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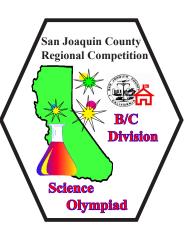


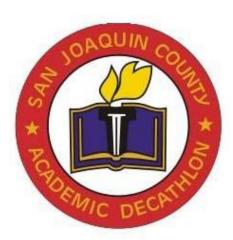
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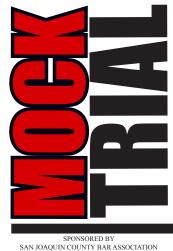








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Welcome to yet another exciting year of student events within San Joaquin County. I believe that children deserve the opportunity to grow and challenge themselves using unique educational opportunities. San Joaquin County Office of Education is proud to host a series of events and programs that are available to all students and schools within our community.

Always enticing and enjoyable, the events and programs put on by the Office would not be such without the generosity and on-going support given by businesses and individuals within our community. Donations to the San Joaquin County Education Foundation preserve and enhance activities such as Academic Decathlon, Fine Arts Day, Mock Trial, Spelling Bee, and many more throughout the year. I would like to extend my appreciation to every person that has contributed to the Foundation.

As budget cuts reduce more and more school-site activities, both academic and otherwise, it brings me great pride that San Joaquin County can still offer students a chance to participate and excel in these unique and wonderful activities.

I wish the best of luck to each of the students participating in this year's events, the parents who support them, and the teachers who give so much to organize and coach teams.

Sincerely,

Fredrick A. Wentworth, San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools



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Artists in Schools

Artist Residencies: The AIS Program, sponsored by the San Joaquin County Office of Education, is designed to bring professional artist residencies to county students, grades K-8. The program's goal is to improve arts education for teachers and students by encouraging collaboration between community art resources.

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Residencies are available in the visual and performing arts. The artists work with students kindergarten through eighth grade. The artist works with each of the selected classes for one hour per week for up to eight weeks as contracted. Lesson plans are developed according to the artist's area of expertise and are California Standards Based. Please call for program costs. Give the gift of art to your students for as little as \$1.10 per session, per student.

Affordable New Programs Available!!!!

Workshops: The AIS Department offers custom designed workshops in the visual and performing arts to teacher, community, and parent resource groups.

After School, Summer School, and Off-Track Programs: The AIS Department has artists who are available to teach afterschool programs at school sites or community centers. The programs can be contracted for groups of students for a minimum of 4 weeks at a time. The cost of the supplies for the residencies is the responsibility of the contracting site.

Mural Projects: The AIS Department also has artists who will develop a specific mural project under a theme selected by the students, teachers, or administration.

For further information and program fees contact:

Sandra Wendell, Artists-In-School Coordinator SJCOE, P.O. Box 213030, Stockton, CA 95213 (209) 468-4973 Fax (209) 468-9232 http://www.edserv.sicoe.net/ais/

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Are you having trouble with your math homework? "Homework Hotline" can help!



943-SJTV (7588)

Grades 4 - 10

Starting September 5, 2006

Telephone lines open Monday - Thursday 5:00 - 6:00 PM



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Providers of Digital Television, Digital Telephone and High Speed Internet Service.

Homework Hotline is an hour-long television program which helps students in grades 4-10 with their math homework. Homework Hotline is on at 5:00 PM Monday - Thursday (except holidays) and is repeated at 8:00 and 11:00 PM that same night. Students having trouble with their math homework can call 943-7588 between the hours of 5:00-6:00 PM, and a teacher will help them with their question on the air. In this way, a student can receive help and guidance on their homework while watching television.

The program originates from Comcast headquarters in Stockton and, besides the teacher in the studio, there is a master of ceremonies (provided by Comcast) that helps the student explain their question. The teachers on the program are from various schools within San Joaquin County. The program is beginning its ninth year of operation, and thousands of students have used Homework Hotline.

This is a joint venture between Comcast and the San Joaquin County Office of Education.

Homework Hotline will be seen on Comcast SJTV Channel 26 in: Acampo, Clements, French Camp, Lathrop, Linden, Lockeford, Lodi, Manteca, Morada, Stockton, Tracy, Victor and Woodbridge.

