

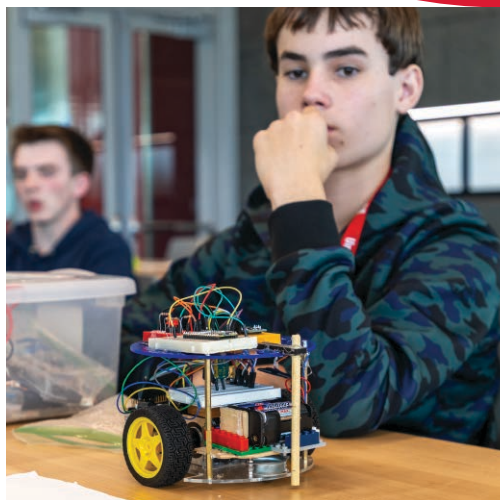


Inspiring

THE NEXT GENERATION *of*

SCIENCE

SCIENCE
OLYMPIAD
IS FOR YOU



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD *is for* **Students**



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**.



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Do you have what it takes to get a \$10,000 Science Olympiad Founders' Scholarship? Scan the QR code to find out about past and upcoming scholarship opportunities!

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 celebrates the accomplishments of next-gen change-makers who exemplify the spirit of Science Olympiad, from writing a STEM curriculum and hosting summer camps to founding nonprofits committed to hands-on environmental literacy and mentoring. Science Olympiad isn't just a club, it's a community.



Misha Nasarpuri, 2025 Founders' Scholarship winner, is the founder of UpliftHer, a nonprofit launched in 2024 to empower underrepresented women through mentorship and advocacy.



“

Science Olympiad helped me discover my passion for using earth science to promote sustainability and equity, and for blending STEM with community engagement — something I hope to continue in college.

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JOELLE CHEESEMAM

Science Olympiad 2025 Founders' Scholarship Winner



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SCIENCE OLYMPIAD *is for* **Coaches**



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 2026 season; there's something for everyone!



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Scan to feel the excitement of our award ceremony at a National Tournament on YouTube!

2026 EVENTS BY DIVISION

DIVISION B GRADES 6-9



Life, Personal & Social Science
Anatomy and Physiology
(*Nervous, Sense Organs, Endocrine*)
Disease Detectives
Entomology
Heredity
Water Quality
(*Fresh Water*)



Earth & Space Science
Dynamic Planet (*Oceanography*)
Meteorology (*Everyday Weather*)
Remote Sensing
Rocks and Minerals
Solar System



Physical Science & Chemistry
Hovercraft
Circuit Lab
Machines
Crime Busters
Potions & Poisons



Technology & Engineering Design
Boomilever
Helicopter
Mission Possible
Scrambler



Inquiry & Nature of Science
Codebusters
Experimental Design
Metric Mastery
Write It, Do It



Featured Trial Events
Botany
Code Craze
Ping Pong Parachute

DIVISION C GRADES 9-12

Life, Personal & Social Science
Anatomy and Physiology
(*Nervous, Sense Organs, Endocrine*)
Designer Genes
Disease Detectives
Entomology
Water Quality
(*Fresh Water*)

Earth & Space Science
Astronomy
Dynamic Planet (*Oceanography*)
Remote Sensing
Rocks and Minerals

Physical Science & Chemistry
Circuit Lab
Hovercraft
Machines
Chemistry Lab
(*Kinetics and Chemical Reactions/Stoichiometry*)
Forensics
Materials Science (*Nanomaterials*)

Technology & Engineering Design
Boomilever
Electric Vehicle
Helicopter
Robot Tour

Inquiry & Nature of Science
Codebusters
Experimental Design
Bungee Drop
Engineering CAD

Featured Trial Events
Botany
Code Craze
Ping Pong Parachute
Protein Modeling



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I don't view any of my team's success as my accomplishment. I have had the joy and privilege to coach an amazing, resilient, tenacious, group of young scientists. We come from a high minority, Title 1 school, but they refuse to think of themselves as at a disadvantage compared to other schools. This past year, I have been battling cancer, and my Science Olympiad team is one of the things that I look forward to on the bad days. I love seeing this team grow and thrive each year, and I hope to continue building this program for many years.

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KATHRYN STARLING

2025 Coaching Excellence Award Winner,
HEFNER MIDDLE SCHOOL,
OKLAHOMA

Science Olympiad: The Basics

DIVISION B
(Grades 6-9)

DIVISION C
(Grades 9-12)

6.7K
Teams in 2025



15
Members on a Team

450 Invitational, Regional,
State and National
Tournaments

23 Events in
Each Division

50 State Organizations



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SCIENCE OLYMPIAD *is for* **Administrators**

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.**



Exploring the World of 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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Check out this great article about Presbyterian College hosting its first-ever Science Olympiad State Tournament in South Carolina! With the help of over 50 student volunteers, the event was a big success.



