February 11, 2011

Dear Science Olympiad Coach,

The Auburn University 2011 Science Olympiad is eight days away. I hope everyone's preparations are going OK. Schedule, event supervisor and school lists have been put on our web page. All events now have complete information. 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 remember that, like last year, registration, opening and closing ceremonies are held in the Ballroom 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

For the "Compute This" event, Microsoft Office 2007 and Internet Explorer 7 are installed on Windows XP computers.

Photos of the launching device for "Bottle Rocket" are given at:
https://picasaweb.google.com/nylenpm/BottleRocket?authkey=Gv1sRgCO6_vtezm4TxAE&feat=directlink
The arms on the release pin are 33/32-17/16 inches apart.

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. Out Take (a convenience store in the Student Center) will also open at 10:00. There are many fast food and pizza places near campus, a list has been sent to you and will be provided at the registration desk on February 19.

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 12, 2011 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 May 18-21, 2011 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. 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 19. Have a safe trip to Auburn University. If you have any final questions, please contact me.

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