

NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD
MAY 14-16, 2009

1. An “academic track meet”—teams of 15 kids will compete, usually as pairs, in 23 different science events.
2. 60 middle school and 60 high school teams; one team from each state; some states able to send 2 teams
3. Events span all areas of science
4. 2500 kids, 400 coaches >150 national people, >300 volunteers, + 4-5000 parents

I. Web pages for more info

- A. www.aug.edu/gaso; GA program; click on EVENT DESCRIPTION to see what is involved
- B. www.aug.edu/nso; web site for 2009 event; much info here
- C. 2.5 minute Streaming video promo to see what is involved; same video, just in different formats:
http://www.aug.edu/streams/Science_Olympiad_2009_250k.asx
http://www.aug.edu/streams/Science_Olympiad_2009_100k.asx
- D. www.soinc.org: national organization web site, designed more for coaches etc.

II. Schedule Summary

- A. Schools begin arriving on Wednesday; blocks of rooms in many motels
- B. Registration: Thursday, Friday
- C. Campus activities
 1. Definite: Fort Discovery van, GA. Southern Raptors, World Disc Golf Association demos + baskets on campus, MCG telemedicine and medical illustration
 2. Probable: Liz Lehrman Dance Exchange + area students; 2 shows PAT; other things TBD.
 3. Team lunch and picnic on Friday
 4. Team, event people lunches Saturday
 5. Possible trial events—medals, but not for scoring
 6. Game room in Towers Friday, Saturday; laminated games in atria
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- D. Opening ceremonies Friday evening 5-8:30 pm, James Brown arena
 1. Welcome by various folks
 2. Parade of states (similar to Olympics); most schools dressed representative of state
 3. Fort Discovery 20-30 min “super demos”
 4. Social activities—kids swap various things from their states
 5. Filming of ceremonies
- E. Actual competition: Saturday 7:00am to 4:30 pm
 1. ALL campus classrooms; Fanning Hall parking lot
 2. EDS, St. Mary’s, Reid Memorial, Trinity on Hill gyms
 3. 23 events all over campus, some events scheduled for 3 hrs; most all day, 10 teams/hr(schedule available at aug.edu/nso)
 4. Scores reported and totaled
 5. Banquet for teams (4:30-6:00; 6:30-8:00 pm) James Brown Arena
 6. Filming of events
- F. Award ceremony Saturday 6:30-10:30 pm James Brown arena
 1. Brief remarks; middle and high school award ceremonies separate
 2. Medals to top 6 places for each event
 3. Trophies to top 10 overall teams in each division
 4. Filming of ceremonies
- G. Saturday Evening, 10-12 pm Reception for officials; Marriott Hotel
- H. Sunday-Tuesday: various national directors meetings

III. Possible department activities

- A. Poster(s) for poster room; (as a student project?)
- B. Develop some type of contest; ex: questions from history walk, especially for adults
- C. Organize some type of demo relating your field to science
- D. Meetings with kids—what you can do with and science; careers
- E. General availability to students and parents

IV. Other volunteer activities

- A. Early May—packaging, sorting various things—meal tickets, programs, T-shirts, gifts, etc for teams and event people
- B. Week of event—
 - 1. Food
 - 2. Registration
 - 3. General info
 - 4. Assist with events
 - 5. Assist at JBA—seating, etc
 - 6. Placement of signs—on campus and event room doors
 - a. > 30 real estate
 - b. 3 banners
 - c. 6 “sandwich board”
 - d. paper signs in buildings
 - e. event signs colored coded for division
 - 7. Keeping executive committee awake
 - 8. Building monitors
 - 9. First aid tent—both Fri and Sat; mainly dept nursing.