



**2026 National Tournament**  
at the University of Southern California



2026

# National Tournament



MAY 22-23, 2026

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*Our 2026 Science Olympiad National  
Tournament Giving Initiative*

## Together we can make a difference.

As a gesture of gratitude to our National Tournament host city, Science Olympiad and USC are partnering with the American Red Cross Los Angeles Region on a fundraising initiative. The Red Cross was a leading recovery provider after the 2025 Eaton and Palisades fire disasters.

From May 1 to June 1, 2026, Science Olympiad teams, coaches, parents, officials, alumni and volunteers will be invited to donate towards a goal of \$12,500 from the Science Olympiad community. Let's show our Science Olympiad spirit to those who need it most. It's Good to be Smart, and Smart to be Good! We'll be partnering with Red Cross at the next three National Tournaments in Ohio, Georgia, and Illinois.

Donations can be made at:

<https://www.redcross.org/donate/cm/scienceolympiad-pub.html/>

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IT'S SMART TO BE  
**GOOD**

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# Welcome from President Beong-Soo Kim

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Dear Science Olympiad Participants and Guests,

Welcome to the University of Southern California, and congratulations on earning your place at the Science Olympiad National Tournament. We are honored to host some of the nation's most talented and inquisitive students here in Los Angeles.

At USC, we believe that discovery is propelled by curiosity, imagination, perseverance, and collaboration. Our students and faculty work across disciplines to tackle the most complex questions and challenges—and turn them into opportunities for innovation. From pioneering technologies that transform how we learn and work to life-saving breakthroughs in medicine and environmental science, we are committed to inquiry with impact.

Every day, the USC community strives to elevate the very values Science Olympiad embodies. This is a competition that celebrates cooperation: the ability to think together, problem-solve from multiple perspectives, and achieve more as a team than any individual could alone. It is a reminder that advancing STEM is an interdisciplinary effort, bringing together engineers and physicians as well as scientists and artists, and uniting communities around the world.

As you spend time on our campus, I encourage you to explore USC – talk with our students and faculty, visit their labs, and draw fresh inspiration to keep asking questions and pushing boundaries. We look forward to seeing where your passion for STEM takes you next.

On behalf of the entire USC community, welcome and best of luck in the competition.

**Beong-Soo Kim**

President, University of Southern California



# Welcome from Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas

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Dear Science Olympiad Competitors,  
Coaches and Families,

Welcome to the 2026 Science Olympiad National Tournament at the University of Southern California! It is an honor to extend my warmest greetings to the more than 2,000 talented middle and high school students who have traveled from across the nation to participate in this extraordinary event May 22-23.

Science Olympiad represents the very best of what education can inspire: Curiosity, collaboration and a passion for discovery. Each of you has demonstrated remarkable dedication and perseverance to reach the national stage. Your commitment to exploring science, technology, engineering and mathematics not only prepares you for future careers in STEM, but also helps build the innovative spirit that will shape our communities, our state and our country.

Competitions like this are about more than medals and rankings. They are about teamwork, creativity, and the courage to ask questions that lead to new ideas and solutions. Over the next two days, you will test your knowledge, challenge yourselves, and connect with peers who share your enthusiasm for learning. I encourage you to take pride in your accomplishments and enjoy every moment of this experience.

I also want to recognize the teachers, coaches, mentors and families whose guidance and support have helped these students reach this level of achievement. Your encouragement plays a vital role in nurturing the next generation of scientists, engineers, researchers and innovators.

Congratulations to all of you for earning your place at the National Tournament. I wish you the very best of luck in the competition, and hope your time in Los Angeles is both memorable and inspiring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lola Smallwood-Cuevas".

**Lola Smallwood-Cuevas**

Senator, 28th District, California State Senate

# Welcome from Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove

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Dear Friends,

As the U.S. House Representative for California's 37th District, I am honored to welcome you to the 2026 Science Olympiad National Tournament at the University of Southern California.

For more than 40 years, the Science Olympiad National Tournament has provided students across the country with an opportunity to explore their curiosity, develop new skills, and connect with others who share a passion for science and discovery. To all the students competing this year: you've worked hard to get here, and that's something to be proud of – as I certainly am of you. I hope you take full advantage of this experience, try new things, and never shy away from a challenge.

I also want to thank the university for hosting this event and helping create opportunities for the next generation. And to the teachers, coaches, families, and organizers, your support is what makes all this possible.

Best wishes for a great competition!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sydney Kamlager-Dove".

**Sydney Kamlager-Dove**  
Member of Congress

# Welcome from Mayor Karen Bass

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Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome students, educators, families, and supporters to the 42nd National Science Olympiad Tournament taking place here in Los Angeles.

The National Science Olympiad represents one of our nation's premier STEM competitions, and I am thrilled that this extraordinary gathering will take place in our vibrant and innovative city.

As we prepare to celebrate the achievements of the next generation of scientists and engineers, this year's tournament serves as a reminder of the power of inquiry, determination, and creativity. The thousands of competitors joining us from across the country embody the curiosity and ingenuity that will shape the discoveries of tomorrow and address the great challenges of our time.

I am proud to recognize the University of Southern California, the Viterbi School of Engineering, and the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, for serving as the hosts of this year's national tournament. USC has long been a leader in scientific advancement, engineering excellence, and interdisciplinary research, and its commitment to fostering STEM education is felt not only here in Los Angeles, but across the globe.

I extend my deepest appreciation to the organizers, volunteers, sponsors, coaches, and mentors whose dedication makes this event possible, and to all the competitors: I congratulate you on your achievements thus far and wish you the very best of luck during the tournament. May your passion for discovery continue to shine, and may your experience here in Los Angeles inspire a lifelong pursuit of learning, innovation, and exploration.

