

MSO Update 26/10/18 – UMD Build Clinic, Mid-Atlantic Coach Clinic, Test Writing Seminar

Hello Maryland! Please see below for some updates about clinics and events in the local area:

UMD Build Clinics- Oct 24, Nov 21

UMD SO Club is hosting a set of **free** Build Clinics starting next weekend!

From the UMD SO club:

“Science Olympiad at UMD is inviting you to their First Annual Build workshop of the year! This workshop will cover Ping Pong Parachute, Electric Vehicle and Hovercraft. For each event, we will go over the rules for the events and tips from previous competitors. Participants will then have the opportunity to build and test their designs on our tournament-ready apparatuses/tracks, with feedback and advice from alumni, event supervisors, and MSO build committee members. More information, including a schedule, can be found in the Google Form below!

What: A free build workshop hosted by an alumni Science Olympiad club with support from the UMD engineering department, MSO build committee, and previous competitors.

When: October 24th, 9 AM-3 PM (Teams don't have to stay the whole time; a schedule is available on the registration form)

Where: Kim Engineering Building, University of Maryland College Park

Who: The event is targeted towards teams at any level, providing early exposure to the rules and materials for new teams and expert feedback and advice for more experienced teams.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/qBu5XXAb7paeBbD4A>”

November 21 will be clinics for Boomilever, Mission Possible, and Wright Stuff.

Info flyer can be found here:

https://scilympiad.com/data/org/md/public/UMD%20Build%20Clinic%20Ad_2610.png

Contact mso.umd@gmail.com with any questions.

Test Writing Seminar- Oct 25, 6-8pm

The Event and Volunteer Committees of MSO are hosting a test writing seminar next Sunday, Oct 25 from 6-8pm. This is targeted at volunteers who either are or who are interested in writing events in the coming season, but the event is open to the community to anyone who wants to see what base ideas go into event and test preparation that ultimately defines the experiences of our students.

MSO Test Writing Seminar

Sunday, October 25, 6-8pm

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83719015506?pwd=LJHNgnHtu545lUxBeTM58TrfHVAS1h.1>

Mid-Atlantic Coaches Clinic - Nov 3-5, 10-12

Please find below info for the Mid-Atlantic Coaches Clinic, hosted by our neighbors in Pennsylvania.

From the clinic hosts:

“The Mid-Atlantic Coaches Clinic (also called the PA Coaches Clinic) will be held virtually over two weeks, Tuesday–Wednesday–Thursday, from 6:00 PM to 8:15 PM on 11/3–11/5 and 11/10–11/12. Pre-recorded videos will be made available in advance, with live Q&A sessions scheduled as shown in the tentative agenda below.

To maintain security, only head coaches of teams and college tournament directors may register. Registered coaches and tournament directors will receive links to the videos and Zoom sessions and are responsible for sharing them only with their team or tournament personnel. Live Q&A sessions via Zoom are only for coaches and college tournament staff and event supervisors. High school and middle school students are not allowed to attend the live Q&A sessions.

Out-of-state participants are welcome at a cost of \$50 per school (not per individual), payable via PayPal. This same \$50 per-school fee applies to out-of-state university invitational directors and event supervisors. Payment must be received prior to November 2, 2026.

Please reach out to Coaching and Training Advisor Carli Yeager-Hall with any questions at cyeagerhall@pascioly.org."

Registration:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchkvkQksCRDfAWWAL_RVUszdy5GaMnwUqxYWIPkYxqWW5ZLg/viewform

T-shirt Design Contest- Due November 13!

A reminder that we are running the volunteer T-shirt design contest now through November 13! Can YOU see your design across the backs of hundreds of volunteers across the state? Help us honor our amazing volunteers with a highly sought memento!

Remember the theme for this year is IN THE LAB, and see below for full rules!

Link to full rules:

https://scilympiad.com/data/org/md/public/Maryland%20Science%20Olympiad_%20T-shirt%20Design%20Contest%202026-27%20Rules.pdf

Email Updates

A reminder to Coaches to register an account at <https://scilympiad.com/md> to stay up to date on the season! (No students please)

To make our emails like these available to all, we also offer these publicly available options:

- We post links to PDFs of these messages to Facebook (www.facebook.com/marylandscienceolympiad);
- We have set up a Google form where all broadly-sent messages are aggregated: <https://bit.ly/4yWjZ6t>