MSO Update 26/10/25 – Battle of the States Invitational, Test Writing Clinic Today

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

Battle of the States Invitational

With thanks to a group of coaches for helping open this up, Michigan SO's Battle of the States Invitational is now available to Maryland teams (Div B and C)!

Info flyer for Invitational linked below, select details here:

"Battle of the States is a virtual and asynchronous set of individual Science Olympiad event competitions open to teams in Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin. It will be administered using the Scilympiad platform throughout December 2026, January 2027, and February 2027.

Each event will be open for two weeks so your team can choose the time that best works for you to either take the timed test or make the required submissions."

Location: Virtual
Cost: $30 per team, $5 for teams in first 2 years of S.O.
Information: https://battleofthestates.miscioly.org
Contact: Ben Brophy at ben@miscioly.org"

Info flyer:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/11244szH-xZ5op0fQb4f0Ps039BArbfl3J-7Pf-pjaBI/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.9y2s21b5relu

***Battle of the States is run by Michigan Science Olympiad...so be careful seeing "MSO" on their sites, that refers to a different state!*

Test Writing Seminar- Oct 25, 6-8pm

A reminder that the Event and Volunteer Committees of MSO are hosting a test writing seminar TODAY 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

UMD SO Build Clinic Slides

The UMD SO Club has very graciously shared the slides from their Build Clinic this past weekend, teams can access them below:

UMD SO Build Clinic slides:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16bvdAK9tiszWFGdD4sEoUQFstNozQ7NZ?usp=drive_link

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