

New York Sci Oly, NYC-South: *Mac Maxfield-Tournament Coordinator; Michael Vanchieri–Site Coordinator.*

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The NYC-South Regionals will be on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Grover Cleveland HS. It should be a really good time.

1. **EVENT SCHEDULE** (tentative) – Please take a close look at the [Regional Event Schedule 2026](#) and note the following features:
 - a. First event starts at 7:15. Check-in starts at 6:30.
 - b. Event conflicts:
 - i. Anatomy - Dynamic Planet
 - ii. Astronomy - Code Busters
 - iii. Chem Lab - Disease Detective
 - iv. Designer Genes - Rocks & Minerals
 - v. Entomology - Materials Science
 - vi. Forensics - Experimental Design
 - vii. Remote Sensing - WIDI
 - c. WiDi replaces Engineering CAD as an official event.
 - d. Engineering CAD is a trial event (medals awarded; score does not count for team score)
 - e. Written tests for ALL TEAMS doing Circuit Lab and Machines starting at 7:15. The Circuit test goes on at 7:15 and the Machines test at 7:45.
 - f. Tests last 50 minutes with 5 minutes between tests.
 - g. Chem-Forensics-Mat Sci kits will be inventoried during impound. Be sure to have no extra equipment.
 - h. Self-Scheduled events include Boomi, Bungee, Circuit hands-on, Electric Vehicle, Heli, Hovercraft, Machines, Robot Tour, and Engineering CAD. Timeslots will be available in mid-January. In most cases, all your teams must pick the same timeslot.
2. **BEST PRACTICES** – Please plan to avoid misunderstanding and scoring penalties.
 - a. **INFORM YOUR TEAM(S)** – Promptly inform your students of the event schedule, conflicts, Rules, and **any revisions or clarifications** as they are reported.
 - b. **ENLIST SUPPORT** – We, the coaches, make Regionals happen. Each school must provide **2 adults per team** to run events **plus a teacher** to supervise the homeroom. In order of preference, event supervisors and proctors may be teachers, parents, or SciOly alumni. Send me contact information for your current coaches.
 - c. **LEARN EVENT RULES** - The [2026 Official Rules](#) and [event descriptions](#) are found on the SOINC website are broken into 5 categories.
 - d. **SCHEDULE YOUR TEAMS** – All of your teams must compete in the same time block for most events. For example, if your team numbers are 32, 33, and 34, then your teams are in time block C and must all take scheduled events in time block C and select a single period in self-scheduled events. The exceptions are Boomilever and Helicopter.
 - e. **REGISTER YOUR TEAM(S)** – Use the [NY State SciOly Registration](#) to register each team that you to plan to enter in any tournament. State registration entitles the team to participate in invitational tournaments that provide excellent practice in real competitions and chances for medals
 - f. **SELECT EVENT SUPERVISION** – Use the [Event Supervision](#) sheet to indicate your supervision/proctoring preferences.
 - a. **REGISTER FOR IVY’S** – A [List of invitational tournaments](#) is provided by Scilympiad. Ivy’s, whether satellite of in-person offer valuable practice and chances for more medals.
3. **INFORMATION UPDATES** – Newsletters and the event schedule will be posted on the [NYC-South](#) page of the [New York State SciOly](#) website.

Feel free to contact me at macmaxfield@newyorkscioly.org with suggestions, questions, or information to share.

Thank you,

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