

**Science Olympiad Application Form  
Loganville Middle School**

**PLEASE READ ENTIRE FORM CAREFULLY**

Thank you for your interest in Loganville Middle School's Science Olympiad program. Last year our team competed in the regional competition where we placed in three events, and we are excited to be back again! The tentative date is a Saturday in February or March (date has not been released). **Only students who can commit to competing in the tournament should apply.**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this program is to form and prepare a team to compete in the science olympiad tournament.

**What is a Science Olympiad tournament?** Science Olympiad is one of the premier science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to nearly 8,000 teams in all 50 states. There are about 20 different events ranging from being disease detectives to building a mousetrap vehicle. Check out the events here- <https://www.soinc.org/events/2020-division-b-events>

***APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, October 1st***

Bring completed application form to Mrs. Martin in room 813. *You will be notified of whether you have been selected by Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.*

**STUDENT MEETINGS:** Student meetings will generally be held every other week on Tuesday from 2:35-3:15. **Strong student participation** throughout the season is essential to a productive season.

**S.O. CONNECTION CLASS (8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ONLY):** 8<sup>th</sup> grade members will be placed in Science Olympiad connection class in lieu of an alternative connection class for quarters two and three in order to spend quality time planning, building, and studying for their various events. Students must be able to work independently and stay on task as the class will be student-focused and teacher facilitated as needed.

**TOURNAMENT: Regional** Tournament is Saturday in February/March (most likely at Oconee County High School.) **State** Tournament in March/May (pending qualification.)

**COMMITMENT:**

- There will be a **\$20 fee** to participate on the Science Olympiad team if selected.
- **Students must commit to attending the tournament- competing in three events.**
- Team members will be expected to attend all Science Olympiad meetings and put in an additional 1-2 hours/week preparing for events, with more hours to be put in as we move closer to competition dates.
- By November, participants will be selected for the various events based on their contribution and preparedness for team meetings.
- Between November and February, team members are expected to meet with their small groups to build and/ or study for their various events. Entire group meetings will involve students sharing their designs and knowledge with the rest.
- **Parent volunteers** are welcomed and appreciated in preparing for competitions (form attached.)

**TEAM COMPOSITION:**

There is a **maximum of 15 students per team (including alternates) who can compete at the tournament** including 20 different events. Only 2-3 students can compete in a particular event so if more are interested the coach will select the students to compete at the tournament based on their degree of preparation, previous experience, and mastery of the event parameters. **Depending on the strength and number of applicants we may have two Loganville teams. Should we have two teams, only one team will compete at the state**

**level as determined by Mrs. Martin (likely a combination of the most successful groups from both teams).**

**EVENTS:**

Descriptions of the events are available on the Science Olympiad website. See <https://www.soinc.org/>, (click on the 'Events' box-division B). You can also stop by room 813 in the morning before school starts and ask Mrs. Martin for more information.

Questions? Please email Mrs. Martin at [Samantha.m.martin@walton.k12.ga.us](mailto:Samantha.m.martin@walton.k12.ga.us)

\*\*\*\* STUDENT SECTION \*\*\*\*

Student First Name:

Student Last Name:

Grade:

Science teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in participating in Science Olympiad? What would you like to gain from the experience?

List the top 5 events you'd like to do, and your reasons. (See <https://www.soinc.org/>, events tab for list and descriptions)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What is one of the events you are most interested in doing and why?

Please describe any relevant experience, hobbies, activities, interests and/or skills.

**STUDENT CONTRACT**

**Students:** please put a yes or no next to each item.

If selected for the Science Olympiad team...

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that each Science Olympiad team meeting is valuable and will attend each meeting as best I can. If a conflict arises, I will notify my coach in advance.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that my behavior at meetings and connection class will be constructive.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to cooperate on whatever events I am selected for, even if it's not my first choice.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student email: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*\* **PARENT SECTION** \*\*\*\*

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTRACT**

Please initial your agreement to each item.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree and give permission to my student to attend Science Olympiad afterschool meeting, event-specific practice, and the Regional Competition. All transportation will be provided by parents. If there is a conflict, my child or I will notify the coach.

\_\_\_\_\_ I grant permission to use photographs or videos of my participant child in print or online materials designed for news, informational or educational purposes related to the Science Olympiad program.

\_\_\_\_\_ (optional) I would like to volunteer to help coach a team outside of school hours. (\*coaches do not have to be present during competition.) See box below.

Parent's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: Please include any coaching strengths (profession, education, hobby, or special interest in specified event) if you are interested in volunteering to coach a team.
Skills:
Willingness to volunteer:
Special Circumstances: