Announcement 8 - 3/3/25

Hello Coaches!

We hope everyone got a lot of rest after the regional!! We were ecstatic to see so many of the students compete and have a great time! Thank you so much for your time and coming to the UT Regional 2025. We have some last updates for you all.

Final Scores

The master score sheets for this year's regional can be accessed here:

<u>Division B</u> Division C

Feedback Form

We are always looking for ways to improve our tournaments and would love to hear about your experience!

We understand there are a lot of changes that have happened this year that have made some aspects of the tournament look a little different. We please ask that you fill out this <u>Youth Protection Program Coach's Feedback Form</u> so we can communicate with some of the administrators and organizations we work with at UT. Furthermore, we have received some questions about the contact for the UT Youth Protection Program - please use <u>this website</u> to contact them directly. Please keep this feedback form to only Coaches and Parents.

If you have not already done so, please fill out our <u>Tournament Feedback Form</u> with any general comments and critiques

For both forms we please ask you to be polite and professional.

Thank you!
ATX Science Olympiad Team

Announcement 7 - 2/28/25

Hello! Happy Tournament Eve! We are so excited to see everyone tomorrow! Here are some important updates.

Map

Here is a <u>campus map</u> with the buildings that will be used!

Final Event Schedule and Attending Teams List

The final event schedule can be accessed here.

The final list of attending teams and team numbers, with homerooms, can be found <u>here</u>. Since Announcement 5 (2/24), the following rooms have changed. These are reflected in the linked files above.

Mission Possible: PAR 105 → PAR 203

Robot Tour: PAR 203 → PAR 206

Hockaday Homeroom: MEZ 1.206 → BEN 1.106

Wimberley High School: MEZ 1.222 → BEN 1.108

Custodial Responsibility Forms

Almost all of the teams have submitted all of their custodial responsibility forms, but most teams have left some of the fields blank. Please double check that you've filled out every field on these custodial responsibility forms. If you have to reupload any forms, please email us once you're done.

This includes

- The checkbox indicating the chaperone's relationship to the minor
- The blank asking for the chaperone's relationship to the minor
- Every blank asking for the student's name
- Every blank asking for the chaperone's name
 - We need to ensure that chaperone signatures on the forms match chaperone signatures for check-in, so please have any chaperone that signed one of these forms come to HQ at some point during the day to sign on our check-in.
 - One chaperone can sign this form for as many minors as needed
- Every blank asking for the parent's name
- Every blank asking for a date
- The blank asking for the host of the on-campus event
- The blank asking for the event

• The signature of the parent

• The signature of the adult chaperone

We really really appreciate the patience and time that all of you have put into making sure that these forms are completed and submitted to us.

Check-In

Team check-in will begin at 6:15 AM and will be at our headquarters at UTC 2.102A.

Update on Three Adult Chaperone Signatures

YPP has agreed to allow adult chaperones to sign-in anytime before 8:15 AM as long as all teams are ensuring that there are enough adult chaperones to oversee your students until then. We **still need three signatures** as soon as possible in the morning, but there is no pressure to have all three chaperones come to headquarters before 7 AM.

Any coach or adult over the age of 21 counts as an adult chaperone. Wristbands will be required for all event blocks and all students due to YPP regulations. Impound will **NOT** require wristbands.

Summary Sheet

Please refer to <u>this Summary Sheet</u> for the most important information in reference to day-of logistics. These will also be provided for each team.

Homerooms

Please ensure that you leave your homeroom, with all belongings and trash, before 6:45PM. Any fees incurred due to disorder in the rooms, including trash, will be passed on to the team(s) in the room. We encourage you to take your belongings before the awards ceremony starts.

Remind

For day-of communication, we will be using Remind for tournament wide announcements. Please have any Coaches join this Remind prior to tournament day.

Remind: @ut25reg, or remind.com/join/ut25reg

Cleanliness

Please make sure to keep your homerooms clean. Make sure the chairs and desks are left in the same orientation and in good shape, there is no trash left on the floor, and the trash can in your room is not overflowing. We will provide trash bags to all teams to put large items that do not fit into the trash bins and request that you throw it in a dumpster or take it back with you. In addition, please ensure you students are not making a mess in the bathroom.