Congratulations, and welcome to Los Angeles!

**Karen Bass**  
Mayor of Los Angeles

# Welcome from National Science Olympiad

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When Science Olympiad started hosting National Tournaments 42 years ago, the founders had a clear idea: hold these events on college campuses so students get a taste of higher education – running across the quad to a lab, hanging out in the student union, seeing the magnificent research facilities, and most importantly, interacting with faculty. Maybe, just maybe, they thought, some of the students would be inspired by the trip and choose their future on the spot.

During this 42nd Annual Science Olympiad National Tournament at the University of Southern California, will you find your passion? As your Boomilever holds the weight of the sand bucket, will you realize your future as a structural engineer? When you solve the mystery in Crime Busters, will you see yourself as a forensic specialist? As you and your partner explore planetary phenomena within and beyond our Solar System, will you picture yourself on the next Artemis mission?

Driving Science Olympiad forward into the future, we are mindful of the past, staying faithful and true to the mission and objectives of our founders. By gathering 2,000 of the best and brightest students from across the United States in one place, on one campus, on one weekend in May each year, we celebrate not just the brilliance of the next generation, but the crucial support network of teachers, parents, supervisors, volunteers and officials who make Science Olympiad so special. For many of us, this is a chance to share in your joy and marvel at the promise of your future, together.

Thanks to everyone who helped get you here today, and to our fantastic hosts from California Science Olympiad, the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences and the USC Viterbi School of Engineering.

Have a wonderful National Tournament weekend!

**Jennifer Kopach**

CEO, Science Olympiad

President and CEO, Science Olympiad USA Foundation

# Welcome from National Science Olympiad

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## Welcome to the 2026 Science Olympiad National Tournament!

On behalf of the Science Olympiad Executive Board and Advisory Committee, along with our National Office staff, State Directors, and dedicated event supervisors, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2026 Science Olympiad National Tournament. We are proud to gather once again the very best teams from across the country for a celebration of curiosity, collaboration, and achievement in STEM.

To our competitors—congratulations. Earning a place at the National Tournament represents months, and often years, of commitment, problem-solving, and teamwork. You’ve put in the long practices, the early mornings, and the extra effort to get here. Over the course of the tournament, you’ll be challenged in new ways, but more importantly, you’ll have the opportunity to collaborate, to learn, and to grow alongside peers who share your passion for science.

One of the most meaningful aspects of the National Tournament is the opportunity to connect—with teammates, with competitors from across the nation, and with mentors who inspire you along the way. While medals and trophies are part of the experience, it is the relationships you build, the ideas you share, and the experiences you create together that will stay with you long after the competition ends.

As you move through the tournament, I encourage you to take it all in—challenge yourself, support one another, and embrace the spirit of collaboration that defines Science Olympiad. You’ve earned your place here, and we are excited to see what you will accomplish—together.

Best of luck to all teams, and welcome to the 2026 National Tournament!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Nichols".

**Dan Nichols**  
Science Olympiad Executive Director



## Keynote Speaker

### James Bullock

Dean, USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

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#### | Academic Career

James Bullock is dean of the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. He holds the Anna H. Bing Dean's Chair and a faculty appointment in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Before joining USC in 2025, Professor Bullock was dean of the School of Physical Sciences and a Professor of Physics and Astronomy at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). He received a B.S. in Physics and a B.S. in Mathematics from The Ohio State University in 1994 and a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 1999. After postdoctoral positions at The Ohio State University and as a Hubble Fellow at Harvard University, he joined UCI as an Assistant Professor in 2004. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a Fellow of the American Physical Society, and has been named a Clarivate Highly Cited Researcher in Space Science seven times (2019–2025). Professor Bullock served as the 17th Chair of the UCI Physics and Astronomy Department from 2017–2019 before becoming the 9th Dean of the UCI School of Physical Sciences in 2019.

#### | Research

Aided by supercomputer simulations and analytic models, Professor Bullock studies how galaxies and their constituent dark matter halos have formed and evolved over billions of years of cosmic time. By analyzing data that astronomers have collected using the James Webb Space Telescope, the Hubble Space Telescope, and other ground-based and space-based telescopes, he works to understand how galaxies, including the Milky Way and its Local Group of galaxies, emerged from the primordial universe. One of his long-standing interests has been the use of astrophysical observations to constrain the microphysical nature of dark matter.

#### | Activities

Professor Bullock is currently Chair of the Space Telescope Institute Council, which oversees management of the Space Telescope Science Institute, the home of the James Webb Space Telescope and other missions. He served as the Chair of the James Webb Space Telescope User's Committee from 2017–2022, and previously, he was Chair of the working group that recommended the Hubble Frontier Fields Program. He is passionate about science outreach and appears regularly on the Science Channel's *How the Universe Works*.

# Schedule of Events <sup>↗</sup>



## Thursday, May 21, 2026

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	<p>Team Check-In</p> <p><i>Teams participating in Trial Events on Friday should check-in on Thursday.</i></p>	Ronald Tutor Hall (RTH) 1st Floor Patio – 3710 McClintock Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90089

## Friday, May 22, 2026

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Impound for Protein Modeling (Division C Trial Event)	Grace Ford Salvatori Hall (GFS), Room 106
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Team Check-In	Ronald Tutor Hall (RTH) 1st Floor Patio – 3710 McClintock Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90089
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	STEM Expo	Various locations - See STEM Expo on Page 14
10:05 AM to 2:45 PM	Trial Events	See Trial Events Schedule on Page 10
5:30 PM	Parade of States Line Up	The Founders Room at the Galen Center
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p><i>The Galen Center has a strict clear bag policy. Teams should take heed of this policy and plan in advance to avoid being turned away.</i></p>	Galen Center – 3400 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90089
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Swap Meet	McCarthy Quad – 3551 Trousdale Pkwy, Los Angeles, CA 90089
	Coaches' Meeting	Galen Center – 3400 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90089

