Dear Science Olympiad Coach,

The Auburn University 2010 Science Olympiad is eight days away. I hope everyone's preparations are going OK. Updated schedule, event supervisor and school lists have been put on our web page. All events now have locations and supervisors. Homerooms - rooms teams may use as their headquarters and leave their "stuff" - are given on the school list. All are located in Parker Hall.

Please note that registration, opening and closing ceremonies are now held at the Student Center south of Haley Center and east of Jordan-Hare Stadium. Cars may park in the parking deck next to Jordan-Hare. Buses can drop students off using the one-way bus route around Jordan-Hare - enter via Roosevelt Drive. See the campus-map on our web page. The Ballroom is on the third floor of the Student Center. Maps of the Student Center are located at:

http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_affairs/stdunion/maps_directions.html

The "Wright Stuff" event will be held in the Student Center Ballroom. The area is approximately 50 ft long by 50 ft wide by 15-25 ft high. (Smaller than last year, see ballroom on our web site for a diagram.) Teams may test fly planes from 8:20-9:20. Test flights may also be made during the event with official approval. Be advised that during this test period many teams may be testing their airplanes, so several planes may be aloft at any given time.

For the "Physical Science Lab" event, all teams will in Parker 307 at 8:20 am. There they will start the event and select a time between 9:00 and 12:20 to finish the event in Parker 122. Every effort will be made to give teams the time they want, but there may be some constraints.

For the "Compute This" event, Microsoft Office 2003-SP3 and Internet Explorer 7 are installed on Dell PC computers.

Due to Student Center rules, we are unable to provide morning refreshments. However Starbucks, on the second floor of the Student Center, will be open at 7 am. The Chick-fil-A in the Student Center will open at 10 am. There are also many fast food and pizza places near campus, list will be provided at the registration desk on February 27.

Science Olympiad T-shirts will be given to each team member, compliments of Auburn University Bookstore and the College of Sciences and Mathematics. T-shirt will be given out during registration. We will try to honor your size requests. While supplies last, additional T-shirts may be purchased at Registration.

Also on our web site are (or soon will be) the following:
(1) This letter,
(2) A student registration form which should be filled out, signed by the school coach or principal and turned in at registration,
(3) Award, scoring and state qualifying information.
(4) An example appeals form, several will be included in your registration packet.

The Division B State Science Olympiad will be held March 13 at Huntington College, Montgomery. Information is posted at the Alabama Science Olympiad web site:

http://aso.jsu.edu

The National Science Olympiad will be held at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on May 20-22, 2010. Information is at the National Science Olympiad web site:

http://www.soinc.org

That's everything for now. Good luck in your final preparations. We will see you on February 27. Have a safe trip to Auburn University. If you have any final questions, please contact me.

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