We are sending this message because UT custodial and building management has expressed some concerns about our cleanliness during this event. We have been notified that we may be fined for each room that is left a mess, and, if that is your homeroom, we will have to ask you to pay the fine.

Welch Dumpsters



UTC Dumpsters

The dumpster corral for UTC on the southside of the building along Wichita Street.



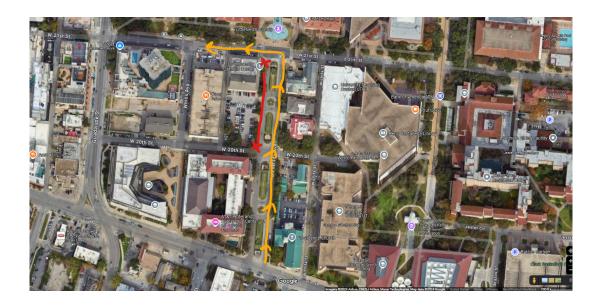
Bus Passes and Parking

This year, bus parking will be at the <u>Intramural Fields</u>, the same as this year's invitational. Due to other events on campus and UT limitations this is the closest parking we can get for buses. Please plan accordingly and give yourself and your team enough time for parking and check in.

Any requested bus passes should have been sent to your coach's email. Please reach out as soon as possible if you have not gotten one.

Drop-Off and Loading

Bus drop off will occur at <u>Littlefield Fountain</u>. Please note that there is some construction occurring in the area at this time. Enter the drop off location by turning on University Ave from MLK and taking a left on 21st street. A map has been provided below for your convenience. Please do not allow team buses/cars to park or idle on the street around the drop off location.



Parking Garages:

If you are coming up to our tournament by car, visitor parking should be available at Brazos and Manor Garages. All parking garages are around a 15-20 minute walk to team check-in, so please plan accordingly.

Alternate Clarifications and Rules Change

For the Regional Tournament, alternates may NOT compete in any events, including trial events, unless they are replacing a team member who is unable to compete due to injury, illness, etc. This is per TSO policy.

We understand that we made a previous claim that alternates could compete in trials. This was to encourage students to compete and allow for more student participation, however, TSO has recently clarified to us that for a regional we must not allow for alternates to compete unless in the event of an injury or illness.

We apologize for the inconvenience and misunderstanding and will strive to be more clear and timely about these types of rule changes in the future.

Announcement 6 - 2/26/25

Hello! Happy week of tournament! We just wanted to push some more reminders and add

some important information for day-of logistics. This update is a little long, please bear with us

through these important announcements.

Check-In

Team check-in will begin at 6:15 AM and will be at our headquarters at UTC 2.102A.

As a reminder, during check-in, three adult chaperones are going to need to sign-in for each

team as per YPP regulations. Any coach or adult over the age of 21 counts as an adult

chaperone.

Wristbands will be required for all event blocks and all students due to YPP regulations.

Impound will **NOT** require wristbands.

Event Schedule and Attending Teams List

The final event schedule can be accessed <u>here</u>.

The list of attending teams and team numbers, with homerooms, can be found here.

Please note there have been some slight changes to the rooms for Mission Possible and

Robot Tour shown below. However, both events are still in the same building.

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Summary Sheet

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Homerooms

Please ensure that you leave your homeroom, with all belongings and trash, before 6:45PM. Any fees incurred due to disorder in the rooms, including trash, will be passed on to the team(s) in the room.

<u>Awards</u>

Our award ceremony will take place in **Welch Hall Room 2.224** and will be livestreamed.

Seating for Division B will begin at 5:45 PM. We are aiming for Division B awards to end between 7:00-7:15 PM.

Seating for Division C will begin at 7:15 PM. We are aiming for Division C awards to be done between 8:30-8:45 PM.

Remind

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Bus Permits and Drop-off Information

Bus permits have been sent out to all teams that have requested them. If you requested a permit but did not receive one, please email us ASAP.

Bus drop off will occur at Littlefield Fountain. Please note that there is some construction occurring in the area at this time. Enter the drop off location by turning on University Ave from MLK and taking a left on 21st street. A map has been provided below for your convenience. Please do not allow team buses/cars to park or idle on the street around the drop off location.



Visitor Parking

If you are coming up to our tournament by car, visitor parking should be available at **San Jacinto Garage and Brazos Garage**. All parking garages are around a **15-20 minute walk** to team check-in, so please plan accordingly.

