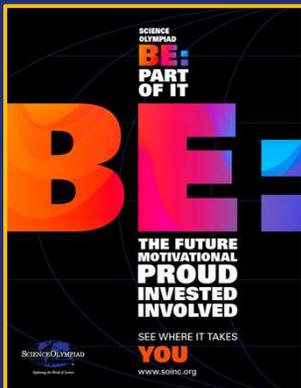


South
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BE:NEW!

A new season of South Dakota's Science Olympiad brings with it a new transition, with new online access and new ideas for the Tournament!

As we transition to the new State Director, James Tracy, we invite you to start a **new team** to compete in the SD Science Olympiad!

We stand ready to help you navigate your start of being a part of a great tradition!

"This year, as I step into a new role as State Director for the South Dakota Science Olympiad, I marvel at the task before me. Last year, I experienced the "SDSO" for the first time, as an Event Supervisor. Now, as we work to build this year's Tournament, I am excited to build relationships with all the Teams, Coaches, Event Supervisors, Judges, and all the other people who help make this important, yet fun, competition come together!



James Tracy
New State Director

The Executive Team, consisting of myself, three USD students, and a member of the School of Education here at USD, will continue to work on making sure you have all the tools, resources, and support your team needs to compete at the 38th Annual South Dakota Science Olympiad in March!

"My time as the State Director of South Dakota Science Olympiad was time well spent. The creativity and the dedication of the participating students always served as an inspiration for me. In addition, I highly respected the preparation and leadership brought forth by the participating coaches and parents. Also, the time and effort spent by the event judges and volunteers made the state tournaments a positive experience for everyone. I would like to say thank you to anyone and everyone involved in the program during my tenure. There is a bright future ahead for South Dakota Science Olympiad!"



Clark Bennett
Fmr. State Director
2004-2022



BE: AT THE STATE TOURNAMENT



MARCH 25, 2023

BE: BACK FOR MORE

The success of teams in the SD Science Olympiad relies on having dedicated **coaches and mentors**.

The success of the tournament events relies on the participation of volunteer **event supervisors and judges**.

If you have ever been a coach, judge, mentor, or an event supervisor, we look forward to your key contributions that help make the SD Science Olympiad a fun, educational, and competitive STEM event in the state of South Dakota!



Dan Van Peurse

Long-Time SDSO Event Supervisor

“ I have been judging events for most of the time that Clark was the coordinator. I enjoy the day and seeing the students get to compete with the final product of all their hard work. The students, parents, and coaches are always very very appreciative of us holding the events and assisting in the day. ”

“ I helped judge an event for Science Olympiad and it was an event unlike any other. It was inspiring to see such enthusiasm for science from each participant. Each team supported one another, and it was evident how passionate each student was about learning and exploring. This event resembles hope for the future of STEM! ”

Tatum Kooima
USD Student & SDSO Event Judge 2022

BE: ALUMNI SUPPORT

The SD Science Olympiad has served the state of South Dakota ever since the start of the National Science Olympiad in 1985.

This means we have 38 years' worth of SDSO Alumni out there!

We would like to form an Alumni club to help us to expand and support the SD Science Olympiad to schools throughout the state.

So, we invite any SDSO Alumni to reach out to us to begin pursuing this goal!



John Williams

USD Professor
SDSO Consultant
SO Alumnus

“ Growing up in Wisconsin, I participated in Science Olympiad competitions in high school. I enjoyed the collaboration in preparation for the events and the opportunity to explore science and engineering in ways that went beyond the normal science curriculum my high school offered. As an enthusiastic competitor, I relished the opportunity to see how my science skills compared to others from around the state. ”

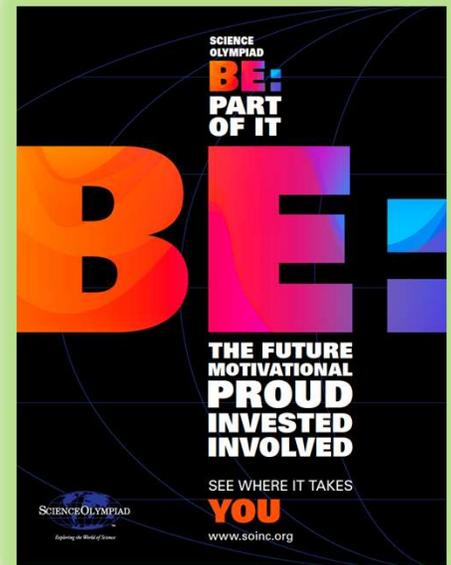
My career path as a STEM educator was certainly influenced by those positive experiences as a high school participant in Science Olympiad.

A decade later, now as a high school science teacher and Science Olympiad coach in Iowa, I was able to see the same enthusiasm for science engendered in my own students. Science Olympiad meetings were always high energy and high creativity, where students with broad interests in science could come together with common purpose. The sense of achievement that comes with success in competition only increased these students' interest in STEM careers and further education. My experiences, both as a participant and coach in SO demonstrate the potential of the program to ignite student interest in science. ”

BE: SOUTH DAKOTA SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Importance of STEM in South Dakota cannot be overstated. With emerging renewable energy technologies such as wind and solar being increasingly used in our state, the need for continued development in biotechnologies and agriculture, the SD Science Olympiad can be a great starting point to build students' interest in the sciences and help sustain our growth for decades to come!

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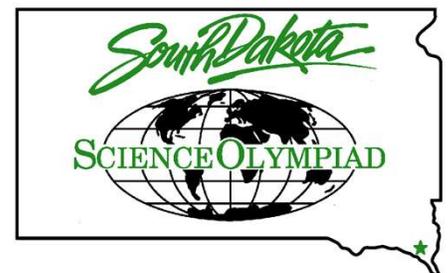
The National Science Olympiad continues to work to bring us new and exciting, yet challenging, Events in STEM each year.

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South Dakota Science Olympiad 2022:

By The Numbers	Div. B	Div. C	
Teams	5	3	
Competitors	66	33	
Avg Team Size	13	33	
Total Medals	136	97	
Gold Medals	45	46	
Silver Medals	46	40	



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