Currently not available in Escalon or Ripon



Your donation includes green fees, cart, beverages, morning coffee and pastries, lunch, prizes, fun holes, and support to the San Joaquin County Office of Education Educational Foundation, a non-profit organization. Your donation is tax-deductible to the fullest amount provided by law.

The tournament will offer major prizes for any hole-in-one on any par 3 hole. All players will have shots to win a new car, golf clubs, Carribean cruise for two, and \$10,000.00 cash.

All proceeds go to the San Joaquin County Office of Education Educational Foundation, which supports county wide student-activity programs including those shown below:



Academic Decathlon
Academic Pentathlon
Beckrest Arts Scholarship
Mock Trial
Newspaper in Education
Fine Arts Seminar Day
Science Camp
Science Fair
Science Olympiad
Spelling Bee

What are the Program Goals?

- •Maximize individual learning potential through the motivation of competitive challenge, coaching, peer support and teamwork.
- •Provide schools with a vehicle to focus on and reward the academic efforts and achievement of their students and staff.
- •Stimulate public support for academic endeavor and publicize the eduational achievements occurring in schools.

How does a school participate?

The coach selects a nine-member team, and each school may enter up to two teams per grade level. The team includes three students from each of the following grade point average categories:

Category •Grade Point Average (GPA) 3.75 - 4.00Honor 3.25 - 3.74 Scholastic 0.00 - 3.24Varsity

Contestants may compete in a higher category than their own GPA, but NOT in a lower category (i.e., Scholastic student may compete in Honor category, but NOT in Varsity).

All nine members are eligible for individual awards in the subject areas (Super Quiz excluded). Only the top two cumulative scores in each category will count toward the team total (the best two-out-of-three). This format allows a team to compete effectively even if a team member drops out before the competition. Since only six scores count, a team may compete as a team with six students, two in each GPA category.

*PLEASE NOTE: No substitutes/alternates for the nine starters are allowed on Competition Day or in the week preceding the competition. Schools may bring as many alternates as they choose. These alternates compete in all events except the Oral Relay Super Quiz.

What grades are included in determining GPA category?

Grades for the first sememster of the 2006-2007 school year are used to determine the students' GPA. Citizenship, physical education and religion grades are NOT included in computing GPAs. All main subjects showing an alpha grade on the transcript will be counted. Subjects with O, S or N etc. will not be counted. Pluses and minuses are NOT counted. Accelerated and remedial classes count the same as regular classes. A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and F=0. The school principal will verify GPAs for each student. For special situations, contact competition manager, Meredith Davis, before registrations are due.

Is there a participation fee?

• A participation fee of \$100.00 per team is required of each school to help defray the competition costs. Fees need to be accompanied by the Fee Payment form.

What is the registration procedure?

- 1) A school must first file an Intent to Participate form as early as possible, but no later than February 16, 2007.
- 2) The school then needs to begin processing the registration fees.
- 3) Upon receipt of the Intent to Participate form, registration packets will be sent to the coach of each participating school.
- 4) Completed registration forms for all team members, as well as registration fees and volunteer forms must be received at the San Joaquin County Office of Education, P. O. Box 213030, Stockton CA 95213 no later than Friday, March 30, 2007.

What awards are given?

• Team Plaque

1st-3rd Place Overall Teams 1st-3rd Place S.Q. Teams (medals also) 1st-3rd Divisions A & B

• Individual Medals by GPA category 1st-5th Place in each Subject Area, in each division, for starters 1st-5th Place in each Subject Area for alternates

- 10- \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds 1st - 10th Place Overall Individual highest scores
- Cortopassi Family Foundation Grants 1st-3rd Divisions A & B

2006 Academic Pentathlon Winning Teams

7th Grade: 1st Place - St. Bernard's Blue

2nd Place - Rio Calaveras Gold 3rd Place - St. Anne's Blue

1st Place - Presentation Green 8th Grade:

> 2nd Place - Presentation White 3rd Place - St. Anne's Blue

Each team member and coach will receive a Pentathlon gift and free snacks/drinks during a break. Teams will provide their own lunches (we suggest a tail-gate party at the school).

