

January 10, 2009

Dear Physics, Physical Science, Math, and Chemistry Teachers:

Every spring, local high school students gather at the SFASU campus to engage in friendly competitions with physics themes. The Society of Physics Students at Stephen F. Austin State University would like to invite you and your students to participate in the **Physics Olympics** on our campus on **Saturday, April 18, 2009**. We shall begin at 9:00AM and end before 4:30 PM. Whether you teach physics, math, chemistry, or physical science we encourage you all to come – even if you cannot participate in all of the events.

There are **no entry fees** for the Physics Olympics. Also breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge by SFA.

We invite you to bring one to five teams with each team consisting of no more than five and no less than three members. Typically 20 to 30 teams compete each year. This year all teams will participate in each event at the same time. This will make it possible for students and teachers to enjoy watching all entries in every competition. Trophies, ribbons, and certificates of participation will be awarded after the competition.

Please do not let your students miss this opportunity. Events like this are conducted throughout the country, and they have been exciting students about science for several years. Be a teacher that makes a difference in your students' attitudes toward science. Join us with other area high schools for a day of **fun** doing physics activities at SFASU.

Enclosed is a list of the events for this year and a registration form. Full descriptions of each event are included. You and your students can also view these at the following web site:

www.physics.sfasu.edu/olympics

Please let me know if you have any questions. We hope to see you this year at the Physics Olympics at SFA.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

Additional Information

Each school must have at least one sponsor. A school with multiple teams is encouraged to have a sponsor for each team.

Each student must complete a liability waiver form; the forms are due on the morning of the Physics Olympics and must be presented prior to participation in any events.

Registration will begin at 9:00 AM and end promptly at 9:30 AM (please arrive on time).

Please contact me if you have any questions as to semantics of event rules, etc. My address is on the letterhead. My fax and e-mail, respectively, are (936) 468-4448 and astro@sfasu.edu.

Once judging of an event begins, the team sponsor may not converse with the judge on any matter, may not touch the project being judged, and may not assist the team in any manner, including verbal hints.

Please remember that the spirit of competition is important but the camaraderie and the fun with Physics are the goals of the Physics Olympics activities.

We hope to see you at the Physics Olympics at SFA!