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First a few Event notifications:

Flight:

Floor area is greater than 100 ft x 100 ft and the gym is a double basketball court; Backboards will be down so as to not create obstructions near the ceiling and this will restrict floor area to a certain extent, but floor area is very large; the ceiling height is 30 ft to the girders and 27 ft to the bottom edge of the rolled up center curtain; there is a set of baseball "batter cage" nets retracted to the ceiling on one edge of the gym and the ES will be recommending teams to not launch flights under these nets; gym blowers are scheduled to be off and entry/exit to the gym will be controlled to limit air currents; There will be a cordoned off spectator area.

Forestry:

Part of the test will include using a dichotomous key. It will be provided. The event supervisor wanted to make sure the students were not surprised by it, knew how to use one, and had some practice using one.

Senior medals

There has been a change. The state had planned to purchase these for the students. However the price went up by \$3 per medal and that was not budgeted. So they are asking teams that are interested in senior medals to pay the \$3 difference. They ask the coaches to order the medals yourself for your team if you are interested. Here is the link: <https://highesthonor.biz/product/science-olympiad-graduate-medal/>

More senior stuff:

Please let me know who your seven year seniors are. If you have none, let me know that, too.

NDIA is offering scholarships of up to \$2,000 for seniors who will be pursuing a STEM degree in Michigan. Deadline is March 25. <https://www.ndia-mich.org/app/stem/scholarship/>

Volunteers needed

There are currently 9 volunteers signed up on the volunteer page. Please don't wait until the last minute to have your volunteers sign-up. Remember we are asking every team to provide 2 volunteers. If we can't get some helpers, it will mean a later award ceremony. <https://michiganscienceolympiad.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=83533>

Awards

We are hoping to start the award ceremony close to 4:30, but again that really depends on getting the volunteers. With Div B and C and alternates, I think it will be about an hour and 15 minutes to an hour and a half.

Self-Schedule

A reminder that self scheduling will open Mon Feb 26 at 5 pm, and will close Thursday Mar. 7 at 10 pm. Someone asked if we were going to require Primary teams to be scheduled earlier in the day than Alternate teams; we are not. (Ask your coach for the link)

Impounding

Students do not need wristbands to impound. It does not have to be the students who are participating in the event to impound, but I would highly recommend it. Many of the events require students to answer questions about how the device was designed and made, and the event may lose points if a random student impounds.

Avogadro

In Avogadro, there's a list of events, with an option to choose Competing or Not Competing. If you don't have a full team, would you go into Avogadro and mark which events your team will not be competing in. This is not a commitment, and it's not a requirement, this is just to give the Event Supervisors an idea of how many teams to expect. If you mark Not competing and something changes and your team will participate in that event, that's fine. As I said, it's just to give the event supervisors an idea of how many to expect.

Thanks for reading to the end. Please remember to work on getting your paperwork done. You can find all the updates on the webpage. <https://haslettsciolyinvitational.weebly.com/michigan-region-11.html>

Have a great weekend!

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Volunteer Sign Up

The volunteer sign up is ready. I haven't heard back from all the event supervisors yet but most have their requests in. The system is really easy to use. Your volunteers can pick what event they want to help with, based on their experience this year or their availability. Here is the link: <https://michiganscienceolympiad.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=83533>

Still Need Event Supervisors

We are still in need of Event Supervisors for **Meteorology, Can't Judge a Powder, and Roller Coaster**. We can get tests from other regions, and LCC will make the powders for CJAP, but we need someone who knows the material to be able to score them. If you know someone who might be willing, please let us know.

Friday Paperwork Dropoff

If you would like to drop off your paperwork Friday afternoon, March 8th and pick up your wristbands and packets, we will be setting up East Lansing High School and you can stop by between 3:30 and 6pm. You will have to call or text me when you arrive.

No Concession Stand

I'm not going to be organizing pizzas and there will be no concession stand, so there will be no food at the high school other than what you bring yourself. Please let your students, parents, and volunteers know.