For additional information, please contact:

Meredith Davis, Academic Pentathlon Coordinator San Joaquin County Office of Education

(209) 468-4866 Fax: (209) 468-9232

Program Hours:

Monday & Thursday 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Location:

M.K. Troke Library 502 W. Benjamin Holt Dr. Stockton, CA 95207





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6th - 12th grade students: Please bring your student textbook and/or homework information along.

For more information, call (209) 468-9021 Veray Wickham, Community Involvement Coodinator San Joaquin County Office of Education

Program starts: September 5, 2006

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San Joaquin Outdoor Education

The 2006-2007 school year will mark the 50th Anniversary of San Joaquin Outdoor School. Started in 1957, San Joaquin Outdoor School has gained the reputation as one of the oldest, largest, and most successful programs of its kind in California.

Fully certified by the California Outdoor School Administrators
Association, this experiential educational program for 5th and 6th
graders is long remembered as the highlight of a student's elementary
years. Acres of redwood forest, a wide variety of marine habitats, and
diverse natural communities, provide a spectacular arena for study and
exploration. This outdoor learning opportunity is particularly poignant
for students who have never seen the forest or ocean.



Our mission is to encourage children to take a responsible role in protecting our natural resources, experience a rich science-based environment, and learn to appreciate the bounty and diversity of the earth. San Joaquin County Outdoor School operates two sites in the Santa Cruz Mountains 12 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean and 15 miles south of Half Moon Bay.

Students from the county's public, private, and parochial schools attend the environmentally-conscious program which in 2005-2006 accommodated 4600 campers and over 800 visiting teachers and high school-aged cabin leaders.



The current cost of the 5 day 4 night residential Outdoor School Program is \$245.00 per camper. This fee, which includes round-trip transportation, lodging, 12 nutritious meals, program supplies, trained naturalists and an exceptional outdoor experience, makes the San Joaquin Outdoor School one of the least expensive programs of its type.

For More Information please contact:
Dan Randrup, Director of Outdoor Education
Debra Elsey, Administrative Assistant
(209) 468-4809 Office
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7th and 8th Grade



Saturday, May 5, 2007 Location - University of the Pacific Intent Deadline: February 16, 2007

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In the Academic Pentathlon, teams of seventh and eighth graders vie in separate five-event academic competitions. Founded in 1984 in Orange County, California, the program encourages and rewards academic excellence among students of all ability levels.

The Academic Pentathlon provides a less restrictive environment for learning where individual leadership, cooperation, and peer support are incorporated as motivators. Teachers and students work together to build a team, and in the Super Quiz, groups of three students work as a team.

The Academic Pentathlon, a fast-growing extra-curricular activity, has now spread to most states and California counties. Established as an academic club on campus, the program provides a "safe" environment for academically motivated students of all ability levels. Some students will strive to make the Pentathlon starting team, while others just need peer support and a place to satisfy academic curiosity and will participate as alternates.

All of the students research and study the content outlined in the Pentathlon Study Guide. The team preparation period is approximately 4 - 5 months, and the final team is selected about a month before the competition. Everyone benefits from the coaching process.

Seventh and eighth grade students in public and private schools compete as individuals and as team members in the following five (5) academic tests:

Communications - Expository Essay on selected generic quotes

Literature - 7th - The Pearl by John Steinbeck

8th - Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Mathematics - 7th/8th Grade Academic Content Standards

Social Science - 7th - Civilization of Islam in the Middle Ages

8th - Events Proceeding the Founding of the Nation &

U. S. Constitution

Super Quiz - 7th - Cellular Biology and Genetics

(Science) 8th - Chemistry & Periodic Table Investigation and Experimentation

STUDY GUIDES outlining the five test areas will be disseminated to interested schools at a coaches' meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at 3:45 p.m. at the S.J.C.O.E., Educational Services Center, Kingston Room.

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All glory comes from daring to begin.
- William Shakespeare



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Pinnacle Team and Distinguished Student Program

The Record, the San Joaquin County Office of Education, and the University of the Pacific will present The Record's thirteenth annual County "Student Pinnacle Awards/ Distinguished Student Designations," in a special edition of the Record in May, 2007. The awards honor outstanding high school seniors in San Joaquin and Calaveras counties who exemplify a well-rounded student career with the cornerstones being academics, student activities, and general citizenship.

