2018-19 Science Olympiad (ESO) Application

Thank you for your interest in Mountain View Elementary’s Science Olympiad Team (MVES ESO). Science Olympiad is a national group dedicated to promoting science through friendly competition, group planning, cooperation, collaboration and teamwork. The emphasis is on “Learning, participation, interaction, having fun and developing team spirit” (Science Olympiad, 2010). In the words of Olympic medalist Bill Koch, “Winning isn’t everything. The striving for excellence is—it’s the trying and caring that is important. Winning is a bonus” (Science Olympiad, 2010).

MVES is interested in the following students:
- those with a great love of science,
- self-motivated, self-reliant, and responsible,
- problem solvers that work well on their own,
- flexible, considerate team players that like working with others,
- sense of humor and positive mindset,
- able to attend all meetings and the district (and if needed, state) competition.

This year we will have one team consisting of up to twenty (20) motivated and highly qualified students as allowed by the national rules. Nat. ESO rules allow that of the 20 students on the team, only eight (8) may be in fifth grade. The remaining twelve (12) are in third (3rd) and fourth (4th) grade.

Review the dates required for any (potential) conflicts. Share this application with your grown-up(s). Fully complete the application attached and return it to Ms. Gates, STEM Specialist, no later than Friday, Feb. 15, 2019. No applications will be accepted after this date in fairness to all applicants.

**Note:**
- Try-outs are required to be considered for the team.
- Having been a previous competitor does not guarantee a spot on this year’s team.
- Your completed application must include all required permissions and an endorsement from your teacher.
- All portions of your application must be complete.
- You must be available for all practices and the district competition (Sat., March 23, 2019 at Walton High School, 1590 Bill Murdock Rd, Marietta, GA 30062),
- You must obtain your own transportation to and from Walton HS (3/23/19),

Thank you for applying for the Mountain View Elementary Science Olympiad Team!

Yours in friendly competition,
Jennifer.gates@cobbk12.org,
MVES STEM Specialist
On behalf of MVES Science Olympiad Coaches
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<td>3-23, Saturday</td>
<td>District Event+</td>
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<td>Walton HS, Marietta, GA</td>
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**Note:** Events TBD means the events are to be determined.
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*This is an anticipated schedule and is subject to change as necessary. Every effort will be made to ensure advance notice is given of any changes.

+Grown-up(s) need to accompany their child to the district and/or state event and STAY WITH THEIR CHILD/REN ALL DAY. Coordinators/coaches do not supervise the students outside of events.

For planning purposes, the State Olympiad is held at on Saturday, May 11, 2018 at Kennesaw State University.

Part I: Your Grown-up’s Contact Information - Please Print. 
This section can be completed with the help of your grown-up and/or teacher.

Student (Full) Name: ____________________________ Grade: __________

Teacher: ________________________ Previous Science Olympian? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which event(s)? __________________________________________________________

Parent 1 Full Name: __________________________________________________________

Parent 1 email: _______________________________ Cell: _____ - ____________

Parent 2 Full Name: __________________________________________________________

Parent 2 email: _______________________________ Cell: _____ - ____________

Statement of Parental Permission and Support

As the parent of the above student I think my child will make a good Science Olympian, and I give my permission for him or her to participate on the Mountain View Elementary School Science Olympiad Team. I will do all that I can to support the team with assistance and providing my child’s snack(s) and by having my child at all practices and event(s). I also understand that a parent needs to accompany the student on the day of the Cobb County Science Olympiad – Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 (and if applicable, the State Science Olympiad on Saturday, May 11th.)

_____________________________________________  ________________________
Parent signature                                      Date
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Parent name (please print): ______________________________________________________________

☐ I will volunteer at scheduled practices. (Please see the above schedule.)

☐ I will help by sending in nut-free snacks 24 hours or more in advance of practices.

☐ I will volunteer as an event coach. (MVES coaches will follow-up via email.)

Part II: Your Commitment

Science Olympiad Team Member Commitment of Understanding

As a Science Olympiad team applicant, I understand that my grades, my conduct, my ability to work as a team member, and my attendance in school and at practice are important. I understand that if my grades fall below a “C” for the 9-weeks in any subject, or if I am sent to an administrator for misconduct, or I miss more than two Science Olympiad practices without a written excuse from my grown-up, I lose my position on the team and forfeit my participation on the team. I also understand that I am committing to attending the district competition on Saturday, March 23rd and that my participation in that event is required. The district event is critical to the success of my team.

_________________________________________     ________________________________________
Student’s Full Name (please print)                Student’s Signature

Part II: Your Teacher’s Endorsement

Homeroom Teacher Statement

I believe this student will be a strong participant in the Science Olympiad and a quality team member. I trust this student to act responsibly, and to work fairly and well with his/her teammates. This student maintains grades above a “C”/”Needs Improvement”, and currently is passing all academic subjects. This student has not been sent to an administrator for misconduct so far this quarter/semester. This student is a hard worker and has a positive, problem-solving outlook. This student works well during timed events (which can be stressful).

_________________________________________     ________________________________________
Teacher’s Full Name (please print)                Teacher’s Signature

With follow-up questions, please contact jennifer.gates@cobbk12.org, MVES STEM Specialist.