

# Massachusetts Science Olympiad



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## *Mark Your Calendars!*

Important Dates for the  
Science Olympiad

- **Early September**  
Rule Manuals available
- **October 18, 2008**  
Event Workshop at  
Assumption College
- **March 21, 2009**  
State Tournament at  
Assumption College  
(Snow date March 22)

## **SO News**

Our parent organization, Science Olympiad, Inc. has decided to change the way alternate teams are handled this year.

Although you may still bring as many students as you like, they must be grouped into “teams” of fifteen students and pay the national registration fee of \$60.

In return you will receive an ad-

ditional copy of the coaches manual for each alternate team and we will keep track of alternate points so that we can announce the winning alternate teams at the awards ceremony.

Please note the changes to the registration form to accommodate this new system.

## **Regional Meets**

Oak Middle School in Shrewsbury has agreed to host a regional meet again this year.

Watch for updates about this meet as well as the Event Workshop and other possible regional

meets. Dates, times, and event schedules will be sent out as soon as they are available.

Thanks to the coaches and supervisors who make these extra events possible.

## **Registration Information**

- Registration forms are due by October 18.
- The manuals will be here soon. They will be shipped to everyone who has registered as soon as I get them.
- For updated information check the MSSO web site:  
<http://bohr.eri.harvard.edu/bobg/index.html>

# Registration Information

Describe procedures in big text.

Mention web site.

## Needed Regional Site

Write big blurb for new site.

## 2003-4 Event List

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## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

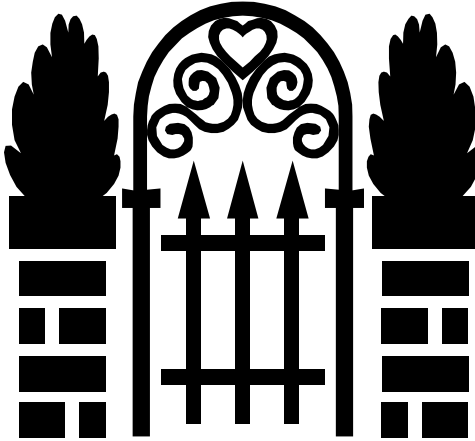
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A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find “filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

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*“To catch the reader’s attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”*

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you’re trying to convey. Avoid selecting images



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that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.

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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast

meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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