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## Division B, Trial Events Schedule

Friday, May 22, 2026

EVENT	LOCATION	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	10:05 AM to 11:05 AM	11:10 AM to 12:10 PM	12:40 PM to 1:40 PM	1:45 PM to 2:45 PM
Botany	Olin Hall (OHE), Room 100B		16-30	31-45	46-60	1-15
Code Craze	Ronald Tutor Hall (RTH), Room 109		1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60
Ping Pong Parachute	TCC 450 (Forum)	Self-Schedule				

## Division C, Trial Events Schedule

Friday, May 22, 2026

EVENT	LOCATION	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	10:05 AM to 11:05 AM	11:10 AM to 12:10 PM	12:40 PM to 1:40 PM	1:45 PM to 2:45 PM
Botany	Olin Hall (OHE), Room 100C		16-30	31-45	46-60	1-15
Code Craze	Ronald Tutor Hall (RTH), Room 115		1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60
Protein Modeling	Grace Ford Salvatori Hall (GFS), Room 106	Impound	31-45	46-60	1-15	16-30

## Saturday, May 23, 2026

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 AM	Team Homerooms Open	See Teams Attending
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Impound Begins (Bungee Drop, Electric Vehicle, Hovercraft, Mission Possible, Robot Tour, Scrambler)	Varies by Event
8:00 AM - 3:20 PM	Tournament Events	See Tournament Schedule on Pages 11-13
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Lunch Break	
7:00 PM	Awards & Closing Ceremony – Seating Opens	Galen Center – 3400 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90089  <i>The Galen Center has a strict clear bag policy. Teams should take heed of this policy and plan in advance to avoid being turned away.</i>
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Awards & Closing Ceremony	

# Schedule of Events <sup>↗</sup>



## Division B, Tournament Schedule

Saturday, May 23, 2026

EVENT	LOCATION	7:00 AM to 8:00 AM	8:00 AM to 9:00 AM	9:10 AM to 10:10 AM	10:20 AM to 11:20 AM	12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	1:10 PM to 2:10 PM	2:20 PM to 3:20 PM
Anatomy & Physiology	Grace Ford Salvatori Hall (GFS), Room 104		51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50
Boomilever	Seeley G. Mudd (SGM), Room 124		Self-Schedule					
Circuit Lab	Grace Ford Salvatori Hall (GFS), Room 106		31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30
Codebusters	Taper Hall (THH), Room 118		1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60
Crime Busters	Seeley G. Mudd (SGM), Room 209		51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50
Disease Detectives	Grace Ford Salvatori Hall (GFS), Room 108		1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60
Dynamic Planet	Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow Center (DMC), Room 151		31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30
Entomology	Kaprielian Hall (KAP), Room B24		11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10
Experimental Design	Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow Center (DMC), Room 150		11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10
Helicopter	Physical Education Building (PED), South Gym		Self-Schedule					
Heredity	Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow Center (DMC), Room 155		41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40
Hovercraft	Physical Education Building (PED), North Gym	Impound	Self-Schedule					
Machines	Olin Hall (OHE), Room 100C		21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20
Meteorology	Olin Hall (OHE), Room 120		21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20
Metric Mastery	Kaprielian Hall (KAP), Room B4		21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20
Mission Possible	TCC 350 (Franklin Suites)	Impound	Self-Schedule					
Potions & Poisons	Seeley G. Mudd (SGM), Room 301		41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40
Remote Sensing	Waite Phillips Hall (WPH), Room 203		1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60
Rocks & Minerals	Zumberge Hall (ZHS), Room 361		41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40
Scrambler	Physical Education Building (PED), North Gym	Impound	Self-Schedule					
Solar System	Ronald Tutor Hall (RTH), Room 115		11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10
Water Quality	Zumberge Hall (ZHS), Room 359		31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30
Write It Do it	Grace Ford Salvatori Hall (GFS), Room 111		51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50

# Schedule of Events <sup>↗</sup>



## Division C, Tournament Schedule

Saturday, May 23, 2026

EVENT	LOCATION	7:00 AM to 8:00 AM	8:00 AM to 9:00 AM	9:10 AM to 10:10 AM	10:20 AM to 11:20 AM	12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	1:10 PM to 2:10 PM	2:20 PM to 3:20 PM
Anatomy & Physiology	Waite Phillips Hall (WPH), Room 205		1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60
Astronomy	Ronald Tutor Hall (RTH), Room 109		21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20
Boomilever	Seeley G. Mudd (SGM), Room 124		Self-Schedule					
Bungee Drop	Ronald Tutor Hall (RTH), Breezeway	Impound	Self-Schedule					
Chemistry Lab	Seeley G. Mudd (SGM), Room 136		31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30
Circuit Lab	Olin Hall (OHE), Room 100B		41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40
Codebusters	Kaprielian Hall (KAP), Room 107		11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10
Designer Genes	Grace Ford Salvatori Hall (GFS), Room 101		51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50
Disease Detectives	Grace Ford Salvatori Hall (GFS), Room 109		11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10
Dynamic Planet	Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow Center (DMC), Room 152		41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40
Electric Vehicle	TCC Grand Ballroom	Impound	Self-Schedule					
Engineering CAD	Waite Phillips Hall (WPH), Room 201		1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60
Entomology	Kaprielian Hall (KAP), Room B25		21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20
Experimental Design	Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow Center (DMC), Room 156		21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20
Forensics	Seeley G. Mudd (SGM), Room 133		1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60
Helicopter	Physical Education Building (PED), South Gym		Self-Schedule					
Hovercraft	Physical Education Building (PED), North Gym	Impound	Self-Schedule					
Machines	Olin Hall (OHE), Room 100D		31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30
Materials Science	Seeley G. Mudd (SGM), Room 204		51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50