Fun Event and Awards

Throughout the tournament day and while waiting for awards, we will be having fun challenges and events that competitors can take part in to win prizes that will be given out during the award ceremony. Please note that these events and challenges will NOT count into teams' scores and are only for fun. For the photo challenges, a google form will be made available the day of the tournament for submissions.

Fun Events

Cube Conundrum! Rubik's Cube Speed Challenge

Time: 4:30-5:00 PM Location: UTC 1.104

The Brainy Bee: Spelling Showdown

Time: 4:30-5:00 PM Location: UTC 1.116

Trivia Pursuit: Longhorn Edition

Time: 4:30-5:00 PM

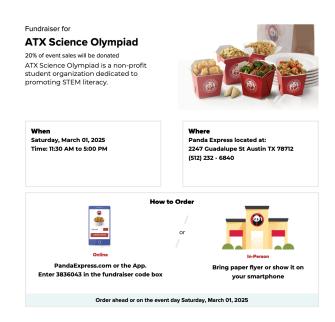
Location: UTC 1.102

Photo Challenges

- **SciOly Holy Grail** HOLY HOOK 'EM! If you think your team has the biggest binder, send us a photo and we'll be the judge! Biggest or CRAZIEST binder WINS!
- SciOLYMPIAN Have you been running from labs to testing rooms across campus?
 Check out your step count, and see if you can win as the FASTEST Sci-OLYMPIAN!
- DustBusters Take a photo of your homeroom, and be sure to not leave any evidence for forensics!
- Where's Bevo! Bevo will be hiding in plain sight, waiting for only the most observant competitor. Will it be you?
- A.T.X. S.C.I.O.L.Y. Only 9 letters.. Can you break the code to spell out ATX SciOly with your team? Give us your best shot of spelling out our name for a chance to win a spot on ATX SciOly's webpage!
- Coach's Medal Moment Think you have the best coach(es)? Create a fun fan photo with your team to help cheer for your biggest support(ers)!
- "The Dinesh," A Signature Look Catch our president, Dinesh, in his natural habitat on tournament day. Best photo wins!
- The Periodic Designers Submit a photo of you and your team wearing your tournament merch for a chance to win!

Panda Express Profit Share

ATX Science Olympiad is hosting a profit share from 11:30 AM - 5 PM on Saturday, March 1st with the Panda Express located on the second floor of the Texas Union Building. If your team is looking for a lunch spot or would like to support us, please stop by and show them a physical copy or picture of the following paper flyer when ordering.



Announcement 5 - 2/24/25

Hello!

Check-In

Team check-in will begin at 6:15 AM and will be at our headquarters at UTC 2.102A.

As a reminder, during check-in, three adult chaperones are going to need to sign-in for each team. Coaches and adults over the age of 21 count as an adult chaperone.

Wristbands will be required for all event blocks and all students due to YPP regulations. We will be providing one wristband for each team's coach and three wristbands for adult chaperones. Coaches are allowed to wear both the coach wristband and adult chaperone wristband. These will be provided during team check-in. Impound will **NOT** require wristbands.

Youth Protection Program Orientations

Thanks to everyone for attending last week's orientations on the updates/changes to YPP's policies. We appreciate all of you for working through the inconveniences and difficulties these additional rules might place on you, and we're always here to help clarify anything or assist if anything comes up day-of the tournament.

For those of you who were unable to attend or want a refresher on what we covered, you can find a recording of Carley (a representation of the Youth Protection Program here at UT Austin) discussing the new policies. Thanks, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you're still confused about anything related to these rules.

ESUS Reminder

<u>ESUS</u> will close **in a couple hours** on **February 24th at 5:00 pm CST**. Please ensure that you have signed up for all of your ESUS timeslots by this time.

Bus Passes

Bus passes will be sent to y'all within the next couple of days.

Event Schedule and Attending Teams List

The final event schedule can be accessed here.

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Remind

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Best regards,

Announcement 4 - 2/14/25

Hello!

Team Forms Reminder

The four forms below need to be completed in order to compete at our regional tournament.

