



TENNESSEE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

FALL 2015 NEWSLETTER

TN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD IS 30 YRS

OLD: As part of our celebration we would like to invite our schools to participate in a **Logo Contest**. Students are encouraged to draw a logo to represent Tennessee Science Olympiads 30th Anniversary. Each school will be allowed to submit up to 3 logos. These logos will be used on T-shirts, Polo shirts, trophies, etc. The student who draws the winning logo will receive a \$50 gift card and the school will receive 15 t-shirts for the team. For additional information consult the state web site at <http://tnscioly.utk.edu>.

REGISTRATION FORMS are available on the Tennessee Science Olympiad web site at <http://tnscioly.utk.edu>. We encourage you to bookmark the site and check it periodically for updates, official information, and resources such as a Coach's Information Manual and TSO Policies (to be published soon). Registration fees for the 2015 tournaments remain at \$200 for returning teams and \$100 for new teams or teams that have not competed in the last 3 years.

COACHES' WORKSHOP: UTK will host a Coaches' Workshop on Saturday September 27, 2014. The cost is \$25 per person, but travel funds will be awarded to those schools with coaches attending the workshop. Detailed information and registration forms are available on the Tennessee Science Olympiad website, <<http://tnscioly.utk.edu>>. This is an excellent opportunity for new coaches to learn about Science Olympiad and for returning coaches to get some valuable information about preparing for this year's events.

TOURNAMENT SITES: We will be losing a long-standing tournament site at Tennessee Wesleyan this year. John Berch has taken another job and the University has chosen not to offer a tournament at this time. On a more positive note we will be adding three new tournament sites this year at Pellissippi State Community College in Knoxville, at Lee University in Cleveland and at Tennessee State University in Nashville.

STATE TOURNAMENT: will be held at UTK on April 11, 2015. Twenty teams from each division will advance to the state tournament. Two teams will advance from each regional tournament. Additional teams will be distributed proportional to the number of schools competing in a region. If there is a tie the region with the larger number of teams competing will win.

DATES AND TEAM LIMITS:

Site	Tournament Date	Max. No. of Teams per Div.
Chattanooga State	2/21/2015	12
Christian Brothers	2/28/2015	10
ETSU	2/28/2015	6
Lee	2/21/2015	6
MTSU	2/28/2015	14
PSCC	2/21/2015	10
TSU	3/7/2015	12
Volunteer State	2/28/2015	6

LOOK FOR US AT TSTA! The Tennessee Science Teachers Association conference returns to the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro from Nov. 6 - 8. TSO will have a booth in the exhibit area, so plan to stop by and say. Conference information can be found at <http://tsta.wildapricot.org/aspx>

ELEMENTARY SCIENCE OLYMPIAD: tournaments will be held at John Pitard Elementary on May 2, 2015 and Chattanooga State on May 8, 2015. Please make your teacher friends aware of these events. If you are interested in hosting an elementary tournament please contact the state director: david.stanislawski@chattanoogastate.edu.

COMPETITION SITE POLICY:

A minimum of 3 schools will be allowed to compete at a regional tournament. Sites which have fewer than 3 schools competing at a particular level will not host a tournament at that level and the teams will be reassigned to the nearest available region. Tournament sites post a maximum number of teams that can compete at their site. The following guidelines will be used in accepting teams at a site: 1) geographical proximity; 2) returning teams (1st teams will be assured a place but 2nd and 3rd teams will be placed on a waiting list; 3) new teams. Please note that a school's involvement in other competitions is not an acceptable reason for competing at a different site.

INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS:

Friendship Christian will host a middle school invitational tournament and John Paul II will host a high school tournament. Both tournaments will occur on January 10, 2015. Look for more information as it becomes available on the state web site.