Elementary Science Olympiad

TIPS

for Head Coaches, Event Coaches and Students

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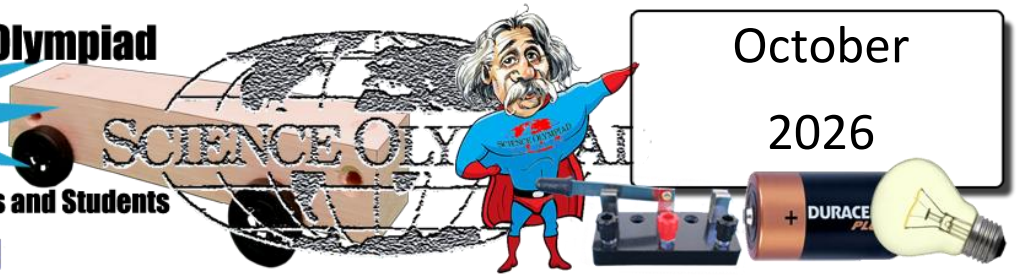

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Head Coach Tips (Head coaches are the people who organize the school's team)

- Check out our website with lots of information: macombso.org
- The online registration is available here. Register by Nov. 1st to guarantee your spot!
- A New (or nearly new) Head Coach Workshop will be held Monday, Oct. 19 (6:00-8:00) at the MSID room 104. For more information click **here** and click on the upcoming event.
- A Head Coach Information Meeting will be held Monday, November 2 (5:30-7) at the MISD room 203 (**Raffle** at the end to win a voucher for a free quick start kit! Must be present to win.). For more information, click **here** and click on the upcoming event.
- You should be starting to select your team soon.
    - 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 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 video and event list page here.

• A head coach handbook is available here providing information on what you can do to help your team succeed.

• The 2027 event rules are posted here.

Upcoming events:

- **Head Coach Meeting** –Nov. 2, 5:30-7 pm at the **MISD** room #203
- **New Head Coach Workshop**—Oct. 19, 6-8 pm at the **MISD** room #104
- **Event Coach Training**---January 9 ---**VIRTUAL—**more info to come
- **Regional Tournament** – Saturday, May 15, 2027 at Macomb Community College (South Campus)
- L'Anse Creuse District Tournament---Feb. 27
- South Macomb District Tournament—Feb. 27
- Chippewa Valley District Tournament—March 6
- Utica Practice Event---March 15 & 16