Elementary Science Olympiad TIPS

for Head Coaches, Event Coaches and Students

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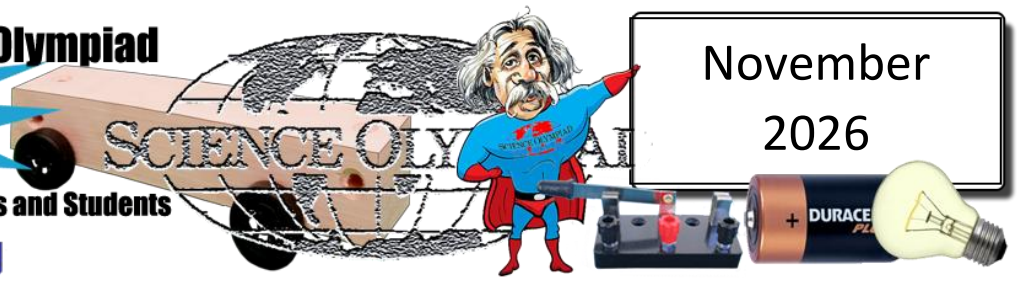

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Head Coach Tips (Head coaches are the people who organize the school's team)

- Second team registration begins Nov. 1st.
- You should be working on selecting your team:
  - Talk to teachers to see if potential SO students are motivated team players, interested in science, and cooperative.
  - Send notes home to families and invite students to a lunch-time meeting to identify a target audience.
  - Conduct a short survey, on Survey Monkey or other online survey platform, to all eligible families. Your school may be willing to e-mail this survey to 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th grade parents. If not, send a paper survey home with the students.
  - Click **here** for a printable tri-fold brochure to communicate the basics of the program.

- Give some potential S.O. students in your school a chance to try some of the Science Olympiad events. We can help your school organize an Open House event, with demonstration materials, to help generate interest, and to help families understand how they should expect to help. Click **here** for more information about the Open House materials.
- Event coaches can be parents of team members, teachers, student teachers, the principal, former Science Olympiad students, or National Honor Society students. It would be best to have 17 event coaches for the 17 events. Ask them to check out the event coach tips web page **here**.
- A head coach handbook is available **here** and provides information on what you can do to help your team succeed.
- Make sure you know where the Science Olympiad materials from last year are located. There may be equipment, notes (perhaps in boxes/binders) with information from last year's event coaches.
- The 2027 event rules are listed **here**.

Upcoming events:

- **Event Coach Training**---January 9, Schedule TBD---**VIRTUAL**
- L'Anse Creuse District Tournament---Feb. 27
- South Macomb Practice Tournament—Feb. 27
- Chippewa Valley District Tournament—March 6
- Utica Practice Event---March 15 & 16
- **Regional Tournament** – Saturday, May 15th at Macomb Community College (South Campus)