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Aloha Fellow Science Teachers!

It's that time of year again...time to start putting together teams for this year's exciting Hawaii State Science Olympiad (HSSO) Tournaments! We've got some exciting updates and news that I'd like to share with everyone.

Membership

First of all the membership fees for Science Olympiad will remain at \$75. In these tough times we are determined to make science affordable and accessible to all teachers and students. The membership fee covers your entrance to regional, statewide and national tournaments. It also gets you one rules manual so you and your students can start to practice and prepare for tournaments. HSSO allows up to two teams per school but each team must register separately.

We are very excited to offer online registration this year!

Science Olympiad is open to ALL public, private, charter and home schools in Hawaii.

Visit www.hssso.org to register your team online today!

Tournaments

At the June 2009 meeting the HSSO Board decided to make the Regional Tournament qualifying tournaments for participation in the Statewide Tournament in March. This year we have three amazing Regional Tournaments lined up:

Leeward Regional Tournament - Leeward Community College - Saturday, February 6, 2010

Windward Regional Tournament - Windward Community College - Saturday, February 13, 2010

Kauai Regional Tournament - Kauai Community College - Monday, February 15, 2010

Any team can participate in any Regional Tournament. However, teams can participate at the regional level once! Registration is online and is on a first come, first served basis. Teams that qualify at the Regional level will be invited to participate at the annual Statewide Tournament on March 6, 2010 at Leeward Community College. Teams that win at the Statewide Tournament will be able to represent Hawaii at the National Science Olympiad Tournament in May at the University of Illinois.

Highlands Intermediate School and Mililani High School both represented Hawaii at last year's National Tournament and showed almost 10,000 students, teachers, judges, officials and volunteers the meaning of aloha. They did such a great job that Mililani High School was awarded the 2009 National Science Olympiad Spirit Award. One of two awards in which the team receives a standing ovation.

Events

We've got lots of great events planned for this year's Regional and Statewide Tournaments. The Board met and ultimately decided on 15 High School events and 12 Middle School events for this year's Statewide Tournament. Additionally, we will be running at least one trial event (students can receive medals but it will not count towards overall rank). Regional Tournament

will run many but not all of the events listed below. Visit www.hssso.org for lists of events for each regional tournament.

Events at the Science Olympiad Tournament cover a wide range of topics and involve a wide range of abilities.

The events for this year's Science Olympiad Tournaments are:

Middle School: Anatomy, Bio-Process Lab, Circuit, Dynamic Planet, Elevated Bridge, Fossils, Experimental Design, Junkyard Challenge, Physical Science Lab, Solar System, Trajectory and Write It Do It

High School: Anatomy & Physiology, Astronomy, Cell Biology, Chemistry Lab, Disease Detectives, Dynamic Planet, Egg-O-Naut, Elevated Bridge, It's About Time, Physics Lab, Picture This, Remote Sensing, Technical Problem Solving, and Write It Do It.

Volunteers

HSSO is always looking for volunteers. At this time we are looking for energetic and dynamic folks to run and judge events at the Regional and Statewide Tournaments. If any of the above events has sparked your interest please contact one of the following people.

For Regional Tournaments Contact:

Kauai Regional Director - Linda Sciaroni (sciaronilinda@aol.com)

Leeward Regional Director - Dr. Natalia Schmidt (nschmidt@hawaii.edu)

Windward Regional Director - Dr. Dave Krupp (krupp@hawaii.edu)

For Statewide Tournament Contact:

Division C (High School) Event Coordinator - Roger Kwok (skwok@hawaii.edu)

Division B (Middle School) Event Coordinator - Sachie Etherington
(setherington@gmail.com)

Please feel free to email the State Director, Franklin Allaire (allaire@hawaii.edu) with any questions, comments or concerns regarding Science Olympiad. You can also visit Franklin and learn more about Science Olympiad at Lacy Veach Day (October 24th at Punahou School) and the Fall HaSTA Conference (October 3rd at Punahou School).

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