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WSO NEWS

Winding down a season of Science Olympiad ... gearing up for 2013

STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Eastern Washington University was the site of the WSO state tournament on April 14th. Twenty teams competed in each division. Garnering team trophies were:

B Division

- 1st place – ExCEL Academic League
- 2nd place – Canyon Park Jr. High School-Blue
- 3rd place – Frontier Middle School-Warriors

C Division

- 1st place – Camas High School-Black
- 2nd place – Union High School
- 3rd place – Bothell High School

Complete lists of team rankings and individual event results for the state and regional tournaments are at:

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

Heading to Orlando, FL, for the May 18-19 national tournament were ExCEL Academic League, Camas High School and Union High School. ExCEL and Camas each placed 11th out of 60 teams (with ExCEL medaling in 5 events and Camas medaling in 4 regular events and 1 trial event). Union placed 44th, medaling in 1 trial event. Congratulations to all three teams – thank you for representing Washington so well! Special congratulations to Ron Wright, Camas HS coach, for receiving one of four coaching excellence awards that provided a Summer Institute scholarship.

And congratulations to all teams who competed in the 2011-12 season. Your participation in Washington Science Olympiad reflects your commitment to ensuring students learn and have fun with science. ♦

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WSO ANNUAL MEETING

The WSO Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th, in Ellensburg (Hal Holmes Center at the Public Library, 209 N Ruby St.). WSO members (registered teams and associate members) are invited to attend and join in a discussion on Science Olympiad issues (e.g., proposed new region, tournaments, events, scheduling, etc.) and a year-end review. Election of WSO Board of Directors takes place at the Annual Meeting. Ballots have been distributed and must either be postmarked by June 18th or returned in person at the Annual Meeting. Contact the [State](#)

[Director](#) if you haven't received your ballot. For nominees and links to resumes, go to <http://www.washingtonscienceolympiad.com/boardinfo.html>

The tentative schedule for the Annual Meeting is:

- 10AM-11AM Discussion/Review
- 11AM-12PM WSO Board Meeting & Election
- 12PM-2PM Executive Meeting (WSO Board of Directors only, including newly seated board members)

See you in Ellensburg!

WSO BOD STUDENT ADVISORS COMPLETE TERMS

The 2012 Annual Meeting brings the trial year for Student Advisors serving on the Board of Directors to a close. Thank you to Jihoon Lee (NW), Claudia Mena (E), and Minerva Zhou (SW) for your contributions to the Board.



Jihoon Lee,
Redmond HS



Claudia Mena,,
The Delta
School



Minerva Zhou,
Union HS

ATTN: COACHES
PLEASE COMPLETE
SURVEY BY 10/31/12:
[HTTP://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/S/VVJ3H](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VVJ3H)



IMPORTANT DATES:**REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

MARCH 9, 2013
EASTERN REGION
SPOKANE, WA

2013 TBA
NW REGION
DES MOINES, WA

2013 TBA
NW REGION
SEATTLE, WA

MARCH 9, 2013
SW REGION
LONGVIEW, WA

STATE TOURNAMENT

APRIL 2013 TBA
VANCOUVER, WA

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

MAY 17-18, 2013
DAYTON, OH

COACHING CLINICS

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

WSO INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

PRACTICE COMPETI-
TIONS 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>. Dates for Washington clinics have not yet been announced. Click on the above link to get more information and to check for other clinics and workshops, including NSO's [Summer Institute](#), July 16-20, 2012. ♦

CENTRAL/SOUTH CENTRAL REGION PROPOSAL

WSO has received a proposal for a new region in the central part of the state. This region would serve Toppenish to Yakima to Ellensburg to Wenatchee, an area that has previously not participated in Science Olympiad. Diana Rhodes, DVM,

PhD, Professor of Anatomy at Pacific Northwest University, who is spearheading the drive, will make a progress report at the Annual Meeting. If successful, the addition of this region would add at least 10 new teams per division. ♦

2011-2012 NEW TEAMS

WSO welcomed twelve new teams: Eastern Region: Colville Jr. High School; Northwest Region: Bishop Blanchet High School, LaVenture Middle School, Mariner High School, North Lake Middle School, and The Bush School; Southwest Region: Battle Ground High School, Evergreen Christian School, Huntington Middle School, Ilwaco High School, Toledo

Middle School, and Washington Middle School.

Garnering the new team award* (discounted registration for 2012-13) for B Division: Colville, LaVenture, and Toledo; C Division: Battle Ground, Bishop Blanchet, and Mariner.

Congratulations to all new teams for joining Science Olympiad. We look forward to all new teams returning in 2012-13. ♦

*Top-scoring new team in division at tournament site.

GET IN ON THE WSO 2012-13 SEASON

Registration for the 2012-13 Science Olympiad season may be submitted any time before **January 31, 2013**. 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 2012-13 [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. ♦