Documents

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hSUAe6SBNRV9Ztoh9D5g5r7cSR7LKPqO?usp=sharing>

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State tournament

The number of state bids per region has been announced. Region 11 will receive 5 Div C state bids and 4 for Div B. Additionally, the state will again offer Gold bids to any pair of students who place first at their regional tournament and whose team does not qualify for the state tournament. Those students can earn medals at the state tournament. For more information on Gold bids, see the attachment.

Regional info.

The tentative schedule is attached. Also attached is the schools' information including team number and homerooms.

Coaches' meeting

We will have a short coaches meeting at 7:15, where you can turn in your paperwork and pick up your wristbands. If there are any announcements for the day, those will happen then.

Paperwork

We will need a completed team roster, attached. We are also asking for a media release form for each student and coach. They can choose yes or no. We are asking that coaches attach the aggregate form that just gives a number of each. We are hoping that by sending out all this documentation early enough, that it won't be a problem. Thank you for your help with this. We ask that you turn this in at the team meeting on the morning of the tournament.

Self Scheduling

Self Scheduling will open Mon Feb 26 at 5 pm, and will close Thursday Feb. 7 at 10 pm. If you wish to make any changes after that, your students will have to talk to the event supervisor the morning of the tournament. Here is the link so that you can see the options. (Ask your coach.)

Doors

A map of East Lansing High School is attached. The activities entrance accesses the lower level. All of the building events are on the lower level. You should enter the activities entrance to impound devices. When you go in the academic entrance, you are first met with about a dozen stairs. There is an elevator in the building, but with 38 teams, you'll want to use it sparingly.

Volunteers

I hope to have the volunteer sign-up set up in the middle to end of next week. As a reminder we are asking all teams to provide two volunteers for the tournament, not just 2 per school, but 2 per team. We really need your volunteers to be able to make this a go. There won't be anything difficult, mostly grading multiple choice questions and timing the build events. Your volunteers will be able to choose what events they would like to help with. They will be asked which school they're representing, so please start recruiting volunteers now, if you haven't already.

Seniors

At the regional tournament, we like to recognize the 7 year seniors. Could you tell me how many you have and their names? Also, the state is providing medals for all seniors for graduation. Would you also give me your total number of seniors?

Kits

Be aware there are different rules for kits. Your student may use a flight kit to build their plane. However, an event like Wheeled Vehicle, has written in the rules that the student **must design** the vehicle. There's been some question about that at other tournaments. Make sure your students read the rules.

Google Drive

To make all the documentation easier to find, I will also put all of the attachments into a Google Drive folder to make them easier to find. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hSUAe6SBNRV9ZtoH9D5g5r7cSR7LKPqO?usp=sharing> I will also add this update to the webpage. <https://haslettsciolyinvitational.weebly.com/michigan-region-11.html>

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Registration

This is a reminder that if you want to register without paying the **\$100 late fee**, you need to register **by Dec. 16th** at 11:59pm. You need to register and the state office needs to **receive your money by then**. Thank you to the teams that have already registered. Here are the instructions for registering in Avogadro:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Bk6xl7CV1n0AjHmlwI_qx126gER_uOyHkf9m8VyGFGM/edit

If you registered last year, you can **skip to page 4** of the instructions for a direct link to Region 11 registration.

Student/Coach Clinics

The state puts on **in-person clinics for students** and coaches. There wasn't one in our area this year because the state tournament will be held at Western Michigan and they wanted people to attend that one. I only saw one team from our region that came to WMU yesterday. I've been involved with them the last two weekends and found them very useful for the attendees. They try to have hands-on materials for many of the sessions. For the build events, if you bring supplies you can build an entire plane or an entire vehicle on that day. Even if you don't bring supplies, it's very useful. There is one more session at South Lake HS in St. Clair Shores on Jan 20th. If your students can make it, I recommend it.

I would like to get a **session in our area** for next year. If we had one around Lansing somewhere, would **members of your team come?** If so, would you prefer it in early December or early January?

If any of you are not getting the state director's emails or invited to his zoom calls, please let me know and I will have him add you to his list.

Tournament info

We've recruited event supervisors for almost all of the events. It doesn't look like we'll need teams to run events. However, we are asking each team to provide **2 parent helpers** to help with

timing for build events or multiple choice grading or similar tasks. More details will follow, but I want to give everyone time to find their helpers.

