

**Dear Science Olympiad Family and Friends,**

Maryland Science Olympiad State Tournament planning has begun!

Over 700 students and team supporters will descend upon the Johns Hopkins campus in Baltimore for a once-a-year premier STEM tournament. We absolutely need YOUR help to pull it off!

**When:** Saturday April 13, 2024

**Where:** Johns Hopkins University Homewood Campus (Baltimore, MD)

**What:** Maryland's premier science, technology, engineering, and math competition for middle and high school students from across Maryland.

**Who:** You!

**How:** Sign up at <https://jhu.givepulse.com/event/438001> (more details below!)

We will need at least 100 volunteers to make this event a roaring success. Please consider donating some of your valuable time to help us create an unforgettable experience for Science Olympiad teams from across the state of Maryland. Priority registration deadline is 23 March 2024. See below for details.

Volunteer signup is now OPEN. We have a wide range of tournament activities for which we need volunteers (YOU). These range from helping run/proctor tournament events, logistics (preparing competition spaces, cleaning up, communication, and food, and similar activities), help grading tests, event timing, and even just friendly faces to answer questions and keep things running smoothly!

We would be grateful for your time to help provide a positive and meaningful experience to the students of Maryland!

**CONTACT INFO FOR ANY QUESTIONS:**

MSO Tournament directors: Serguei Kozlov ([woland69@hotmail.com](mailto:woland69@hotmail.com)) or Marianne Kramer ([5ohiokramers@gmail.com](mailto:5ohiokramers@gmail.com))

Potential event supervisors: We will contact you separately to confirm your availability to serve as an event supervisor. You will still need to register and be cleared to serve as an event supervisor.

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***Details on how to sign up. Please read carefully.***

- Only volunteers aged 18 and older are able to participate as a volunteer once they pass a mandatory screening process (**no cost to volunteers**).
- All volunteers must register on Hopkins Engage to be included in the screening process (including those who previously volunteered at JHU):  
<https://jhu.givepulse.com/event/438001>

- All volunteers must register by these deadlines to ensure they are cleared in time for the event.
  - **Priority Deadline:** Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> (suggested for any key/mission critical volunteers like core leadership and Event Supervisors)
  - **Final Deadline:** Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>
  - After March 30<sup>th</sup>, we will only be able to add volunteers who have already been screened by JHU for other programs this academic year. We won't be able to add external volunteers as they likely won't complete the screening process in time.

### **Screening Compliance Requirements:**

*Per JHU's Safety of Children in University Programs policy, covered programs working with children must complete a screening process. This includes completing online training AND a commercial criminal background check. There is no cost to you to complete this process. Additional information will be provided by Artelia Davis, Compliance and Operations Program Administrator for the Center for Educational Outreach, JHU.*

*Any JHU affiliate that has completed a fingerprinting-based background check through JHU in the past 5 years may meet certain compliance requirements.*

Contact Artelia Davis, [adavi243@jh.edu](mailto:adavi243@jh.edu), for further information on the screening process.