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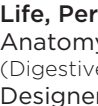
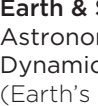
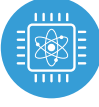
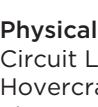
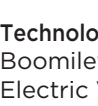
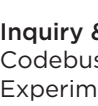
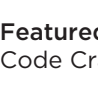
Ready to Solve Problems

In this fast-paced world, science is changing at the speed of light. How do you make sure students are **future-ready**, and their skills are **future-proof**? Science Olympiad provides students with the **knowledge, experience** and **tools** they need to solve tomorrow’s biggest problems in science, technology and innovation.

Since its founding in 1984, Science Olympiad has been doing **one thing**, and **doing it well**: holding the most comprehensive, exciting and rewarding team-based science competition in the country. With the support of thousands of volunteers, we hold more than 475 tournaments for 7,000 member teams annually. Our Science Olympiad tournaments give students access to some of the top colleges and universities, where students can envision their own STEM pathways during a full day of rigorous and interdisciplinary building, testing and experimenting. The structure of Science Olympiad allows 15 kids with varying backgrounds a chance to bond and magnify their talents as a team – rising and falling together – just like in the real world.



2027 Events By Division

DIVISION B GRADES 6-9	DIVISION C GRADES 9-12
 Life, Personal & Social Sciences Anatomy and Physiology (Digestive, Immune, Respiratory) Disease Detectives Heredity Botany Water Quality (Marine, Estuaries)	 Life, Personal & Social Sciences Anatomy and Physiology (Digestive, Immune, Respiratory) Designer Genes Disease Detectives Botany Water Quality (Marine, Estuaries)
 Earth & Space Science Dynamic Planet (Earth's Fresh Waters) Meteorology (Severe Storms) Remote Sensing Rocks and Minerals Solar System	 Earth & Space Science Astronomy Dynamic Planet (Earth's Fresh Waters) Remote Sensing Rocks and Minerals
 Physical Science & Chemistry Circuit Lab Hovercraft Thermodynamics Crime Busters Food Science	 Physical Science & Chemistry Circuit Lab Hovercraft Thermodynamics Chemistry Lab (Kinetics and Gases) Forensics Protein Modeling
 Technology & Engineering Design Boomilever Elastic Launched Glider Roller Coaster Scrambler	 Technology & Engineering Design Boomilever Electric Vehicle Mission Possible Wright Stuff
 Inquiry & Nature of Science Codebusters Experimental Design Ping Pong Parachute Write It, Do It	 Inquiry & Nature of Science Codebusters Experimental Design Ping Pong Parachute Engineering CAD
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Science Olympiad’s **cross-disciplinary** events give students an edge – preparing them for a workforce that demands flexibility. **Aligned** to curriculum and **designed** to support grade-level learning, Science Olympiad’s 23 events in each division give students a variety of choices so they can decide what they like best.



“Beyond the medals and experiences, the true achievement has been the positive impact our team has made on our school and community.”

WILLIAM ENGEL
2026 Science Olympiad \$10K Founders’ Scholarship winner,
Boyceville High School in Wisconsin

Science Olympiad: The Basics

7,000

MEMBER TEAMS IN 2026

15

MEMBERS ON A TEAM

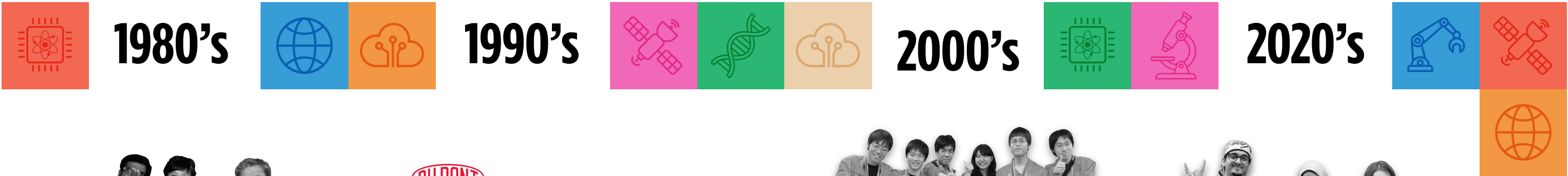
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TOURNAMENTS ANNUALLY

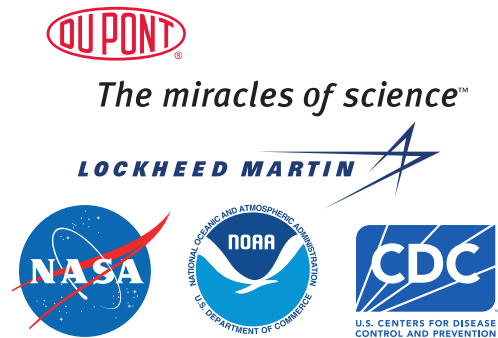
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STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Science Olympiad: Stands the Test of Time



