



North Pocono Science Olympiad Varsity (9-12 Grade) Registration and Information 2026-2027 NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

Registration Information

Thank you for your interest in joining the North Pocono Varsity Science Olympiad Team.

Please read ALL of the information below.

The team has a limited number of slots per grade level open for accepting new members.

Students interested in joining the North Pocono Science Olympiad Team must complete the following items. Once complete there will be a tryout if needed based on grade level. Students that are chosen for the team will need to complete additional registration paperwork including a medical form, safety waivers, and payment of team dues which are \$50.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE DUE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 BY 2:30PM AT THE LOCATION DESCRIBED

Click on the blue hyperlinks to access documents

- ☐ [Google Classroom](#) - Join the the North Pocono Science Olympiad Google classroom **while logged in to your North Pocono email** using the code **vyz6kzuk**
- ☐ Carefully read through this entire document (Registration Information)
- ☐ [Varsity Application](#)
You need to:
 - Print or pick up a copy in high school room 104
 - Complete with your parents / guardians
 - Scan
 - Upload to Google Classroom in the Application Assignment under Classwork before the deadline
 - Do not submit a hard copy to room 104
- ☐ [Varsity Student Information Form](#) - You need to complete this form before the registration deadline
- ☐ [Teacher Recommendation](#) – All students must provide the name of a teacher that will act as a reference in the [Varsity Student Information Form](#). You should let the teacher know we will be contacting them for a recommendation and that they don't need to do anything until we contact them.

North Pocono Science Olympiad Coaching Staff

Mrs. Croom, Head Coach - lcroom@npsd.org

Dr. Croom, Assistant Coach - jcroom@npsd.org

Mr. Havenstrite, Assistant Coach - whavenstrite@npsd.org

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Mrs. Czachor, Junior High Coach - cczachor@npsd.org

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Parent/Guardian Informational Meeting

After the team has been announced, a parent/guardian informational meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 17, 2026** we will have a **NEW PARENTS ORIENTATION** from 6:30-7:00 with a meeting for **ALL PARENTS** from 7-8 pm. The meeting will take place in the high school cafeteria. We will discuss expectations, competitions, and the North Pocono Science Olympiad Invitational.

Team Policies

Attendance

- Attendance at practices is the responsibility of the student. Students are required to have with them their school issued ID that has a barcode on it. As students enter for each meeting they attend, they will use the scanner to sign in to the meeting. The team meets in High School Room 104. Students must sign in and out of 104 whenever they enter or exit the room; we must know where students are at all times. Students may not have others sign them in or out. Any student who does this will face consequences, up to and including removal from the team.
- Students must make a minimum of **50%** of the practices to remain on the team. Students who would like to be considered for the regional or state team should plan to attend at least **70%** of the team practices. One warning will be given for attendance below 50% and then the student will be removed from the team. **If another school activity prevents you from meeting this requirement, you may have to decide what you want to be involved in during this school year.**
- Attendance at invitational tournaments, the regional tournament, and the state tournament is **mandatory**, even if you are not competing. The competition team of 15 students will be partly based on attendance at practices.
- School activities/sporting conflicts may arise during the school year. It is the responsibility of the student to inform the coaches by filling out the “absence from meeting form” in the team’s Google Classroom. Failure to do so will result in consequences, up to and including ineligibility at future competitions.
- It is the responsibility of the student to inform Mrs. Croom via email (LCroom@npsd.org) of conflicts with the competition schedule at least two weeks in advance. Failure to do so will result in consequences, up to and including ineligibility at future competitions.

Academic Integrity

The North Pocono Science Olympiad Team is an academic team, and as such, students will be upheld to standards regarding academic integrity in their academic subjects.

- Members of the team **must** maintain a 75% in all academic subjects in order to compete for the team. The coaches will receive a copy of your progress reports and report cards for each quarter. If you are having trouble, see a coach before you become ineligible. You will be ineligible for two weeks, pending proof that your grade has improved. Students that have not improved will remain ineligible until they prove they have done so.
- Any member of the team caught cheating in any form, including but not limited to plagiarizing, tests, quizzes, lab reports, projects, writing assignments, extra credit assignments, homework, classwork, etc., will be removed from the team immediately. Academic integrity should be important to you, take pride in your own abilities and DO YOUR OWN WORK! Members that allow others to cheat from them will be dealt with in the same manner.
- Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Any action by a student that puts another person in danger, whether during practices or unrelated to the team, may be removed from the team. This decision will be up to the coaching staff and is final. THINK BEFORE YOU ACT!

Team Practices

Practices are generally held Monday through Thursday, 2:30 – 5 pm, and occasionally on Saturdays in the spring. Practices are also held **the Friday before an invitational to pack**. All meeting times will be made available on the calendar in Google classroom.

Competitions

The team attends a variety of events throughout the year. Each of these events requires registration during the fall and costs the team and school district money for each person registered. It is important that you look at your calendar and make sure you can attend all of these events. In order to be a **member** of the team, you **must** be able to attend the ALL of the invitationals listed, as well as the Regional Competition and State Competition

Date(s)	Competition	Location	Tentative Times
11/14/2026	Cornell University	Cornell University Ithaca, NY	4:15 AM - 10:30 PM
12/12/2026	Fayetteville-Manlius Invitational	8199 East Seneca Turnpike Manlius, NY 13104	4:30 AM - 10:30 PM
1/9/2027	The Mount Invitational	1001 Broadway Esopus, NY 12429	4:45 AM - 10:30 PM
1/16/2027	*Penn State Invitational (c-only)	Penn State University State College, PA	4:15 AM - 10:30 PM
1/24/2027	*Columbia University Invitational	Columbia University New York, New York	4:15 AM - 10:30 PM
1/30/2027	North Pocono Invitational	North Pocono High School Covington Twp, PA	6:00 AM – 8:00 PM
2/19 - 2/20/2027	Pitt / CMU	Pittsburgh	
3/10/2027	NE Regional Competition	Penn State Wilkes-Barre Lehman, PA	6:00 AM – 6:00 PM
4/23 - 4/24/2027	**PA State Competition	Penn State Altoona Altoona, PA	7:00 AM (4/24) – 11:45 PM (4/24)
5/14- 5/15/2027	***National Competition	Ohio State University Columbus, OH	8:00 AM (5/13) – 11:00 PM (5/16)

* We will only be attending 1 of the 2 invitationals on 1/16 or 1/24. Unfortunately, it will not be finalized for a few weeks.

**The team must place at regionals in order to attend. This date may change.

***The team must place in the top two at states in order to attend.

Safety and Behavior

- Students must science the Flinn Scientific Safety Contract and adhere to the following items. It is expected that all students will act in an appropriate manner at all times while at practice or competitions. The following items are examples. Noncompliance may result in suspension AND/OR removal from the team, and possibly discipline by the administration.

Students will not:

- Take part in hazing.
- Throw anything.
- Have inappropriate contact with other students.
- Criticize others ideas or work.
- Use or touch equipment without permission.
- Open cabinets/drawers without permission.
- Do anything that would embarrass/disrespect your team, coaches, school or your family.
- Touch equipment or tools you have not been trained to use.
- Eat or drink near electronic equipment or where chemicals are present.

Students will:

- Clean up after every practice (wiping desks, sweeping floor, storing food and drinks)
- Only work in designated areas.
- Be on task while at practice.
- Wear appropriate clothing for the activity (bring a change of clothes if you have to).
- Follow all school, bus, and host competition facility rules and policies at all times.
- Follow safety guidelines at all times.
- Throw gum in the trash.
- Report any broken equipment or spilled chemicals immediately to a coach.