

Happy Friday coaches!

[2023 RMHS Sci Oly Div B 3/4 volunteer sign-up](#)

[2023 RMHS Div B Sci Oly Event & Volunteer Schedule MASTER](#)

We still need volunteers! There are only 27 teams participating and we need approximately 2 adults per team to volunteer in order to cover all 23 events. I have high school students as event supervisors for most test events and just need to add one adult in each room, but some events are more volunteer intensive and need many hands. Please encourage your parents to sign up! It would also be very helpful if schools with multiple coaches could have a coach volunteer for one of the build events to ensure they run smoothly. I will be adding volunteer names to the schedule this weekend so everyone can see where we still need help.

[2023 RMHS Div B Sci Oly Tournament - Guest Information](#)

[Sci Oly 2023 - General RMHS Region Maps](#)

[Sci Oly 2023 - Building Maps](#)

We have updated the building maps and guest information for this year with event locations, the cafeteria layout for team homebase, and information about planned operations for the day. Key points:

- Spring sports have started, and the athletic department has priority for the gym in the morning. In case of inclement weather, they will be using it. Otherwise, we will have it early. Due to this uncertainty, we are not running trial events that require the gym (Ping Pong Parachute) and will have to be flexible about Flight.
- The Scilympiad timeslots for Flight and Bridge have been updated to run from 11:00a to 2:00p. I'm not sure how that affected the few signups that were already made. Please double check.
- We will make Flight available as soon as possible on competition day and try to run walk-ins early. We will also run Bridge as walk-in beginning at 9:30a.
- Please see the event note for Rollercoaster about teaching students how to check and adjust the level of their device.

I'm not sure if our snack shack will be open (similar volunteer challenges this year in the PTA.) At this point, please plan to coordinate food and snacks for your team. The good news is that there are plenty of nearby options in Rockville for all types of food that can be taken to go.

I have had a few questions about the 6 adults/coaches per team limit. Some clarifications:

- For building security purposes, we have to monitor the people in the building and control entrances. In the morning, there will be two security personnel helping with traffic control and monitoring entrances.
- During arrival time (7:15 am - 8:30 am) parents are welcome to walk their children into the building and assist with bringing in devices and snacks. Anyone staying to help with the tournament should pick up a wristband at this point.

- When the tournament begins at 8:30 am, all doors except Entrance #1 will be locked and security and tournament staff will sweep the building to ask extra people to leave.
- This is an excellent time for middle school students to have some independence and responsibility to navigate a high school building and get themselves to and from events.
- Parents that really want to stay and see what happens during the tournament are welcome to volunteer.
- There is plenty of nearby space in Rockville to shop, eat, or hang out doing work, while parents wait to pick up their students.
- After the tournament ends at 3:00pm, parents are welcome to come back in the building to help clean-up and watch the awards ceremony in the gym.

I will send update #3 early next week. In the meantime, please feel free to send me more questions.

Thank you for all you do!

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