

Time to Join the Oklahoma Science Olympiad for the 2013-14 school year

For the past [30 years](http://www.soinc.org/history), SCIENCE OLYMPIAD has led a revolution in science education. What began as a grassroots assembly of science teachers is now one of the premiere science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, [standards](http://www.soinc.org/align_natl_stand)-based challenges to nearly 7,000 teams in [50 states](http://www.soinc.org/state_websites).

**Science Olympiad is Awesome**: <http://youtu.be/1zmS3mXt1dc>

Science Olympiad's ever-changing line-up of events in all STEM disciplines exposes students to practicing scientists and career choices, and energizes classroom teachers with a dynamic content experience.

Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events in each division (Division B is middle school; Division C is high school). Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. By combining events from all disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved.  Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on group participation. See a list of this year’s events here. Through Science Olympiad, students, teachers, parents, principals and business leaders bond together and work toward a shared goal.

Teamwork is a required skill in most scientific careers today, and Science Olympiad encourages group learning by designing events that forge alliances. In Elevated Bridge, an engineering whiz and a kid from wood shop can become gold medalists. Similarly, a talented builder and a student with a good science vocabulary can excel in Write It Do It, one of Science Olympiad's most popular events.

See the Weather Channel report of the 2013 National Science Olympiad Tournament: <http://youtu.be/1zmS3mXt1dc>

**NOW is the time to join the 2014 Oklahoma Science Olympiad**

Since 1985, Science Olympiad has required that all teams (up to 15 members) competing in any Science Olympiad tournament (Invitational, Regional, State or National) must be a member of Science Olympiad and pay the national fee (currently $60).

An additional fee of $40 is charged for membership in the Oklahoma Science Olympiad ($100 total). The fee is paid annually to the Oklahoma Science Olympiad, c/o Putnam City Schools Science Activity Fund, 5401 NW 40th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73122.

Questions? Need more details? Contact Bob Melton bmelton@putnamcityschools.org and go the Oklahoma Science Olympiad Website <http://www.oksciolympiad.org>. and the National Science Olympiad website <http://www.soinc.org>