants also give back by starting mentoring programs for younger kids, raising funds for food pantries and 3D printing PPE during the pandemic. Science Olympiad isn’t just a club, it’s a community.
When you coach a Science Olympiad team, your love of learning and excitement for science gets reflected back every day, at every practice and every competition. Science Olympiad lets students flex independent learning skills as they build devices and study for events; your job is part talent scout, part cheerleader and part drill instructor. As the season progresses, you’ll rediscover the reason you became a teacher.

Science Olympiad events align with Next Generation Science Standards, allowing you to extend your school’s science curriculum with engaged learners in an after-school setting. Check out the list of events we’ve got lined up for the 2023 season; there’s something for everyone!

WANT TO BE PART OF IT?
Click this QR Code for information on how to start a team or to find out more about special programs like MYSO and Elementary Science Olympiad.
Science Olympiad has changed the lives of my students. Through this program, I have seen my students grow in confidence and challenge themselves through academic risks. We are a small rural community, but our kids are bright and love to learn. We don’t have engineering classes, coding, or AP math, but we do have brilliant young minds that dream of STEM careers. This past year, watching my students ask deep questions, try, fail, and then try again inspired me daily to keep pushing through the tired. None of my students had ever heard of Science Olympiad before this fall and through their hard extracurricular work, my amazing kiddos were three points short of second place at their regional competition and earned a spot in the Georgia state competition held at Georgia Institute of Technology.

DANIELLE HIBBS
Science Olympiad Coach
SOUTHEAST BULLOCH HIGH SCHOOL
BROOKLET, GEORGIA
2022 Science Olympiad Coaching Excellence Award Winner
Science Olympiad helps you to achieve many of your goals as an administrator by enhancing STEM education programming, building community buy-in and recognition for school achievements, and engaging students with hands-on experiences that prepare them for college and beyond. Students specialize in subjects of their choice, from bio to chem to tech and engineering, while teachers get to work with kids who’ve raised their hand and said YES to science.

Each fall, Science Olympiad releases new rules for 23 STEM-related competitive events. Students pair up and tackle the building devices for on-site testing, studying for core knowledge challenges, and preparing for rigorous hands-on lab experiments. School teams register annually through their state Science Olympiad chapter, for a great value compared to other top STEM programs.

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Science Olympiad catalyzes parental and community involvement, unifying everyone to create not only senses of belonging and pride, but a sense of family. Students bridge the gap between the school and community through fundraising, social media promotion, and science competitions, and these events afford students both national and global opportunities for individual, team, and school recognition.

ALISHER KUVATOV, M. ED.
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SCIENCE OLYMPIAD: The Value

Science Olympiad Registration

$100-$350
Cost of a typical Science Olympiad team registration, entire year all the way to nationals

Other STEM Competition Fees

$750
Cost of a Regeneron Science and Engineering Fair Entry for 1-3 entries

$6,000
Cost of FIRST Robotics Team Fee and Mandatory Kit for 10 students at 1 regional
If you’re searching for effective ways to fill the STEM talent pipeline, look no further than Science Olympiad. Our program allows students to try on a variety of sciences for size and develop soft skills like teamwork, collaboration and problem solving. Hosting a Science Olympiad tournament brings hundreds of students to campus, where they interact with faculty, experience your facilities and consider a future STEM pathway with your logo on their t-shirt! Students regularly say that the experience of visiting a campus for a Science Olympiad tournament was the deciding event in choosing a 2- or 4-year college.

WANT TO BE PART OF IT?
Click this QR code to be connected to your state’s Science Olympiad State Chapter, where you’ll find news and information about state leadership, tournaments and events.
Participating in Science Olympiad gave me the opportunity to visit many universities during competitions. I learned more about what each university had to offer and got to experience what going there might be like. This helped me a lot in deciding where I wanted to apply and ultimately choosing where I wanted to go.

FELIANNE TENG
Science Olympiad alum
Felianne is studying computer science at Caltech

Science Olympiad is an exciting event because it brings faculty together from many different colleges. We had 40 faculty members from the School of Education and Counseling, College of Engineering and Sciences, Physics and Chemistry, and the Chair of Electrical Engineering running events. This is a great opportunity for middle and high school students in the area to interact on a one-on-one basis with our faculty and a way to showcase new buildings and science facilities like our PNW Design Studio and hands-on nursing labs. During a Science Olympiad tournament, students have the opportunity to see all that Purdue has to offer.

DR. VANESSA QUINN
Professor of Biology
PURDUE UNIVERSITY NW
HAMMOND, INDIANA

2023 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD
NATIONAL TOURNAMENT HOST,
WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Mentoring

While each team has a faculty head coach, many teams rely on local high school students, alumni, parents or community members to assist with preparing for events. Volunteers may help with team practice sessions, build or lab event preparation, or simply provide snacks and encouragement. Many corporations have dedicated Employee Mentoring programs which allow workers time off to participate in programs like Science Olympiad.

Science Olympiad depends on an army of dedicated educators, parents, alumni, administrators and corporate mentors who write content, run tournaments, offer professional development and generally make Science Olympiad work. With your help, Science Olympiad is building the next generation of science students and professionals. Here’s how to get involved:

WANT TO BE PART OF IT?
Click the QR code to find out more about volunteer guidelines and complete the quick Volunteer Training Module.
Tournament Volunteers
Science Olympiad tournaments are labor-intensive affairs full of fun and excitement - they are usually held on a Saturday and require between 100-300 volunteers to run the 46 events, register and check in teams, run the scoring room, hand out medals, arrange lunch and oversee all the little details. Contact your Science Olympiad State Director if you want to assist.

Event Supervisors
Event Supervisors are STEM professionals and subject matter experts who make tournaments fun and competitive for students. Using the Rules Manuals as guidelines, Event Supervisors create tests or hands-on challenges and are in charge of scoring. If you're a faculty member of the host site, this is a great way for students to get to know college professors and start to see themselves as future STEM majors. If you're an industry partner, this is valuable exposure for kids into the STEM workforce (and maybe your company someday!).

“Science Olympiad gives me a chance to get the next generation excited about career options in STEM. These kids want to be there and want to learn. When I get to teach them how to design and build things and then how to troubleshoot them, they drink it up like sponges. I’ve been fortunate to learn from a lot of people in my career. And this gives me a chance to pass it along to younger people who may choose to go into engineering or another science field.”

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UPCOMING NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

May 19-20, 2023  Wichita State University

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