

Team coaches: **Dooly County, Gatewood School, Thomasville Scholars Academy, Thomas County, and Valwood School**

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Please note a SGSC campus map, schedule of events, and other bits of information can be found SGSC's Science Olympiad webpage; <http://faculty.sgsc.edu/ScienceOlympiad/> (a work in progress, should be complete by February 16, 2015)

**Registration** will begin at 7:45AM in the lobby of the Fitness/Wellness Center. Upon arrival coaches should turn in their official rosters. Any late registrations will be in Stubbs Hall room 125. Please plan to arrive and check in well before 9:00 AM. Events will begin promptly at 9 AM. Also, remember that certain items must be impounded up to the time of the scheduled event. You should allow time to familiarize yourself with the campus. Team home-base rooms can be found on our website. We will also provide this and other pertinent information when you register with us.

Please park large vehicles such as buses and campers in one of the large parking lots near the student dorms or behind the library or Student Union building. These parking lots are all on the East side of campus. Please refer to your campus map.

Refer to the GASO for information on updated event rules. Please review GASO rules updates frequently. [www.spsu.edu/gaso/](http://www.spsu.edu/gaso/)

**Stubbs Hall, Engram Hall and the Wellness-Fitness Center (gym)** are the sites of all events. Campus and building maps can be accessed on our website.

**All home bases** are located in Collins Hall. Home base assignments are attached to this message and can be found on our website. Please clean your room before leaving. Please bring the necessary garbage bags, paper towels, and cleaning materials. Please use your home-base for lunch and refreshments. I respectfully ask that you not gather for lunch and snacks in the lobbies of the entrances and lobbies of Stubbs and the Wellness Center.

**SCORING:** We will use the national scoring system. First place will receive 1 point, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 points, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 3 points and so on. Rules infractions (other than safety or cheating issues) or failure of a device will receive "N" points for participation. "N" designates the number of teams. Those teams not showing up for an event receive an "NS" for no show and will receive N+3 points. Those teams disqualified from an event due to a safety issue or purposely cheating receive a "DQ" for disqualified and will receive N+5 points.

Scores are not official until 48 hours after the scheduled start of the award ceremony.

**For Schools with multiple teams:** the teams **MUST** stay together competing in each event at the same time! If one team swaps for a different time slot the other team **MUST** also move to the new time slot or not compete. Non-compliance will result in disqualification of all but the first team to compete in that event. This requires good communication between coaches & team members. Coaches of schools with 2 teams: please make sure that all students know which of the 2 teams they are on!

**Headquarters** and the scoring facility will be located in Stubbs Hall room 125.

**Impound items** must be submitted to the person(s) over-seeing the specified impound area. Please DO NOT drop off devices to a site but rather to the supervising individual. Make sure that impounded devices are labeled with the school/team name, coaches' name, your name and the event name along with the time of the scheduled event.

**Safety:** Bring eye protection (splash chemical goggles!), aprons, and other required safety items as specified in the coaches' manual. The event supervisor will be the final judge on safety.

Signs will be posted and campus personnel will be available to help with directions.

Please inform us well ahead of time if special accommodations for disabled students are needed.

The emergency phone numbers at SGC for the Science Olympiad will be 912-260-4338 (Stubbs Hall) or 912-260-4444 (Campus security) or with Dr. Perkins at 912-260-4342 (office) or at home after hours 912-383-7110.

A variety of fast food restaurants are located within minutes drive of campus. Coffee and other refreshments will be provided for coaches in the gym on the morning of the Olympiad.

All awards and invitations presented at the awards ceremony are subject to recall. Scores are not official until 48 hours after the date of the Olympiad. The awards ceremony will be held in the Wellness Center.

Please bring large trash bags with you to clean-up the base room assigned to each team.

**Event Specific Issues:** Please read the rules of each event carefully in the coaches' manual.

The following "Science Olympiad Code of Ethics" was forwarded to each of the site directors by the state director. We trust that all coaches and participants will approach the events with a spirit of fairness.

1) Student participants are expected to compete in tournament events with an honest effort to follow the rules and the spirit of that competition. The goal of competition is to give one's best effort while displaying honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship.

2) Students, coaches, parents and guests are expected to display courtesy and respect toward Olympiad officials, other teams, and guests of the Olympiad.

3) Failure to show honesty and/or courtesy by a participant, coach, or guest of the team may result in the disqualification of the team from that event, the entire tournament or future tournaments.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD PLEDGE: I pledge to put forth my best effort in the Science Olympiad and to uphold the principles of honest competition.

Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Thank you for participating in the Science Olympiad and visiting South Georgia State College.

Dr. Cam Perkins