The first level, the **Pinnacle Team**, consists of approximately 75 of the finest student-citizens in Calaveras and San Joaquin Counties. They represent the top 1% of the senior class in the three cornerstone areas considered for the award. Schools select the winners, with the awards weighted as follows: 70% on academics, 15% on student activities, and 15% on citizenship.

The second level is the **Distinguished Student** designation. This award is extended to approximately 300 students. They are the next 4% of student-citizens in each senior class after the Pinnacle winners. Schools also select the Distinguished Students using the same criteria as for the Pinnacle Team.

The University of the Pacific, the County Office of Education, and *The Record* will co-host a reception for the Pinnacle Team winners, their parents, and the principal, counselor, and/or superintendent from their high school or district in Spring, 2007. This reception will be held on the UOP campus. Invitations are sent in the spring to those chosen. In addition, *The Record* will make a formal presentation to the Pinnacle Team medallion winners at the annual student awards nights/programs at the respective schools.

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Contact:

Meredith Davis, Coordinator (209) 468-4866 Fax: (209) 468-9232 email: medavis@sjcoe.net

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Recognizing Excellence in Achievement





The San Joaquin County Office of Education offers a unique planetarium that can bring the universe into the school for all students to view. Known as the Starlab, it is currently one of the San Joaquin County's most popular science programs. The designed lessons are easily understood because the learner is totally surrounded by the lesson.

Annual training will be held **September 30, 2006**. The workshop will train non-users in the proper set-up, takedown, and use of the equipment while demonstrating several practical lessons to be used in conjunction with the lab. Attendance at the workshop will qualify an attendee to use the Starlab on a permanent basis. Some useful handouts will also be given out to those attending.

We encourage teams of two teachers from any school not currently using one of the systems to sign up. However, any elementary or middle-school teacher may attend. Bilingual teachers are encouraged to create further lessons for LEP programs.

There are two Starlab units (K-6) and (K-8) currently available for checkout to any elementary school in San Joaquin County from the Office of Education. A fee will be charged on a weekly basis to use the Office of Education labs. These funds provide for the maintenance of the two units.





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San Joaquin County Office of Education and Delta Community College will sponsor its **ELEVENTH** annual Academic Decathlon

FINE ARTS SEMINAR DAY

at the Delta Center for the Arts, Warren Atherton Auditorium, San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton on Saturday, October 28, 2006. The 2006-2007 theme is

CHINA AND ITS INFLUENCE ON THE WORLD

Academic Decathlon literature, art, and music will be featured.

Featured Presentations:

Works by the Chinese composers included in the 2006-2007 Academic Decathlon music curriculum will be performed by the Great Wall Youth Orchestra under the direction of Sheryln Chew of the Purple Silk Music Education Foundation with Maestro



Peter Jaffe of the Stockton Symphony serving as Master of Ceremonies.

Jennifer Barrows, Professor of Art History at Delta College, will return with her insights into the art pieces included in this year's studies!

Poetry readings by Dorothy Mulvihill and Donovan Cummings will be performed with analysis included in our study guides.

Herbert Danielsen and Sara Danielsen will provide analysis of *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck with selected scenes enacted by the Stockton Civic Theater.













All day tickets are \$15.00 each or are \$7.50 for morning or afternoon presentations.

Doors open at 8:00 a.m. - Program begins at 8:30 a.m. 30+ page study guide prepared for all participants at no extra cost!

For ticket information, please call (209) 468-4866 or download the brochure on our website at: http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/fineartsforms.aspx

What are the Program Goals?

- •Maximize individual learning potential through the motivation of competitive challenge, coaching, peer support and teamwork.
- •Provide schools with a vehicle to focus on and reward the academic efforts and achievement of their students and staff.
- •Stimulate public support for academic endeavor and publicize the educational achievements occurring in schools.

How does a school participate?

The coach selects a nine-member team, and each school may enter up to two teams at the 6th grade level. Each team includes three students from each of the following grade point average categories:

•Grade Point Average (GPA) Category

3.75 - 4.00 Honor 3.25 - 3.74Scholastic 0.00 - 3.24

Contestants may compete in a higher category than their own GPA, but NOT in a lower category (i.e., Scholastic student may compete in Honor category, but NOT in Varsity).