Website

If you missed the previous updates, they are on the website.

<https://haslettsciolyinvitational.weebly.com/michigan-region-11.html> I will add this update to those. Also you will find the tentative schedule there.

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I hope your year is going well. I received no response at all for a regional coaches meeting and that's fine.

I would like to remind everyone of the **free online coaches clinic** put on by the state. It will be **Saturday Nov. 4th**. The schedule is on the workshops page on MISciOly. I strongly encourage everyone to attend. If you have event coaches, it's open to them, as well. They will try to record all the sessions so you can view them later if you can't attend on that day.

<https://miscioly.org/workshops>

This year the State is setting up a new program that **matches college student mentors** with **teams that would like their help**. This is also a **free** program. If you're interested, there is more information on the State website.

<https://miscioly.org/mentor-outreach-program>

I also encourage you to **attend invitationals** if you are able. They are great practice for the students. I would like to especially point out an **online tournament** the state is putting on. It's called the Battle of the States, and students compete as a team for the state of Michigan against other great lake area states. The cost is **\$5 per team** and that is not a typo. The events are spread out over Dec, Jan and Feb. The testing platform is Scilympiad. More information is on their website.

<https://scilympiad.com/battleofthestates>

Please register your team by **Dec. 16th**. If the state hasn't received your registration **and your money** by then, there will be a **\$100 late fee**. So please register before then. Thank you to the teams that have already registered. Just a reminder that your alternate team still needs to pay the state/national fee if they wish to compete in any tournament this year. A few teams are missing this part of the registration.

If you missed the first update, it's on our website.

<https://haslettsciolyinvitational.weebly.com/michigan-region-11.html>

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Update 1 9/16/23

I hope your school year is off to a great start!

First, I'd like to welcome the teams from Genesee, Livingston and Shiawassee counties to Region 11. I realize that the disbanding of your region was not what you wanted, but I hope to make the transition as painless as possible.

Tournament

Those of you that were in region 11 last year received the email last month from Joe at LCC, letting us know that LCC has decided to discontinue their relationship with science olympiad. East Lansing High School has offered to host the tournament. I think it's a great venue. The tournament will be March 9th, 2024. I realize that's a week earlier than in the past, but there were multiple reasons this worked better.

We hope not to have to ask coaches to run events, but it's too early to make promises. We are asking all teams to provide 2 parent volunteers, for timing or multiple choice grading, etc. If you have parents or assistant coaches who you think might be willing to run a good event, please forward their name and contact information to me.

We don't have quite enough homerooms for all teams. If your team would prefer to be in the cafeteria, please let me know. There won't be many teams in the cafeteria and you'll have plenty of room to spread out. If you would like your district's high school and middle school teams to be adjacent, or if you would like the high school and middle school teams in the same room, please let me know.

A tentative schedule is attached. It doesn't have times yet. We're trying to balance how early the out of town teams have to be here, with how late the day will go.

Funding

Because we do not have LCC's support, this year we are asking for a registration fee of \$75 for a primary team and \$50 for an alternate team. That covers a little less than half of what it takes to run this tournament and we're still looking for funding. If you have businesses or organizations in your community who might be willing to support our tournament, please let me know.

Registration

The state registration fee this year is \$250 for a primary team and \$100 for an alternate team. Please register by December 16th. You need to have registered and they've received your money by then or there is a \$100 late fee. If you must be late, please register by the middle of January (I don't have that date yet) to qualify in the determination for the number of state bids. Our region has had a problem with that in the past.

Meeting?

Some regions have a zoom coaches meeting early in the season to talk about registration, events, the state coaches clinic, the tournament, and the year in general. If there would be interest, I'm willing to do that. I'm thinking of an evening in late October. I would record it for anyone who couldn't make it.

Miscellaneous

I've created a webpage. <https://haslettsciolyinvitational.weebly.com/michigan-region-11.html> For now it's just a page on my Haslett Invitational site. It's got registration instructions, State workshop information and the tentative schedule. I will post my emails there so you can refer back to them.

Robin McGuire and I will be working together to bring you this tournament. If you have any suggestions or recommendations for the season or the tournament, or if you have questions about anything, don't hesitate to reach out.