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## Division C, Tournament Schedule

Saturday, May 23, 2026

EVENT	LOCATION	7:00 AM to 8:00 AM	8:00 AM to 9:00 AM	9:10 AM to 10:10 AM	10:20 AM to 11:20 AM	12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	1:10 PM to 2:10 PM	2:20 PM to 3:20 PM
Remote Sensing	Waite Phillips Hall (WPH), Room 207		11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	1-10
Robot Tour	TCC Grand Ballroom	Impound	Self-Schedule					
Rocks & Minerals	Zumberge Hall (ZHS), Room 363		51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50
Water Quality	Zumberge Hall (ZHS), Room 357		41-50	51-60	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40



# STEM Expo Schedule



| Friday, May 22, 2026, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

📍 Dr. Allen and Charlotte Ginsburg Human-Centered Computation Hall (GCS) – 1031 Downey Way, Los Angeles, CA 90089

## Exhibitors at Ginsburg Hall

- **Ward's Science** - Science Olympiad Kits, Classroom Science Activities, & Supplies
- **Empowerly** - College Admissions Guidance for excelling students
- **Cambridge Centre for International Research (CCIR)** - Supports early-career researchers
- **Prequel** - Programs to help students find their passions
- **InGenius Prep** - College Admissions Counseling for high-achieving students
- **American Red Cross Los Angeles Region** - Provides emergency assistance, disaster relief, and education

## Presentations and Experiences

### Experiences

- **Midnight Science Club** - “Search for the Next Star” | 9 AM - 3PM at Ginsburg Hall
- **National Free Flight Society (NFFS)** - Flight Clinic | 9 AM - 3 PM at Kaprielian Hall Room 147
  - Test your flight devices alongside experts from the National Free Flight Society (NFFS). Their team will be on hand to offer guidance and share tips for flight events.

### Presentations

- **Empowerly** - “How to Build a Competitive Profile for Computer Science, AI & Engineering” | 10 AM - 11 AM at Kaprielian Hall Room 148
- **Prequel** - “Last Minute Tournament Prep Ideas” | 11 AM - 12 PM at Kaprielian Hall Room 148
- **Cambridge Centre for International Research (CCIR)** - “Built Different: The STEM Profile Top Universities Remember” | 12 PM - 1 PM at Kaprielian Room 148
- **InGenius Prep** - Academic & Extracurricular Strategies: How Competitive STEM Applicants Get Into Top Schools | 1 PM - 2 PM at Kaprielian Hall Room 148 ([Register Here](#))
- **CodeHS** - “Code Craze Year 1 Results & Year 2 Plans” | 3 PM - 4 PM at Kaprielian Hall Room 148

Learn more about what each session offers at [nationalscienceolympiad2026.org](https://nationalscienceolympiad2026.org)

# STEM Expo Schedule




| Friday, May 22, 2026, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

📍 Dr. Allen and Charlotte Ginsburg Human-Centered Computation Hall (GCS) – 1031 Downey Way, Los Angeles, CA 90089

## Open Houses/Campus Tours/Other

- **USC Campus Tours** | Hourly from 9 AM to 3 PM at Ronald Tutor Campus Center (TCC) Room 202
  - Join a 30-minute presentation followed by a guided 50-minute walking tour led by a USC student tour guide. During the presentation you will learn about admission requirements, important deadlines, and what the admissions team looks for in prospective students. This session will also provide an overview of financial aid, scholarships, and resources available to help support your USC educational journey. During the walking tour, you will explore key areas of campus, including residence halls, academic buildings, and research facilities, while gaining insight into student life, traditions, and resources. Tours provide a firsthand look at what it's like to be part of the USC community. Reservations are required and a link to sign up will be released after all teams have qualified for the National Tournament. Limited to 500 participants.
- **USC Dornsife Office of Admissions** - Natural Sciences and Pre-Health Presentation | 4 PM - 5 PM at Taper Hall (THH) Room 101
  - Explore the wide range of natural science majors offered through USC's famous Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, such as astronomy, physics, chemistry, geological sciences, and more. This session also includes information on academic pathways, research opportunities, and additional resources supporting students pursuing pre-health tracks such as medicine, dentistry, and other health professions. Seats will be first come, first serve in the auditorium.
- **USC Viterbi Office of Admissions** - Engineering and Computer Science Presentation | 4 PM - 5 PM at Taper Hall (THH) Room 201
  - Learn about the top engineering and computer science programs at the USC Viterbi School of Engineering. This session will cover available majors, academic expectations, and opportunities for hands-on learning, research, and internships. Attendees will gain insight into career pathways and the resources available to support student success in engineering and technology fields. Seats will be first come, first serve in the auditorium.



Opening Ceremony

# AGENDA

**FRIDAY, MAY 22**

**6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Galen Center – 3400  
S Figueroa St, Los  
Angeles, CA 90089

**PARADE OF STATES**

Noah Franklin, Master of Ceremonies

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Daniel Voigt, USC Thornton '25 & Northwestern Bienen '28

**WELCOME REMARKS**

Dan Nichols, Executive Director, Science Olympiad  
Yannis C. Yortsos, Dean, USC Viterbi School of Engineering

**KEYNOTE INTRODUCTION**

Jenny Kopach, CEO, Science Olympiad

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

James Bullock, Dean, USC Dornsife College of Letters,  
Arts and Sciences

**STUDENT, COACH, PARENT AND  
SUPERVISOR PLEDGES**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

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# Science Olympiad Pledges



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## Student's Pledge

I pledge to put forth my best effort in the Science Olympiad tournament and to uphold the principles of honest competition. In my events, I will compete with integrity, respect, and sportsmanship towards my fellow competitors. I will display courtesy toward event supervisors and tournament personnel. My actions will exemplify the proud spirit of my school, team, and state.

