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# WSO NEWS

*Winding down a season of Science Olympiad ... gearing up for 2010*

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Clark College was the site of the WSO state tournament on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Twenty teams competed in each division, including new teams from Lakeside Middle School and Northshore Junior High School. Garnering team trophies were:

### **B Division**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – ExCEL Academic League
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Jason Lee Middle School-Black
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Canyon Park Junior High School-Blue

### **C Division**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Bothell High School-Blue
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Stanwood High School-Red
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Camas High School-Black

## WSO ANNUAL MEETING

The WSO Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, in Ellensburg (CWU, Science 203). WSO members (registered teams) are invited to attend and join in a discussion on Science Olympiad issues (e.g., tournaments, events, scheduling, etc.) and a year-end review. Election of WSO Board of Directors takes place at the Annual Meeting. Ballots will be distributed by May 26 and must either be postmarked by June 10 or returned in person at the Annual Meeting. Team coaches who do not receive their ballot by May 30 should contact the [State Director](#). For nominees and links to resumes, go to <http://www.washingtonscienceolympiad.com/boardinfo.html>

This year's ballot also includes two proposed section changes to WSO by-laws. Briefly, changes are that the State Director becomes a non-voting

A complete list of team rankings and individual event results for the state and regional tournaments is at:

<http://www.washingtonscienceolympiad.com/scores.html>

Heading to Augusta, GA, for the May 15-16 national tournament were ExCEL Academic League and Bothell High School. ExCEL placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 60 teams; Bothell placed 15<sup>th</sup> out of 60 teams. Congratulations to both teams – thank you for representing Washington so well!

And congratulations to all teams who competed in the 2008-09 season. Your participation in Washington Science Olympiad reflects your commitment to ensuring students learn and have fun with science. ♦

board member, a new voting board member is added to the Board of Directors, and membership notification of the Annual Meeting takes place no less than two weeks after the state tournament. Justification for the proposed changes accompanies the ballot. By-laws revisions require 2/3 approval by voting members to pass.

The tentative schedule for the Annual Meeting is:

- 10AM-11AM Discussion/Review
- 11AM-12PM WSO Board Meeting & Election
- 1PM-3PM Executive Meeting (WSO Board of Directors only, including newly seated board members)

**Hope to see you in Ellensburg!**

**IMPORTANT DATES:****REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

2010 TBA  
NW REGION  
EVERETT, WA

MARCH 13, 2010  
EASTERN REGION  
SPOKANE, WA

2010 TBA  
SW REGION  
LONGVIEW, WA

2010 TBA  
WEST CENTRAL  
SEATTLE, WA

**STATE TOURNAMENT**

APRIL 10, 2010  
CHENEY, WA

**NATIONAL TOURNAMENT**

MAY 21-22, 2010  
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN,  
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**COACHING CLINICS**

CLICK ON LINK FOR  
DATES OF WORKSHOPS  
AND COACHING CLINICS  
TO HELP COACHES  
PREPARE THEIR TEAMS

**WSO INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

PRACTICE COMPETITIONS  
TO PREPARE FOR  
REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEACHES SCIENCE**

Why should schools participate in Science Olympiad and what do they need to do? Science Olympiad reinforces principles of science. Students learn not only scientific facts but also how to apply scientific inquiry and collaborative efforts. For information on benefits of joining Science Olympiad, go to: <http://www.washingtonscienceolympiad.com/join.html> For team registration, complete the form at: <http://www.washingtonscienceolympiad.com/regform.pdf>

**Coaching Clinics**

How can teams ... particularly new teams ... prepare for Science Olympiad tournaments? Coaching clinics are one way – for details go to <http://www.washingtonscienceolympiad.com/meetings.html>. Currently, the only clinic scheduled is in eastern Washington on October 3. Click on the above link to get more information and to check for other clinics and workshops, including NSO's Summer Institute.

**A WSO SUCCESS STORY – ANNALIESE ISHERWOOD**

Annaliese Isherwood started her Science Olympiad career at Frontier Middle School in Moses Lake. Competing for three years, primarily in Science Crime Busters, Disease Detectives, Fermi Questions, Chem Lab, Water Quality, and Life Science (going to the national tournament in Delaware in 2002), Annaliese turned to coaching several events for the middle school team during her high school years. Her Science Crime Busters team took first place at the state tournament in 2008.



Annaliese Isherwood (center) with Science Crime Busters winning team at WSO State Tournament, 2008.

Annaliese entered Western Washington University in Fall 2008, majoring in pre-medicine and chemistry. She attributes her love of science and pursuit of a medical degree to Science Olympiad, stating that it “truly opened my eyes to the world of science.”

While her heart remains with coaching, indicating “I don't think my excitement for sharing science will stop any time soon,” Annaliese became a first-time event supervisor in 2009, judging Scrambler, Road Scholar, and Meteorology at two regional tournaments.

Annaliese's story is, of course, just beginning ... but it's apparent that hers is a Science Olympiad success story. We thank you for your dedication to Science Olympiad and know you will always be successful. ♦

**GET IN ON THE WSO 2009-10 SEASON**

Registration for the 2009-10 Science Olympiad season may be submitted any time before **January 31, 2010**. Slots in each regional tournament are limited ... early registration ensures a spot in your first choice location. NOTE: The

registration fee will be set at the Annual Meeting and will be identified on the 2009-10 [registration form](#) (which will be posted by August 31).

REMINDER: Either payment or a purchase order must accompany the registration form before the rules manual will be sent. ♦