All nine members are eligible for individual awards in the subject areas (Super Quiz excluded). Only the top two cumulative scores in each category will count toward the team total (the best two-out-of-three). This format allows a team to compete effectively even if a team member drops out before the competition. Since only six scores count, a team may compete as a team with six students, two in each GPA category.

*PLEASE NOTE: No substitutes/alternates for the nine starters are allowed on Competition Day or in the week preceding the competition. Each school may have up to two teams of nine starters each. Schools may bring as many alternates as they choose. These alternates compete in all events except the Oral Relay Super Quiz.

What grades are included in determining GPA category?

• Grades for the first semester of the 2006-2007 school year are used to determine the students' GPA. Citizenship, physical education and religion grades are NOT included in computing GPA's. All main subjects showing an alpha grade on the transcript will be counted. Subjects with O, S or N etc. will not be counted. Pluses and minuses are NOT counted. Accelerated and remedial classes count the same as regular classes. A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and F=0. The school principal will verify GPA's for each student. For special situations, contact competition manager, Meredith Davis, before registrations are due.

Is there a participation fee?

• A participation fee of \$100.00 per team is required of each school to help defray the competition costs. Fees need to be accompanied by the Fee Payment form.

What is the registration procedure?

- 1) A school must first file an Intent to Participate form as early as possible, but no later than February 16, 2007.
- 2) The school then needs to begin processing the registration fees.
- 3) Upon receipt of the Intent to Participate form, registration packets will be sent to the coach of each participating school.
- 4) Completed registration forms for all team members, as well as registration fees and volunteer forms must be received at the San Joaquin County Office of Education, P. O. Box 213030, Stockton CA 95213 no later than Friday, March 30, 2007.

What awards are given?

Team Plagues

1st-3rd Place Overall Teams 1st-3rd Place Super Quiz Teams (medals also) 1st-3rd Divisions A & B

Individual Medals by GPA category

1st-5th Place in each Subject Area, in each division, for starters 1st-5th Place in each Subject Area for alternates

•10 - \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds

1st - 10th Place Overall Individual highest scores

• Cortopassi Family Foundation Grants 1st - 3rd in divisions A & B

Each team member and coach will receive a Pentathlon souvenir and free snacks/drinks during a morning break. Teams will provide their own lunches (we suggest a tail-gate party at the school).

For further information contact:

Meredith Davis, Academic Pentathlon Coordinator San Joaquin County Office of Education (209) 468-4866 Fax: (209) 468-9232

Awards Ceremony Saturday, April 28, 2006 (same day as competition) In School Gymnasium * 1:20 p.m.

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Saturday, April 28, 2007 Location - East Union High School Registration Deadline: February 16, 2007

Founded in 1984 in Orange County, California, the Academic Pentathlon program encourages and rewards academic excellence among students of all ability levels. Sixth grade Academic Pentathlon teams vie in separate five-event academic competitions.

The Academic Pentathlon provides a less restrictive environment for learning where individual leadership, cooperation, and peer support are incorporated as motivators. Teachers and students work together to build a team, and in the Super Quiz, groups of three students work as a team. The Academic Pentathlon, a fast-growing extra-curricular activity, has now spread to most states and California counties. Established as an academic club on campus, the program provides a "safe" environment for academically motivated students of all ability levels. Some students will strive to make the Pentathlon starting team, while others just need peer support and a place to satisfy academic curiosity and will participate as alternates.

All of the students research and study the content outlined in the Pentathlon Study Guide. The team preparation period is approximately 4-5 months, and the final team is selected about a month before the competition. Everyone benefits from the coaching process.

