



February 9, 2009

Dear Coach:

Congratulations! Your 2009 Science Olympiad team has officially qualified for the 23rd Annual New Mexico Science Olympiad state finals, to be held at New Mexico Tech, February 21. Your team number indicates whether you are odd or even.

Enclosed you will find:

- **Pertinent Info Sheet—Please read this carefully!**
- General Competition Day Schedule
- Event Schedule—This is this most current version that we have and it will probably change. As changes are made, they will be posted on our website (<http://www.nmt.edu/~science/olympiad>). All schedules are tentative until the morning of the competition.
- Code of Conduct and Vandalism Form—This form must be signed by all team members, all attending coaches and the principal of your school. You may fax this form to our office 575.835.5274 or turn it in to the Registration Desk the morning of the Olympiad. Teams that do not have their forms completed, signed, and turned in by Opening Ceremonies will not be allowed to participate.
- Final Registration Form—Return no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 17 so that we can prepare certificates and wristbands. These forms are also posted on our website. You may fax them to our office at 575.835.5274. **PLEASE TYPE!** Please make sure your final registration form is signed by your school principal and coach. Alternates will **not** be accepted on the Final Registration Form. Substitutions will be handled during Registration on the morning of the Olympiad.
- Information sheet from Campus Dining.

Please read all enclosed information carefully. Also, read all the rules and be prepared. Safety regulations will be strictly enforced! Have your students bring appropriate supplies, they will not be provided! Finally, on the National website <http://www.soinc.org> there is a FAQ link that has been very helpful to many coaches.

On Friday evening, February 21, the New Mexico Tech Astronomy Club will be hosting a public star party at 7:30 p.m. at the Etscorn Campus Observatory. For more information, or directions to the observatory, please visit <http://infohost.nmt.edu/~astro/etscorn.htm>.

All information in this letter as well as any last minute additions/changes will be posted on our website, please check it regularly.

I am looking forward to seeing you and your team on February 21 and wish you well in your preparation for the State Science Olympiad. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Rose Baca-Rivet at 575.835.5678 or sciencefair@admin.nmt.edu.

Sincerely,

Anthony Ortiz
Director