



Marshall Middle School Science Olympiad



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Please use our official email address. Contacting teachers, administrators or Head Coaches at their personal emails or phone numbers jeopardizes your participation in the Science Olympiad.

Are you interested?? If YES submit this form:

[Marshall Middle Science Olympiad Interest List 2021-2022](#)

What is Science Olympiad?

The nation's most exciting K-12 science competition! Each school puts together a group of students who compete against other schools in 23 different science events.

We are in Division B (middle school). There are three kinds of events:

- Build events:** you will create a device like a bottle rocket or a glider and test it against other teams at the competition.
- Lab events:** you will be given specific materials or evidence and you will conduct experiments at the competition.
- Study events:** you will learn about a particular subject and you will take a test at the competition.
- See [b-event-short-descriptions](#) to learn about various types of events.

How can I participate? If you join the program, you will be assigned to three events with one or two partners. You will be on a team of 15 students; each team will cover all 23 events. Each school can send a maximum of six teams of 15 kids to the competition, which is 90 students total.

[All students on the team will attend the San Diego Regional Competition \(Date TBD\)](#)

Who are the teachers? Event meetings are run by volunteer coaches: parents, alumni and community experts. Each event meets once a week for 1-1.5 hours. Each coach prepares 12-18 kids in their event.

What is the time commitment? Expect a minimum of 3-5 hours per week after school, plus study time. We don't have a schedule for event meetings yet. Once students register, coaches are confirmed, and rooms are reserved, we will arrange the schedule.

What are the expectations of a coach? Any parent, high schooler or community volunteer can be an event coach, co-coach or assistant coach. A background in the field is helpful, but not required. There are teaching materials for all events available online. Multiple coaches are recommended for each event as you will have 12-18 students to train. Event rules are not available to us now and will be shared with students on our mailing list

What are the expectations of students? All school rules apply to Science Olympiad, including attendance at all weekly meetings, completion of homework, good citizenship and sportsmanship, respect to coaches and fellow students, and no use of electronics during meetings. Coaches will take notes on attendance and citizenship, which may affect participation in future competitions.

What is the cost? The suggested donation is approx \$100 (to be confirmed) which covers the cost of Marshall's registration in the competition, teaching supplies, building materials, and T-shirts and lunch for all students and coaches at the competition. Additional donations are welcome and needed, as we receive no funding from the district, school or PTSA. We operate purely through donations. Check if your company matches donations and volunteer hours. We will make accommodations in cases of financial hardship.

How do I register: Check back here in September for the link to online registration. Registration will be open for 5 days. Event meetings will start 2 weeks after registration. For a notification on timeframes, add yourself to the mailing list (using the google form link at top of the page) We will send updates and reminders when the link is available to this mailing list.

Before registering, we suggest the following:

- Explore the events (Final list of Events for 2022 is expected be available by Aug 2021)
- Choose events that you would like to participate in. Give your top 10 choices out of 23
- If you have a friend, consider signing up together as event partners. (Dont worry if you don't already have a partner. We will find one for you)
- Ask your mom, dad, older sibling or grandparents to coach or co-coach an event.

Helpful hints for online registration:

1. Use a computer to register. The system does not allow you to register on an iPad or other tablet or phone.
2. The system might have some unscheduled downtime. If you can't register, wait a couple of hours and try again.
3. If the student doesn't have an email address, enter a parent email.
4. Remember that student T-shirts will be ordered for the competition in February, so allow for a larger size.
5. If you want to sign up with a partner, make sure both of you select the same 10 events in the same order.

6. Double check your information. If we get incorrect email addresses or phone numbers, we will have no way to contact you.

How will I know if I made the team? We will review all applications and contact you within two weeks. We appreciate your patience as we process a very large number of applications.

How will I know if I'm selected as a coach? We will reach out to all coaches who sign up for the interest as soon as we get confirmation for next year's events (typically in July end).

Thank you for your interest in Science Olympiad. It's going to be another fun year! If you have any questions or comments, please email marshallmiddlescioly@gmail.com.