



MICHIGAN
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Local School Teams Compete in Michigan Science Olympiad State Tournament at Michigan State University on April 26

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – The State Tournament of the Michigan Science Olympiad will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

More than 400 high school and middle school teams competed at regional competitions during February and March, resulting in 96 teams selected to compete at the state tournament. Students will participate in 46 competitive events held in various locations on the MSU campus that include a broad range of scientific topics, including: experimental design, thermodynamics, remote sensing, chemistry, astronomy, technical problem solving and forensics.

The top two overall tournament winners in each division, and runner-up teams from each division, will compete in the National Science Olympiad Tournament at the University of Central Florida in Orlando on May 16-17, 2014.

This year marks the 32nd 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-two 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.

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

Media Advisory

EVENT: 32nd Michigan Science Olympiad State Tournament

DATE: Saturday, April 26, 2014

WHERE: Michigan State University

East Lansing, Michigan

MEDIA CHECK IN: MSU Auditorium, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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FURTHER INFO: Awards Ceremony 6:30-8:30 p.m., MSU Auditorium