# Magsig Middle School Science Olympiad



Exploring the World of Science

# Student/Parent Meeting August 18, 2025

Welcome to the Magsig SO team! SO is an extra-curricular activity involving interactive problem solving, studying and engineering. A student must be responsible, self-directed, motivated and good at follow through. We understand that students may be involved in other activities therefore students are responsible for staying in touch with event coaches and making an effort to meet as often as possible.

# **Registration:**

Students must register to receive future communication about Science Olympiad at Magsig. The Online Registration form can found at <a href="www.centervilleso.org">www.centervilleso.org</a> under the "Centerville Science Olympiad" pull-down menu then under "Magsig." Students must submit NON-SCHOOL email address on the form. **Online Registration is due 8/22/25**.

Emergency Medical Form must be turned into the school office marked for Science Olympiad by September 5, 2025.

#### Fees:

Two fees are required for participation on the team. Financial Aid is available by contacting the Magsig office. Fees should be submitted to the front office at Magsig, or at a student/parent meeting, in an envelope addressed to Magsig SO and labelled with the student's name. **Fees are due 9/26/25.** 

- 1. Materials Fees Cash or check for \$140 to "Centerville Science Olympiad."
- 2. Pay to Participate Fees \$54 will be billed through Centerville City Schools.
- \*There may be additional costs for overnight trips.

# **Communication:**

Communication from the head coach to students and parents is generally by email. Event coaches may use email.

Students and Coaches must always include a second adult (like a parent or another coach) on email to or from a single student. There can be NO one-on-one communication with students. The head coach can be reached at SOMagsig@gmail.com

#### **Events:**

Event descriptions can be found on <a href="www.soinc.org">www.soinc.org</a>. There are 23 events in 5 categories of study. Please choose 5 events to study, with no more than 2 "build" events. Every student is expected to be working on or be knowledgeable in 5 events and "expert" in 2 events. The event selection form will be emailed to committed students. This form will be used to create a roster for each event. It is the student's responsibility to contact the coach for events they wish to participate in to introduce themselves.

The official Rule Book can be found here: <a href="www.soinc.org">www.soinc.org</a> Students are expected to download and print the Rules Manual and bring it to all their event practices.

# **Practices:**

A schedule of practice days and times and the coaches' contact information will be sent to committed students. Generally, practices are once a week at Magsig, Watts or the High School from the end of August/early September through the end of the SO season. Coaches will verify when their practices begin.

## **Team Size and Tournaments:**

Magsig SO will participate in 5-6 Invitational Tournaments, the Regional Tournament and, hopefully, the State Tournament. We are allowed to have 15 students on a team and bring 2 teams to the Invitational Tournaments.

Students are regularly evaluated by coaches taking into account past experience and commitment/behavior. Coach evaluations will be used to help create a team of 15 students to cover all 23 events at each tournament. Students may be "tagged" to cover an event they do not normally practice and they are expected to do their best.

Tournaments are typically held on Saturdays and are all-day events. Depending on travel time, students will arrive at Magsig around 6 am and travel with the team by bus to the tournament, returning around 7 pm. There will be 2 tournaments which require an overnight stay and additional details will be relayed before those events.

#### Behavior:

Science Olympiad team members are expected to be exemplary role models. They are expected to show respect to all coaches, team members and everyone they encounter. They will be representing our school on many occasions at tournaments. Within the team, they are expected to come to practices prepared, respect the work spaces, materials and property and clean up after themselves. School rules apply during all meetings and tournaments. Inappropriate behavior may result in being excluded from practices, travel or competitions. Students must sign and submit the Student Code of Conduct found on <a href="https://www.centervilleSO.org">www.centervilleSO.org</a>.

#### Parents:

Parents have a role too! Parents can help in many ways like chaperones, fundraisers, transportation, guest speakers, etc.

## What's next?

Once you have completed the Online Registration Form, a signup form for events, you will receive access to the "Magsig Internal" website where the list of coaches and practice times, and other information will be posted and updated.

We look forward to a FANTASTIC Science Olympiad season!