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## Coach's Pledge

On behalf of the coaches and assistants at this tournament, I pledge to encourage honesty and respect for tournament personnel, our fellow coaches, and other team members. We want our efforts to bring honor to our community and school.

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## Parent's Pledge

On behalf of the parents and spectators I pledge to be an example for our children by: Respecting the rules of Science Olympiad, Encouraging excellence in preparation and investigation, Supporting independence in design and production of all competition devices, Respecting the decisions of event supervisors and judges. Our examples will promote the spirit of cooperation within and among all our participating teams.

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## Event Supervisor's Pledge

On behalf of my fellow supervisors and tournament personnel, I pledge to run my event with fairness and respect for the participants and their coaches. Our actions will reflect the principles of the Science Olympiad program and display the pride we feel as representatives of our colleges, universities, companies, states, or organizations.

**Awards &  
Closing Ceremony**

**AGENDA**

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**

**7:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

Galen Center – 3400  
S Figueroa St, Los  
Angeles, CA 90089

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Daniel Voigt, USC Thornton '25 & Northwestern Bienen '28

**INTRODUCTION OF MEDAL PRESENTERS**

Dr. John Loehr, Vice President of STEM Education, Science Olympiad

**PRESENTATION OF TRIAL EVENT, DIVISION B,  
DIVISION C AND SPECIAL PRIZES**

Dr. John Loehr, Vice President of STEM Education, Science Olympiad  
Dr. Erik Johnson, Prof. of Civil Engineering & Vice Dean for Academic  
Programs, USC Viterbi School of Engineering

**GLOBAL AMBASSADOR TEAM FROM JAPAN**

Jenny Kopach, CEO, Science Olympiad

**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD SPIRIT AWARDS**

Sharon Putz, Co-Founder and Senior Advisor, Science Olympiad  
Jenny Kopach, CEO, Science Olympiad

**TEAM AWARDS**

Dan Nichols, Executive Director, Science Olympiad

**2026 HOST WELCOME AND HANDOFF**

Brian Lam, University of Southern California Representative  
Mariah Lesar, the Ohio State University Representative

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# Global Ambassador Team from Japan

In 2009, Board Members Dr. Gerard Putz and Jim Woodland traveled to Tokyo, Japan, to share Science Olympiad concepts with officials from the Ministry of Education (MEXT) and the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) at the “Science Agora” event. This initial exchange led to the formation of a lasting partnership between Science Olympiad and JST, rooted in a shared mission to make science competitions dynamic and accessible for all students.

In April 2025, JST held its 15th Annual Japan High School Science Championships (JHSSC), a competition modeled after Science Olympiad. Each year, the JHSSC Grand Prize is a trip to the United States to attend the Science Olympiad National Tournament. We are thrilled to announce that the 2025 JHSSC champions from Okayama Prefectural Okayama Asahi Senior High School will serve as Japan’s Global Ambassador Team. As in previous years (2012–2025), the Japanese students will join their American counterparts in tournament activities, march in the Parade of States, and take part as honored guests in selected test, lab, and engineering events.

# Division B Teams



TEAM #	SCHOOL/STATE	COACH
<b>B1</b>	Sierra Vista Middle School, CA (Southern)	Shaun Evola
<b>B2</b>	Kennedy Middle School, CA (Northern)	Soo Young Choi
<b>B3</b>	Jay M. Robinson Middle School, NC	Abhinav Limaye
<b>B4</b>	Alston Ridge Middle School, NC	Michelle Gainey
<b>B5</b>	Seven Bridges Middle School, NY	Skye AlbertHall
<b>B6</b>	The Bay Academy (IS98), NY	Christopher Caputo
<b>B7</b>	Slauson Middle School, MI	Guy Suter
<b>B8</b>	East Middle School, MI	Lalit Kumar
<b>B9</b>	Daniel Wright Junior High School, IL	Lisa Solesky
<b>B10</b>	Marie Murphy School, IL	Darren Persino
<b>B11</b>	Fulton Science Academy, GA	Pam Walsh
<b>B12</b>	Piney Grove Middle School, GA	Jennifer Fisher
<b>B13</b>	Solon Middle School, OH	Wei Huang
<b>B14</b>	Mason Middle School, OH	Yan Jiang
<b>B15</b>	Longfellow Middle School, VA	Julie Cox
<b>B16</b>	Cooper Middle School, VA	Juli Kim
<b>B17</b>	Archimedean Middle Conservatory, FL	Jana Caban-Klepacova
<b>B18</b>	Orlando Science School, FL	Mehmet Moroglu
<b>B19</b>	BASIS Cedar Park, TX	Giao Huynh
<b>B20</b>	Seven Lakes Junior High School, TX	Lea Shearer
<b>B21</b>	Springhouse Middle School, PA	Sathish Krishnamoorthy
<b>B22</b>	Eagle View Middle School, PA	Kristen Blouch
<b>B23</b>	Evergreen Middle School, WA	Rajagopal Venkatachalam
<b>B24</b>	Skyridge Middle School, WA	Julie Heidingsfelder
<b>B25</b>	Ladue Middle School, MO	Michael Clay
<b>B26</b>	Pleasant Ridge Middle School, KS	Arjun Nanje Gowda
<b>B27</b>	Mount View Middle School, MD	Stephen Vance
<b>B28</b>	Velma Hamilton Middle School, WI	Katie Venturini
<b>B29</b>	The Stanley Clark School, IN	Abbie Kurnyak
<b>B30</b>	Tenakill Middle School, NJ	Shireen Moidu

