

HI Coaches,

Just a brief update about the Olympiad!

1. We have **21 teams** competing in the C division– (see attached list). Middle schools will be competing at different venues due to low numbers (only 6 teams registered for our region). We will miss them this year and wish them the best of luck!
2. The **schedule** (attached) has been modified – slightly... The trial events have been increased from one hour to three hour time slots. This will hopefully accommodate more teams. All other items are the same.
3. We will be using the **Remind** app to contact people during the Olympiad. The Remind app is a texting app that allows group texts for one and two-way conversations. It's being used by teachers to text students and visa-versa (students do not see your cell number). Phone coverage is often spotty on campus – this will hopefully address the weaknesses. We plan on using it to contact you if students are missing/DQ'ed/or in-need. Please download the Remind app to your cell phone.

Send a text to

**81010**

Text this message

**@jmonko**

This will allow you to join the “Coaches” group – we are looking for 100% participation PLEZ!

4. **Foooooood**- A little different... The south side cafeteria is closed. We will be able to use the Cub Café on the north side of campus (in McFarland Student Union). They will be open 11am - 1:30 pm – for full service yum!

5. Somethings to look forward to...

The Planetarium will be open and offering several shows – titles will be announced soon. We have a new toy – a Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) Laboratory! Dr. Kurt Frieauf is inviting students to scan their own samples! Start thinking about what you would like to see REALLLLLLY close up!

6. **Sign –Up Events** - There's a few more kinks to work out but we are almost there. We will be using the PA Olympiad website to register (<https://scilympiad.com/pa>). Sign-up will open at 9 am on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and close at 12 noon on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be 6 time slots per hour running from 9 am to 3 pm. You may only register for one time slot per event. The Sign-Up sheets will be available during registration on 3/11 if last-minute changes need to be made. Please follow the steps below:

1. Go to <https://scilympiad.com/pa>
2. If you are not logged in, log in.
3. Under the Coaches menu at the top of the screen select "Head Coach Dashboard"

4. Select "Event Signup" in the second column under the green box that says Signup.
5. You will now see each of the event you can sign up for with their top slot to their right.
6. To sign up click on the orange signup link to the left of the event in the time slot you want. This automatically saved and you are done.

If you need to change and event, in step 5 above click on the blue "Show all my signups" box at the top of the page. You can delete previous signups at the link. Then go back to step 5 and move ahead to step 6 to schedule.

7. What would you like to know – call or email!

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