- <u>UT Regional 2025 Principal Verification & Team Pledges</u>
- <u>UT Regional 2025 Release Form</u>
- UT Regional 2025 Honor Code
- UT Regional 2025 Custodial Responsibility Form

The forms can be submitted using this link. All forms need to be submitted by this Friday, February 14th at 11:59 PM. If any forms are missing or any forms are incomplete, teams will not be allowed to compete.

Mandatory YPP Orientations Reminder

Please sign-up for one of the orientations below using this google form. These orientations should be 30 minutes at most, and they will mainly consist of informing all of you on these new rules.

- Tuesday (February 18th) 4 PM to 4:30 PM CST
- Thursday (February 20th) 4 PM to 4:30 PM CST

We apologize for the inconvenience this presents, but we hope we can all work together on this so that we can continue to host these incredible tournaments. Thanks!

ESUS Reminder

<u>ESUS</u> has been opened and will close on **February 24th at 5:00 pm CST**. If you have not received ESUS login information, **please email us ASAP**.

(Final) Event Schedule

The final event schedule can be accessed here.

Any further changes to the rooms/time blocks will be communicated at that time.

Best regards,

Announcement 3 - 2/10/25

Hello!

Mandatory YPP Orientations

UT Austin is becoming more strict on rules that campus organizations need to follow with respect to hosting these tournaments for minors. To comply with their new requirements, we will be hosting orientations on the following two dates that are mandatory for all coaches. This will allow us to properly communicate the information provided to us and allows us to continue hosting tournaments like this.

- Tuesday (February 18th) 4 PM to 4:30 PM CST
- Thursday (February 20th) 4 PM to 4:30 PM CST

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Event Schedules

The event schedule can be accessed here.

There may be minor event room changes. We will send an update out when the schedule is completely finalized.

Attending Teams List

The list of attending teams and team numbers, with homerooms, can be found here.

Drops/Trial Events

Up to 2 alternates per team **can** compete in any of these the five (5) Texas state trials events. Note that, for overall team rankings, the 23 best event placements will be summed to make your team's final score; this means the 5 events with the worst placements will be automatically dropped.

Best regards,

Announcement 2 - 1/30/25

Hello!

Our UT Regional is a little over a month away! We are excited to see you all compete. Here are some more updates and information for the Regional.

Bus Passes

We have extended the <u>bus pass request</u> deadline to **Sunday, February 3rd at 11:59PM.** If you do not submit a request by this time, we cannot give you a bus pass.

Event Schedules

The event schedule can be accessed <u>here</u>.

This document contains both the Division B and Division C schedules. The build and trial events labeled as ESUS on the spreadsheet should use the ESUS instructions below to sign up for a time slot.

Do <u>not</u> print this schedule - there may be minor event room changes. We will send an update out when the schedule is completely finalized.

Geowizard B/C

It is strongly recommended that teams bring a laptop to the Geowizard exam; large part(s) of the exam necessitate the use of a laptop. We will **not** be providing laptops/computers/etc. for student use.

ESUS

ESUS is used to schedule your time slot for some event throughout the day. The link for the ESUS for our Regional is <u>here</u>.

This will open on **February 3rd at 12:00 pm CST** and close on **February 24th at 5:00 pm CST**. ESUS slots are on a first come, first serve basis, we recommend you sign up as soon as you can after the portal opens. If you have not received ESUS login information, **please email us ASAP.**

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Team Forms Reminder

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Best regards,

Announcement 1 - 1/17/25

ATX Science Olympiad is excited to announce our tenth annual regional tournament on **Saturday, March 1st, 2025**! Our full plan and ongoing updates will be made available here. Please bookmark or otherwise keep track of this page.

Team Registration

If you are receiving this email, you are successfully registered for the UT Sp25 Regional! If this is a mistake or you have any questions about registration, please contact Texas Science Olympiad.

If at any time you find that your team is unable to attend the regional, please notify us as soon as possible.

Attending Teams and Team Numbers

The list of attending teams and team numbers, with tentative homerooms, can be found here.

Please note that the homeroom assignments are not final and are subject to change.

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Bus Passes

If you need any bus passes for the Regional, please fill out this form prior to Monday, January 27th.

Bits, Assemble! Update

As noted in the Bits, Assemble! rules, the ISA used in the exam can be found <u>here</u>. We highly recommend that students print and bring a copy of this ISA to the exam.

Best regards,