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<b>B 31</b>	Cedar Springs Homeschool, TN	Meryl van der Merwe
<b>B 32</b>	Brownell Talbot School, NE	Kari Newman
<b>B 33</b>	Preston Middle School, CO	Elizabeth Loyd
<b>B 34</b>	Corvallis Middle School, MT	Darci Herbstritt
<b>B 35</b>	H.B. duPont Middle School, DE	Scott Cook
<b>B 36</b>	Alabama School of Fine Arts, AL	Walter Uhoya
<b>B 37</b>	Ben Franklin Middle School, ND	Danijela Ljepoja
<b>B 38</b>	William Diamond Middle School, MA	Catherine Farley
<b>B 39</b>	Albuquerque Academy, NM	Andrés Lucero
<b>B 40</b>	Highlands Intermediate School, HI	Kathy Lin
<b>B 41</b>	Meyzeek Middle School, KY	William Lewis
<b>B 42</b>	St. Joseph's Catholic School, ID	Mary McClure
<b>B 43</b>	Fairfield County Homeschoolers, CT	Nadezhda Anikeev
<b>B 44</b>	Chippewa Middle School, MN	Sarah Wachter
<b>B 45</b>	Casady School, OK	Shannon Semet
<b>B 46</b>	Mount Vernon Middle School, IA	Rob Hanson
<b>B 47</b>	Stoller Middle School, OR	Prashanth Nair
<b>B 48</b>	North Cumberland Middle School, RI	Shreedevi Joshi
<b>B 49</b>	Glasgow Middle School, LA	Kelly McFatter
<b>B 50</b>	Lisa West Middle School, AR	Clair Hartle
<b>B 51</b>	BASIS Chandler, AZ	Jason Crosby
<b>B 52</b>	Discovery Peak Charter School, AK	Maynard Maglaya
<b>B 53</b>	Davidson Academy, NV	Erica Pheysey
<b>B 54</b>	Clinton Middle School, SC	Terri O'Shields
<b>B 55</b>	BASIS DC, DC	Nathaniel Green
<b>B 56</b>	Pembroke Hill Middle School, MO	Brandon Gillette
<b>B 57</b>	CY Middle School, WY	Sarah Burger
<b>B 58</b>	West High School ELP, UT	Crystal King
<b>B 59</b>	Lakewood Middle School, KS	Mithun Sebastian
<b>B 60</b>	Yankton Middle School, SD	Nicole Mehlhaff

# Division C Teams



TEAM #	SCHOOL/STATE	COACH
C1	Troy High School, CA (Southern)	Kurt Wahl
C2	Monta Vista High School, CA (Northern)	Soo Young Choi
C3	Stuyvesant High School, NY	Scott Thomas
C4	Great Neck South High School, NY	James Truglio
C5	William G. Enloe Magnet High School, NC	Mark Voller
C6	North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, NC	Jenny Wang
C7	New Trier High School, IL	Alex Howe
C8	Adlai E. Stevenson High School, IL	Ryan Korah
C9	Ann Arbor Pioneer High School, MI	Jonathan Hanson
C10	Novi High School, MI	Debra Jodoin
C11	Harrilton High School, PA	Brian Gauvin
C12	Cumberland Valley High School, PA	Christopher Irvin
C13	Boca Raton Community High School, FL	Jon Benskin
C14	Frazer School, FL	Marc Moody
C15	Walton High School, GA	Doug Wolfe
C16	Chattahoochee High School, GA	Anupa Doraiswami
C17	Seven Lakes High School, TX	Julie Irving
C18	Jordan High School, TX	Neha Karandikar
C19	Mason High School, OH	Steven Seiler
C20	Solon High School, OH	Cherese Fiorina
C21	Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, VA	Aubrie Holman
C22	Madison West High School, WI	Katie Venturini
C23	Montgomery High School, NJ	Jason Sullivan
C24	Ladue Horton Watkins High School, MO	Hannah Shayer-McLeod
C25	Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, MA	Brian Dempsey
C26	Centennial High School, MD	Jay Boring
C27	Tesla STEM High School, WA	Andy Christensen
C28	White Station High School, TN	George Richardson
C29	Mounds View High School, MN	Erik Hall

# Division C Teams



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C30	Carmel High School, IN	Cyndy Henry
C31	Homeschool Science Colorado, CO	Cindy Puhek
C32	South Windsor High School, CT	Joshua Kraus
C33	Lincoln East High School, NE	Leigh Uhing
C34	The Charter School of Wilmington, DE	Jonas Raab
C35	Blue Valley West High School, KS	Heather Hall
C36	James Clemens High School, AL	Ashley Horne
C37	BASIS Chandler, AZ	Alex Harmatuck
C38	Hamilton High School, MT	Vanessa Haflich
C39	Davies High School, ND	David Schultz
C40	duPont Manual High School, KY	Aileen O'Brien
C41	Sunset High School, OR	Sonia Sahu
C42	'Iolani School, HI	Narayan Raja
C43	Socorro High School, NM	Azza Ezzat
C44	Cedar Falls High School, IA	Erin Sliwinski
C45	Casady School, OK	Julieta Zesiger
C46	Barrington High School, RI	Sabrina Cancel
C47	Bentonville West High School, AR	Elizabeth Phillips
C48	Advanced Technologies Academy, NV	LeAnn Chung
C49	Clinton High School, SC	Terri O'Shields
C50	BASIS DC, DC	Nathaniel Green
C51	West High School, UT	Crystal King
C52	Phillips Exeter Academy, NH	Jeanette Lovett
C53	Northwest Rankin High School, MS	Kimberly Phillips
C54	Baton Rouge Magnet High School, LA	Jonathan Wilson
C55	Morgantown High School, WV	Bill Gibson
C56	Deering High School, ME	Cyle Davenport
C58	Marquette University High School, WI	Nicole Williams
C59	Kelly Walsh High School, WY	Paul Kasza
C60	Yankton High School, SD	Lindsay Kortan
C61	Okayama Prefectural Okayama Asahi High School	Kazuhisa Seki

