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Aloha friends!

The year is winding down and everyone is starting to make plans for the summer. Whether you are having a "stay-cation", traveling around and/or participating in one of many fantastic professional development opportunities, please make sure to find some time to relax and enjoy the company of friends and family.

The Hawai'i State Science Olympiad (HSSO) has been hard at work planning for next school year so that we can all hit the ground running as soon as we're back. Here are some updates:

2010 National Science Olympiad Tournament

This weekend students from Mililani High School and Maui Preparatory Academy will be representing the State of Hawai'i at the 26th Annual National Science Olympiad Tournament being held at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. Our students will be competing with their peers from all 50 states and Canada in over 45 separate STEM related events.

Winners at this prestigious tournament can receive up to \$100,000 in prizes, trips and scholarships from groups such as the University of Illinois, Lockheed-Martin, NOAA and the Center for Disease Control. This will be the first appearance for Maui Preparatory Academy, coached by Ms. Carrie DeMott and the second appearance for Mililani High School under the leadership of Mrs. Namthip Sitachitta. At the 2009 National Tournament, Mililani High School was awarded the National Spirit Award for the the High School Division for displaying school pride, positivity and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

Regardless of how our students score in the individual events and overall we can be certain that our students and teachers will represent themselves, their schools, and our state with pride, dignity and honor and will show the entire country the meaning of aloha spirit.

You can get updates from the National Tournament via our [Facebook Page](#) and/or our Twitter account (hisciolympiad).

HSSO Website

Our website, www.hssso.org, will be undergoing a major makeover this summer. It will still be easy to navigate but it will have some added features including picture, videos, possible some informational podcasts and individual sections for each of the regional tournaments and the annual statewide tournament. I want to apologize ahead of time for any inconvenience this may cause. As always, if you have questions or concerns about Science Olympiad please email us at hisciolympiad@gmail.com.

Regional and Statewide Tournaments

We are very excited to announce that HSSO will be supporting and sponsoring **FOUR** regional tournaments on top of our annual Statewide Tournament during SY 2010-2011! Here they are and the tentative dates and locations for the regional and statewide tournaments. Mark your calendars!!!

- Kauai Regional • Kauai Community College - Monday, January, January 15, 2011
- Leeward Oahu Regional • Leeward Community College - Saturday, February 5, 2011
- Maui Regional • Maui Community College - Saturday, January 29, 2011
- Windward Oahu Regional • Windward Community College - January/February 2011 (Exact Date TBA)
- 7th Annual Statewide Tournament • Leeward Community College - Saturday, March 5, 2011

Mahalo to the UH Community College system for helping to supporting Science Olympiad and hosting our regional and statewide tournaments.

All of the regional tournaments are open. This means that any school on any island can participate in any one regional tournament. Regional tournaments are qualifying rounds with the overall top 50% of advancing to the statewide tournament.

You may have noticed that there is currently no regional tournament on Hawai'i Island. We are looking for volunteers to help make a Hawai'i Island tournament a reality. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please email our State Director, Franklin Allaire, at allaire@hawaii.edu.

Fall Registration

Registration for the 2010-2011 Science Olympiad tournaments will open in August. All registration will be through our newly enhanced and updated website. In spite of rising costs the HSSO board voted unanimously to keep the registration fee at

\$75. This one time fee covers a team's entrance to regional, statewide and national Science Olympiad tournaments. Once registered, schools will receive a copy of the rules manual which has all of the rules and specifications for each of the 23 events in each division.

School may register up to two teams.

HSSO will also be offering Professional Development for teachers, parents and administrators in the form of Science Olympiad Boot Camps. The dates, locations and registration procedures will be posted on our website.

Have a great summer!

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