



Michigan Science Olympiad State Tournament at Michigan State University

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – The State Tournament of the Michigan Science Olympiad will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2015 on the campus of Michigan State University.

“Participants of this outstanding event are tremendous examples of the motivation, dedication, and hard work that keep Michigan moving forward,” said Governor Rick Snyder.

More than 450 high school and middle school teams compete at regional competitions during February and March, resulting in 96 teams selected to compete at the State Tournament. Students participate in 46 competitive events held in various locations on the MSU campus, among them: forensics, green generation, protein modeling, cell biology, entomology, bridge building, dynamic planet, bottle rockets, robotics, astronomy, and experimental design.

The day concludes with the Awards Ceremony when scores are announced and medals are awarded. Trophies are presented to the top six overall winning teams, and plaques are presented to teams placing seven through twelve. Honors are also awarded to the most improved team and to the highest scoring new participating team in each division.

“Every student is a winner just by being here,” said Regina Zibuck, Michigan Science Olympiad President, and associate professor in the Department of Chemistry at Wayne State University.

This year marks the 33rd anniversary of the Michigan Science Olympiad, part of an international event that is one of the premier science competitions for middle school and

high school youth across the United States. Aimed at increasing student interest in science and recognizing outstanding achievement in science education by students and teachers, Science Olympiad tournaments are rigorous academic competitions that consist of a series of team events for which students and their coaches and volunteers prepare during the entire year. The blend of engineering, knowledge, problem solving, technology, and process skills makes Science Olympiad unique in the world of science competition. In Michigan, participation has increased from 600 students in the first event thirty-three years ago to over two million currently.

The Michigan Science Olympiad State Tournament is jointly sponsored by the Office of the Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement at Michigan State University and the Dart Foundation.

The top two overall tournament winners in each division, with runner-up teams from each division, will compete in the National Science Olympiad Tournament at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on May 15-16.

Learn more about the Science Olympiad State Tournament at <http://scienceolympiad.msu.edu/>, or Michigan Science Olympiad at <http://mi-so.org/>.

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