# National Event Supervisors

## Division B Supervisors

SUPERVISOR	EVENT
C. Robyn Fischer	Anatomy and Physiology
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Kevin Krakora	Boomilever
Russ Burtleson	Circuit Lab
Monica Sieh	Codebusters
EmJ Rennich	Crime Busters
Nikki Cheung	Disease Detectives
Kavi Gollamudi	Dynamic Planet
Kristi Liu	Entomology
Lei Jiang	Experimental Design
Jeff Anderson	Helicopter
Victor Lam	Heredity
Karen Emmons	Hovercraft
Ian Emmons	Hovercraft
J Croom	Machines
Mark Kramer	Meteorology
Sara Riehbrandt	Metric Mastery
Russ Riehbrandt	Metric Mastery
Jeremy Gerber	Mission Possible
Manley Midgett	Mission Possible
Susan McCoy	Potions and Poisons
Emily Miaou	Remote Sensing
Stephanie Sang	Rocks and Minerals
John Beauregard	Scrambler
Bro. Nigel Pratt	Scrambler
Connor Todd	Solar System
Aditya Shah	Solar System
Scott Cole	Water Quality
Reina Gomez	Write It Do It

## Trial Events - Division B

SUPERVISOR	EVENT
Matthew Kramer	Botany
Satvik Kumar	Code Craze
Andy Hamm	Ping Pong Parachute
Tony Pelikan	Ping Pong Parachute

## Division C Supervisors

SUPERVISOR	EVENT
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Donna Young	Astronomy
Greg Marconnet	Boomilever
Andy Hamm	Bungee Drop
Tony Pelikan	Bungee Drop
Allen Leung	Chemistry Lab
Joshua Leung	Chemistry Lab
Kira Emmons	Circuit Lab
John Toebes	Codebusters
Annika Gomez	Designer Genes
Ralph Cordell	Disease Detectives
Brian Amaro	Dynamic Planet
Brian Hoffman	Electric Vehicle
Nathan Jew	Electric Vehicle
Drew Bennett	Engineering CAD
Matt Shields	Engineering CAD
Ronda Hamm	Entomology
Jeremy Long	Experimental Design
Lin Wozniowski	Forensics
David Lindley	Helicopter
Julie Newman	Helicopter
Bryan Blaschke	Hovercraft
Ben Brophy	Machines
Erin Barrick	Materials Science
Araneesh Pratap	Remote Sensing C
Corey Hoffman	Robot Tour
Brian Hoffman	Robot Tour
Gary Vorwald	Rocks and Minerals
Rob Halgren	Water Quality

## Trial Events - Division C

SUPERVISOR	EVENT
Sara Riehbrandt	Botany
Russ Riehbrandt	Botany
David Kleinhans	Code Craze
Heather Ryan	Protein Modeling

# Division B Description of Events <sup>7</sup>

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## **ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY:**

Participants will be assessed on their understanding of the anatomy and physiology for the nervous, special senses, and endocrine systems of the human body.

## **BOOMILEVER:**

Teams will design and build a cantilevered beam or truss structure that extends from a vertical Testing Wall and supports a load at a specified distance from the Testing Wall. The structure must meet the requirements specified in these rules to achieve the highest score, which is a combination of structural efficiency and Load Score Bonus.

## **CIRCUIT LAB:**

Participants must complete tasks and answer questions about electricity and magnetism.

## **CODEBUSTERS:**

Teams will cryptanalyze and decode encrypted messages using cryptanalysis techniques for historical and modern advanced ciphers.

## **CRIME BUSTERS:**

Given a scenario, a collection of evidence, & possible suspects, students will perform a series of tests. Test results along with other evidence will be used to solve a crime & answer questions.

## **DISEASE DETECTIVES:**

Participants will use their investigative skills in the scientific study of disease, injury, health, and disability in populations or groups of people.

## **DYNAMIC PLANET:**

Teams will complete tasks related to physical and geological oceanography.

## **ENTOMOLOGY:**

Students will be asked to identify insects and selected immature insects by indicated taxonomy order and family, answer questions about insects, and use or construct a dichotomous key. All insects will be representatives of insects found in North America, north of Mexico.

## **EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN:**

This event will determine the participant's ability to design, conduct, and report the findings of an experiment entirely on-site.

# Division B Description of Events <sup>7</sup>

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## HELICOPTER:

Prior to the tournament, teams will construct, collect data on test flights, analyze and optimize free flight rubber-powered helicopters to achieve maximum time aloft.

## HEREDITY:

Teams will answer questions, solve problems, and analyze data pertaining to classic and molecular genetics.

## HOVERCRAFT:

Prior to the competition, participants will design, construct, and calibrate a self-propelled air-levitated vehicle that moves down a track.

## MACHINES:

Teams will complete a written test on simple and compound machine concepts and construct a lever-based measuring device prior to the tournament to determine the mass ratios between three test masses.

## METEOROLOGY:

Participants will use scientific process skills involving qualitative and quantitative analyses to demonstrate an understanding of the factors that influence Everyday Weather through the interpretation of meteorological data, graphs, charts and images.

## METRIC MASTERY:

Teams will estimate and then measure properties of identical objects including mass, area, volume, density, force, distance, time, and temperature. Teams will also perform metric unit conversions.