Sixth grade students in public and private schools compete as individuals and as team members in the following five (5) academic tests:

Communications - Expository Essay on selected generic quotes

Literature - The Golden Fleece & the Heroes Who Lived Before
Achilles by Padriae Colum

Mathematics - 6th Grade Academic Content Standards

Social Science - Early Greek Civilizations

Science (Super Quiz) - Earth Science: Heat and Energy

Academic Pentathlon

"Fact Sheet", 6th Grade



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STUDY GUIDES outlining the five test areas will be disseminated to interested schools at a coaches' meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at 3:45 p.m. at the S.J.C.O.E., Educational Services Center, Kingston Room

2006 Winning Teams

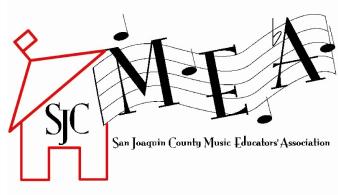
Rio Calaveras Gold - Stockton 1st Place Winning Team

2nd Place - McKinley Red

3rd Place - Rio Calaveras Green

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the 2006
Academic Pentathlon - 6th Grade.

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Logo Design by Lodi High School Student

Heather Norvall - 2006 Graduate





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Choir Masters Class

San Joaquin County Office of Education is proud to sponsor this event for the gifted vocalists in our area.

This is not a competition. This is a class designed to support students in developing their vocal abilities. Professional judges from thoughout the valley will be on hand to offer their expert advice to students.

November 4, 2006

East Union High School Manteca \$10.00 per student

Reserve your session now. Space is limited

For additional information, please contact:

Sandra Wendell Musical Events Coordinator (209) 468-4973 Fax (209) 468-9232

San Joaquin County 10th Annual Spelling Bee



San Joaquin County Spelling Championship will be held at the County Office of Education on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 starting at 3:00 p.m. in Burwood 1 & 2 of the Education Service Center. In addition to the county championship, the winner and runner-up in both divisions, grades 4-6 and 7-9 will represent San Joaquin County in the State Spelling Championships in April/May of 2007.

Competition Guidelines:

The county spelling bee guidelines reflect the changes made several years ago to the state competition rules. The 7-9 grade program is a written competition. The spelling master reads a word, uses it in a sentence, and repeats the word to the students who write it out on paper provided while seated. The students may ask to have the word defined. Every student participating in this division spells the same list of words. If/When a student misses four words, that student is eliminated. At the 4-6 grade level, the test format is oral, but the student may have a notepad and pencil to write down his/her word before orally spelling it. Every participant in this division stands alone at the podium to spell his/her word. Each contestant will be asked to spell a different word, with the level of difficulty increasing with each round. On the state level, the students in this division are dropped when they miss their first word. However, in the San Joaquin County meet, the student is allowed to miss two words before being eliminated.



Spell-Off and Qualifications:

Because of the nature of 4-6 grade oral competition, it is time-consuming especially with 40 competitors vying for first place. In an effort to keep the competition reasonable in length, there will be a spell-off on Monday, December 4th, at the county office. All 4-6 grade participants must attend. There they will be given a written pretest. The top 15 spellers will be notified that same afternoon and invited to the competition on Wednesday, December 6th. The test will be a multiple choice spelling test.

The San Joaquin County Spelling Bee is open to 4-9 grade students in all county schools, public or private. If a spell-off occurs at a single school site, only one speller in each of the two divisions may move on to the county. If 2-5 schools (per district/diocese) group together to determine the top spellers, two students may be selected for each division, and if the local champions represent more than 5 schools (per district/diocese) a maximum of four students may be sent in each division. No school district or diocese may be represented by more than 4 students in each division. If this occurs because numerous individual school sites have entered, the district/diocese will need to have a spell-off to limit county competitors.

Forms Required:

The "Intent to Participate" form is due October 20, 2006 followed by the "Spelling Bee Confirmation" form due by November 17, 2006. The "The Student Permission" form is due at time of registration (finalists only). These forms may be downloaded from our Spelling Bee website at: http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/spellingforms.aspx

Fees:

There will be no fees assessed to enter the county meet. However, it is the responsibility of the individual school and/or the school district they represent to transport and chaperone the students at the county championship and also at the state finals in April/May, should they qualify. The San Joaquin County Office of Educational Foundation will pay the \$750 in entry fees for the state tournaments.

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Forty-Ninth Annual San Joaquin County Science Fair

The science fair familiarizes students with the way scientists think and work and invites hands-on, minds-on learning. Student teams from private and public San Joaquin County schools, K-12, may participate. Science Fair projects may be small group or whole class or individual!