“

Our team was thrilled to receive the 2025 Science Olympiad Spirit Award. Your organization's work has been transformative to so many students over the years and I have delighted in watching them grow, participating in the competitions that you develop.

”

KEVIN GREATA

Principal,
CARTER G. WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL
FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD: **The Value**

Science Olympiad Registration

\$100-\$350

Cost of a typical Science Olympiad team registration, **entire year** all the way to nationals

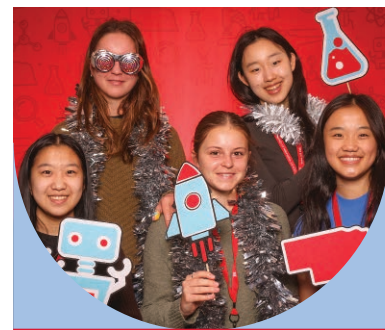
Other STEM Competition Fees

\$825

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

\$6,300

Cost of First Robotics Team Fee and Mandatory Kit for 10 students at 1 regional



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SCIENCE OLYMPIAD *is for* **Hosts**



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.



“When students show an early interest in STEM, it's vital to foster that flame. We had hundreds of students on campus who'd trained, prepared and studied diligently to meet the challenges of the Science Olympiad, and I know they're going to do great things using the same skills and talents that were on display.”

CAROL FOLT

Former USC President



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SO Alum Thomas Lu shows how Science Olympiad at Virginia Tech brings STEM to life for future college students!

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD ALUMNI NETWORK

Science Olympiad doesn't stop in senior year of high school. There are now over 60 Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapters on top campuses across the US, like USC, Tulane, University of Hawaii, Johns Hopkins, Duke, Virginia Tech and Texas A&M. Undergrads and graduate students founded these clubs to host tournaments, perform community service and provide opportunities to showcase each campus' faculty and facilities.



“

Leading the Dartmouth Undergraduate Science Olympiad Alumni Chapter has been one of the most defining experiences of my life. When I set out to create this group, I had no blueprint, just a vision of what we could build. Our first tournament wasn't just an event; it was a testament to what sheer determination and a shared purpose can accomplish.

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SARAH PARIGELA
President,
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

2026 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD NATIONAL TOURNAMENT HOST, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



MAY 22-23, 2026



USC University of
Southern California



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The Science Olympiad National Tournament presents a unique opportunity to showcase the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to future leaders in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Support from our university community will not only ensure the event's success, but also connect these exceptional students with UNL's academic excellence, research opportunities and vibrant community.

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RODNEY D. BENNETT

Chancellor

UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

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SCIENCE OLYMPIAD *is for* **Mentors**



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.



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.



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Check out this inspiring video from our partners at Atwell, filmed at the Michigan State Tournament at MSU, where they talk about our exciting new initiative.

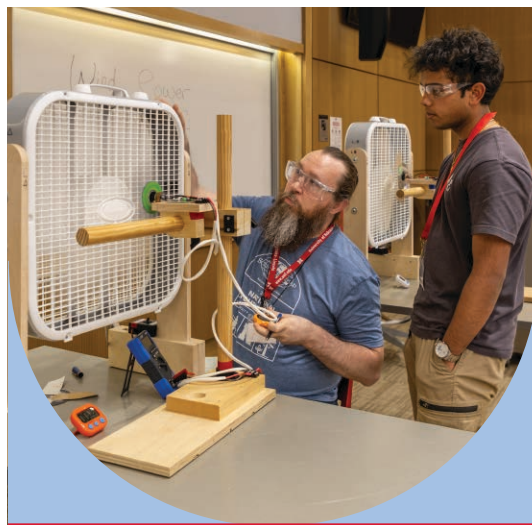
TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS

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!).



“

We are honored to partner with Science Olympiad, as many of our team members have a connection to the program, either as alumni or as parents or grandparents of participants. Our company has a history of supporting our local communities. We look forward to supporting and volunteering at Science Olympiad schools and tournaments nationwide, sharing our team members' skills and knowledge with the next generation of the STEM workforce.

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TIM AUGUSTINE

Chief Corporate Officer
ATWELL



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For the 2025-2026 tournament year, Science Olympiad is privileged to have sponsors who are true partners in our mission. Each of the corporations, associations and groups listed below have a vested interest in improving the quality of K-12 STEM education.

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MEMBERSHIP

For a complete listing of events, state websites and tournament information, or to learn more about becoming a registered member team, please visit our website soinc.org.

UPCOMING NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

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