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WSO NEWS

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STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Eastern Washington University was the site of the WSO state tournament on April 10th. Twenty teams competed in each division, including a new team from Seattle Academy of Arts & Science. Garnering team trophies were:

B Division

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

C Division

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

Complete lists of team rankings and individual event results for the state

WSO ANNUAL MEETING

The WSO Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 19th, in Vancouver (Clark College, 213 Gaiser Hall). WSO members (registered teams and associate members) 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 have been distributed and must either be postmarked by June 9th or returned in person at the Annual Meeting. Contact the [State Director](#) if you haven't received your ballot. For

NEW TEAM AWARDS

New to WSO this year were new team awards based on best showing per division at each regional tournament. The following new teams (by region) won the awards – a framed certificate and reduction in next year's registration fee: Mary Walker High School (E); Seattle Academy of Arts & Science and Curtis Sr. High School

and regional tournaments are at:

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

Heading to Champaign-Urbana, IL, for the May 21-22 national tournament were ExCEL Academic League and Stanwood High School. ExCEL placed 20th out of 60 teams (medaling in 4 events); Stanwood placed 22nd out of 60 teams (medaling in 2 events). Congratulations to both teams – thank you for representing Washington so well!

And congratulations to all teams who competed in the 2009-10 season. Your participation in Washington Science Olympiad reflects your commitment to ensuring students learn and have fun with science. ♦

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 Vancouver!

(NW); and Mark Morris High School (SW). Other new 2009-10 teams were Timbercrest Jr. High School, Coupeville High School, Kamiak High School, and Mount Vernon High School.

Congratulations to all new teams for joining Science Olympiad. We look forward to all new teams returning in 2010-11.

IMPORTANT DATES:**REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

2011 TBA
NW REGION
EVERETT, WA

2011 TBA
EASTERN REGION
SPOKANE, WA

MARCH 12, 2011
SW REGION
LONGVIEW, WA

2011 TBA
WEST CENTRAL
SEATTLE, WA

STATE TOURNAMENT

APRIL 9 OR 16, 2011
VANCOUVER, WA

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

MAY 20-21, 2011
MADISON, WI

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 southwest Washington on either October 2nd or 9th. Click on the above link to get more information and to check for other clinics and workshops, including NSO's Summer Institute. ♦

MEMORIAL FUND WILL BENEFIT WSO MEMBERS

The Fall 2009 *WSO News* reported on the tragic loss of Gordon Patterson. In December we lost another Science Olympiad champion, Glenn Voshell, long-time coach from Colton and state board member. Ironically, Glenn had been working to set up a memorial foundation to benefit Washington Science Olympiad. The board is continuing his efforts to establish the memorial fund. In the interim, donations are being accepted and will be deposited to a dedicated savings account.



Glenn Voshell (right), with event supervisor (center) and Colton student (left) at 2006 state tournament

Other funding news ... WSO has applied for inclusion in the Washington Combined Fund Drive. We will be notified in late May if we've been accepted – details to follow in the Fall newsletter. ♦

TEAM AFFILIATION POLICY

At the April state board meeting, the WSO Board of Directors passed the Team Affiliation Policy. Adhering to national Science Olympiad's policies and based on feedback from WSO coaches, the policy identifies key requirements for teams from public

schools, private/charter schools, and home schoolers. Trying to create an all-inclusive policy, the WSO board allowed students from lower grades to compete at a higher level. For complete text, go to <http://www.washingtonscienceolympiad.com/bylaws.htm> (last link on page).

GET IN ON THE WSO 2010-11 SEASON

Registration for the 2010-11 Science Olympiad season may be submitted any time before **January 31, 2011**. 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 2010-11 [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. ♦