## MISSION POSSIBLE:

Prior to the competition, participants design, build, test, and document a Rube Goldberg®-like Device that completes required Start and Final Actions through a series of specific actions.

## POTIONS AND POISONS:

This event is about chemical properties and effects of specified toxic and therapeutic chemical substances, with a focus on household and environmental toxins or poisons.

## REMOTE SENSING:

Participants will demonstrate an understanding of the basic principles of remote sensing and use imagery, data, and maps to complete tasks related to earth systems processes. An understanding of mapping principles is a component of this event.

# Division B Description of Events <sup>7</sup>

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## ROCKS AND MINERALS:

Teams will identify and classify rocks and minerals and demonstrate knowledge of how rocks and minerals help to understand geologic processes, interpretation of earth's history, the development of natural resources, and use by society.

## SCRAMBLER:

Teams design, build, and test a mechanical device, which uses the energy from a falling mass to transport an egg along a track as quickly as possible and stop as close to the center of a Terminal Barrier (TB) without breaking the egg.

## SOLAR SYSTEM:

Participants will demonstrate their knowledge of planet formation and structure within and beyond the Solar System.

## WATER QUALITY:

Participants will be assessed on their understanding and evaluation of freshwater aquatic environments.

## WRITE IT DO IT:

One participant will write a description of an object and how to build it. The other participant will attempt to construct the object from this description.

## TRIAL EVENTS:

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### BOTANY:

In this event, participants will demonstrate their knowledge of plant life and general botany principles.

### CODE CRAZE:

In this event, participants will participate in multiple quiz and coding activities designed to assess their knowledge of practice module (e.g., coding, AI, Cryptography, and Python).

### PING PONG PARACHUTE:

In this event, prior to the tournament, teams will design, build, and bring up to two bottle rockets to the tournament to launch a ping pong ball attached to a parachute to stay aloft for the greatest amount of time.

# Division C Description of Events <sup>7</sup>

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## **ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY:**

Participants will be assessed on their understanding of the anatomy and physiology for the nervous, special senses, and endocrine systems of the human body.

## **ASTRONOMY:**

Teams will demonstrate an understanding of Stellar Evolution From Formation to Destruction.

## **BOOMILEVER:**

Teams will design and build a cantilevered beam or truss structure that extends from a vertical Testing Wall and supports a load at a specified distance from the Testing Wall. The structure must meet the requirements specified in these rules to achieve the highest score, which is a combination of structural efficiency and Load Score Bonus.

## **BUNGEE DROP:**

Each team will design one elastic cord to conduct drops at a given height(s) and attempt to get a weighted bottle as close as possible to, but without touching, a landing surface.

## **CHEMISTRY LAB:**

Teams will complete one or more tasks and answer a series of questions involving the Science processes of chemistry focused in the areas of chemical reactions/stoichiometry and kinetics.

## **CIRCUIT LAB:**

Participants must complete tasks and answer questions about electricity and magnetism.

## **DESIGNER GENES:**

Teams will answer questions, solve problems, and analyze data pertaining to classic, evolutionary, and molecular genetics.

## **DISEASE DETECTIVES:**

Participants will use their investigative skills in the scientific study of disease, injury, health, and disability in populations or groups of people.

## **DYNAMIC PLANET:**

Teams will complete tasks related to physical and geological oceanography.

## **ELECTRIC VEHICLE:**

Teams design, build, and test one vehicle that uses electrical energy as its sole means of propulsion to travel as quickly as possible and stop close to a Target Point.

# Division C Description of Events <sup>↗</sup>

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## **ENGINEERING CAD:**

Teams will read a set of engineering drawings and collaborate to CAD parts in Onshape and then incorporate these parts with provided components to create an assembly.

## **ENTOMOLOGY:**

Students will be asked to identify insects and selected immature insects by indicated taxonomy order and family, answer questions about insects, and use or construct a dichotomous key. All insects will be representatives of insects found in North America, north of Mexico.

## **EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN:**

This event will determine the participant's ability to design, conduct, and report the findings of an experiment entirely on-site.

## **FORENSICS:**

Given a scenario and some possible suspects, students will perform a series of tests. These tests, along with other evidence or test results, will be used to solve a crime.

## **HELICOPTER:**

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## **HOVERCRAFT:**

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## **MACHINES:**

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## **MATERIALS SCIENCE:**

Teams will complete lab activities and answer a series of questions related to the materials science of nanomaterials with an emphasis on chemical, physical, optical, and mechanical properties of nanomaterials.

# Division C Description of Events <sup>7</sup>

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## REMOTE SENSING:

Participants will use remote sensing imagery, data, and computational process skills to complete tasks related to climate change processes in the Earth system.

## ROBOT TOUR:

Teams design, build, program, and test one Robotic Vehicle to navigate a track to reach a target at a set amount of time as accurately and efficiently as possible.

## ROCKS AND MINERALS:

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## WATER QUALITY:

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## TRIAL EVENTS:

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### BOTANY:

In this event, participants will demonstrate their knowledge of plant life and general botany principles.

### CODE CRAZE:

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### PROTEIN MODELING:

In this event, participants will use computer visualization and online resources to construct a physical model of a de novo designed ideal protein structure. This year's event will focus on DI-II\_10 as described in doi: 10.1038/nature11600.



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1. Team Check-In: Ronald Tutor Hall (RTH) 1st Floor Patio
2. STEM Expo: Ginsburg Hall (GCS) 1st Floor
3. Opening Ceremony, Coaches' Meeting, and Closing & Awards Ceremonies: Galen Center
4. Swap Meet: McCarthy Quad
5. Event Supervisor and VIP Check-in: Verna and Peter Dauterive Hall (VPD)

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6. Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow Center (DMC)
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14. Zumberge Hall (ZHS)
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