

Coach's information for the Science Olympiad 2016 Tournament at Gordon State College

- Our competition will be on February 27th, 2016. Most events will be held in the Instructional Complex (IC building, all four floors). The room numbers in IC are by floor, so room IC 205 will be on the 2nd floor. Rooms and events will be well labeled. The remainder of the events will be in the Alumni Memorial Hall (Gym) on the basketball court or in the Nursing and Allied Health Sciences Building (NAHS). Maps will be provided, and there are campus signs. There is a campus map on Gordon's Science Olympiad website.
- Registration and information envelope pick-up will be located in Instructional Complex (IC) Building Lobby, closest to the entrance doors on the Stafford Avenue side, provided by Professor Eskridge and Kelly Wilson between 7:00AM -8:00AM. Students may be dropped off at this location because we will have a Public Safety officer to ensure the students are safe as they exit their transportation vehicles.

Each coach's information envelope will contain copies of the event schedule, campus maps, 15 wrist bands per team (schools with two teams will have two different colored sets of wrist bands), along with WIFI access information, cell phone numbers for **Geoff Clement (Director 229-402-1439) and Dr. Bernie Anderson (Co-Director 828-406-9819)** to call if needed, and Public Safety phone numbers.

Non-emergency issues - **Public Safety Tel: 678-359-5101, Emergencies - Public Safety Tel: 770-358-5111**. Our Public Safety Officers are trained as first responders for medical emergencies and will call 911 after initial assessment of the medical emergency.

If the team arrives late, the coach should still go to the registration table to pick up the information envelope with team wrist bands and the above needed materials.

- We plan to assign homerooms in the IC Building for your "home base". These will be assigned during Registration on a first-come, first-served basis. And we will appreciate your taking good care of the materials in your room and cleaning up after yourselves. Thanks!
- Team rosters must be submitted at or before registration on February 27, 2016. I would prefer the completed rosters be sent beforehand to my email (gclement@gordonstate.edu). FYI: This information is sent to the National Science Olympiad through our state directors Dr. Kelly Price and Dr. Lance Crimm.
- We may be photographing and/or video recording portions of **Air Trajectory, Bridge Building, Electric Vehicle, Forensics, Game On, It's About Time, Protein Modeling, Wind Power, Wright Stuff, and Write It/Do It** events, so we will need permission to photograph or video record the students. I have attached to this email the *Release of Photograph and/or Video Image* form which will need to be completed by each student's parent/guardian (skip section for "clothing worn"). There is also a tab on our Science Olympiad website where the form may be downloaded (<http://gascience.gordonstate.edu/>). Feel free to make a copy for each team member. These completed forms should be submitted along with the team roster information at Registration or you may send to my email a scanned image of the signed form before our Tournament. I will send all coaches an email to inform everyone how these photos/videos may be viewed online.
- The Highlander Dining Hall (cafeteria) will be open for lunch between 11:30AM – 1:00PM. Cost for "all you can eat" will be approximately \$7. They offer a lot of variety for this price so you and the students will not walk away hungry!
- Please have the students and parents follow the general rules of behavior and code of ethics from the National Science Olympiad website: http://www.soinc.org/ethics_rules.
- Impound events: **Air Trajectory, Electric Vehicle, It's About Time, Protein Modeling, and Wind Power** will have log-in sheets, which will be completed by the **student** designated by the team's

coach to deliver the device to Impound. Impound times will be 15-30 minutes before the start of the event at the event location. Please refer to the schedule for times and locations.

- Students competing in the events: Bio Process Lab, Chemistry Lab, Forensics, and Experimental Design must bring and wear Category C safety goggles. Air Trajectory and Wind Power rules require students to wear Category B eye protection. For more information regarding these new categories, please visit this site: https://www.soinc.org/eye_protection
- The Fossils event will use the Official Fossils list from National Science Olympiad website: https://www.soinc.org/sites/default/files/uploaded_files/Fossil_List_2016_Corrected_v10-10-15.pdf
- Wright Stuff: This event will be in our Gym located in Alumni Memorial Hall on the basketball court. The size of the flight area is 112.0 ft (34.14m) long, 50.0 ft (15.24m) wide, and 29.02 ft (8.84m) high at its lowest point and 33.38 ft (10.15 m) high at its highest point of ceiling. Air will be shut off to minimize air currents. Facilities staff will be available to rescue vehicles caught in the ceiling over basketball court (☺). Vehicles should be clearly labeled with team name.
- Our Bridge Building Test Support is a hardwood block that measures 1.9 x 5.0 x 15.2 cm.
- Electric Vehicle will be located in the 1st floor hallway in the Instructional Complex on the south side closest to our interim library. The event location will be well labeled and the impound area will be located in the hallway. Only one track will be used and we will not be using a photogate timing system. Access to the rear stairwells will be blocked by cordons until the event is completed.
- **We are using Sign Up Genius for several event sign ups. Please refer to the event schedule and select a time slot of either 1st or 2nd hour for the events: Air Trajectory, Anatomy & Physiology, Bridge Building, Electric Vehicle, Protein Modeling, Robot Arm, and Wright Stuff. Any team which has not selected their time slot by February 20th will be placed into a remaining time slot. We will post this schedule on our website (<http://gascience.gordonstate.edu/>).**
- We will have educational entertainment by Ron Anglin, with Quite a Catch Juggling between 12:30-1:30PM in the Gym prior to the awards ceremony, so be prepared to laugh, to learn, and to enjoy his show.
- Most events have a maximum of 2 team members competing together. The exceptions are Experimental Design (3) and Protein Modeling (3).
- There will be 15 teams competing from the following high schools:

Team Name	# of Teams
East Coweta High School	2
Flint River Academy	2
Northgate High School	2
Our Lady Of Mercy Catholic High School	1
Starr's Mill High School	1
Thomas County Central High School	2
Valwood School	2
Whitewater High School	2
TOTAL	14

We are looking forward to a great competition this year and wish you much success in your preparation of the students for their big Science Olympiad day!

Best wishes, Geoff Clement and Dr. Bernie Anderson

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