Co-founders Dr. Gerard and Sharon Putz and Jack Cairns celebrate after the first Science Olympiad National Tournament at Michigan State University in May 1985



Science Olympiad connects with Fortune 500 corporations and government agencies to bring real-world science to students



Science Olympiad reaches chapters in all 50 states and Washington, DC, and starts the Global Ambassador Team program with the Japan Science and Technology Agency



Students just can't get enough of Science Olympiad and form more than 60 College Alumni Chapters, expanding the program's reach and prestige



1984

OG MAC COMPUTER
First set of 15 Science Olympiad rules written on the original Macintosh Computer



1992

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD GOES TO WASHINGTON
President George H. W. Bush honors teams and officials at the White House



2002

NEW MILESTONE!
Membership exceeds 5,000 teams for the first time



2005

NEW HEADQUARTERS
Science Olympiad moves HQ from founders' basement to Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, just west of Chicago



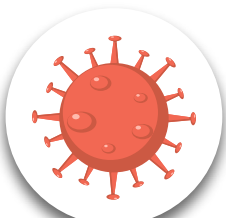
2010

FIRST WHITE HOUSE SCIENCE FAIR
Hosted by President Barack Obama, featuring six Science Olympiad champs in the front rows!



2019

NEW MILESTONE!
Peak Science Olympiad membership of 7,874 teams in all 50 states



2020

COVID-19
The pandemic hits hard and Science Olympiad goes digital, keeping the community intact with new Ways to Play and MY SO. Membership falls to 4,435



2023

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD USA FOUNDATION
First Science Olympiad Alumni Research (SOAR) grants awarded for medical and energy research from the Science Olympiad USA Foundation



2024

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TURNS 40!
40th Anniversary of the Science Olympiad National Tournament, celebrated at the first host site, Michigan State University



2027

OHIO STATE
Let's go to OSU for the 43rd Annual Science Olympiad National Tournament!



Program Highlights

In 2025, the Atwell Gives Foundation became the title sponsor for the Science Olympiad Urban Schools Initiative, a program that provides underserved school districts with extra support to ensure success. Atwell’s plan to support nearly 100 teams in nine states is already producing results.



“The Urban Schools Initiative has created access and opportunity for scholars who might otherwise go under-challenged and under-inspired. For the first time, they are encountering content that does not come effortlessly. They are learning how to study in meaningful ways, how to organize information, how to manage time, and how to prepare strategically. They are learning how to fail in a safe environment—and then try again. That experience is transformative. It builds resilience, humility, and perseverance.

Beyond academic rigor, the program cultivates collaboration, accountability, and leadership. My students have grown not only in scientific knowledge but also in confidence and maturity. They are given the opportunity to navigate Georgia’s best universities. They are beginning to see themselves as scientists, engineers, and innovators. That exposure and affirmation are powerful. The impact of this program extends far beyond competition day—it is shaping futures.”

- **Najula Jackson**
Centennial Academy
Atlanta, Georgia



College Alumni Chapters

When you’re part of a community like Science Olympiad, you don’t let go. After competing in middle and high school, students on college campuses across the Big 10, ACC, SEC and Ivy League decided they wanted to stay involved, forming **Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapters**. Now, we’re up to 61 clubs, where students host tournaments and do community outreach, mentoring local teams and raising funds for Urban Schools Initiative programs. From age 8 to 80, our people are involved!



Science Olympiad USA Foundation

Giving back is in our DNA. The Science Olympiad USA Foundation was founded out of a desire to accelerate funding for our scholars, researchers, teachers and state chapters. Since its inception, the Foundation has steered funds toward advances in cancer research, municipal water cybersecurity, HIV/AIDS treatments and autonomous vehicle safety; awarded 39 Founders’ Scholarships for high school seniors; given \$100K for State Chapter Incentive grants to increase opportunity; and motivated Oklahoma STEM teachers with Teaching Initiative grants. **We are walking the walk.**



Science Olympiad transformed my own trajectory by showing me the excitement and accessibility of science and engineering. Today, I aim to use my research as a platform to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers while advancing AI and robotics research.”

SATVIK KUMAR

2026 Science Olympiad Alumni Research (SOAR) \$30K Grant winner,
PHD student at Caltech

Sponsors



For the **2026-2027 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 TOURNAMENTS

May 14-15, 2027



2028



2029



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