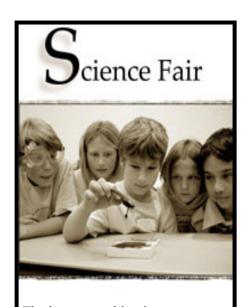
March 5 - 9, 2007

For Information:

Call Barry Scott, Science and Special Projects (209) 468-4880 Email: bscott@sjcoe.net



Teachers, Administrators and Parents are encouraged to attend these workshops for more information:



The important thing is not to stop questioning.

-Albert Einstein

2006-2007 Science Fair Orientation Tuesday, September 26, 2006

SJCOE Education Service Center, Burwood 1 2707 Transworld Dr., Stockton, CA 95206 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

RSVP required by September 22 to receive materials Cost: FREE

Science Fair Professional Development for Teachers Wednesday, October 25, 2006

SJCOE Professional Development Center 2857 Transworld Dr., Stockton, CA 95206 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. RSVP required to receive materials

Please check http://www.edserv.sjcoe.net/scifair for Guidelines and schedule of training events.

Participants are strongly encouraged to consult the Guidelines as they will be strictly adhered to. If there are any problems with computer access to these guidelines, please call **209-468-4880** and a copy will be sent to you.

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21st Annual Regional Science Olympiad Competitions

Science Olympiad tournaments are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of individual and team events for which students prepare during the year. The competitions follow the format of popular board games, TV shows, and athletic games. These challenging and motivational events are well balanced between the various science disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers, and technology. There is a balance between

events requiring knowledge of science facts, concepts, processes, skills, and science applications. There are three levels of competition available to any San Joaquin County School, public or private: **Division A2** for grades 3 - 6; **Division B** for grades 6 - 9; and **Division C** for grades 9 - 12. In all divisions, medals/ribbons are awarded to top students in each individual event. Plaques are awarded to highest-scoring teams, and each participant receives a Science Olympiad zipper pull.

Division A2 Saturday, March 31, 2007 Bear Creek High, Stockton

A team in **Division A2** is limited to 18 students of which no more than 7 can be in grade 6.

In **Division B/C**, teams are limited to 15 members with no more than 7 being in grade 12 for C, and no more than 5 in grade 9 for B.

Science Olympiad
Division B/C
Saturday, March 3, 2007
Event UOP, Stockton

All participating schools must provide an Event

Manager or in the case of new schools, an Assistant Manager. Entry is limited to two teams per school for each division. A fee of \$100.00 per team is required of each school to help defray competition costs. The *Intent to Participate* form is due on or before FRIDAY, DEC. 1, 2006. The completed *Fee Payment* form is due to this office at least one week prior to the competition dates. Both forms can be found online at:

http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/olympiadforms.aspx.

Contact:

Meredith Davis, Science Olympiad Coordinator SJCOE, P.O. Box 213030 Stockton, CA 95213 (209) 468-4866 / Fax (209) 468-9232



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High School Honors Concert

The Honors Concert is an annual event featuring the county's most gifted and talented secondary band and choir students. It is co-sponsored by the San Joaquin County Office of Education, SJCOE Educational Foundation, Delta Community College and the San Joaquin County Music Educators' Association. Participation is open to all high school band and choir directors and their students in San Joaquin County.

All concerts are held at the Delta Center for the Arts, Warren Atherton Auditorium, San Joaquin Delta College on the first or second Saturday in January. This concert is graced by a list of distinguished guest conductors representing the very best music educators from college and university ensembles in central and northern California.

The Honors Band was first organized around 1961 by Mr. Ray Westgate, then Music Coordinator for the county office. In 1991 Nelson Zane expanded the program to include the Honors Choir. The concert annually attracts an audience in excess of 1,100 people and is open to the public free of charge.

Student membership is by tape audition with materials distributed to all directors in September of each school year. Requirements include scales and compulsories similar to that required by state-level ensembles. The fee schedule is \$25 per student and \$50 per school ensemble. Where both choir and band from the same school participate, the combined fee for that school is \$85.

The next concert is slated for **January 13, 2007**, 7:00 p.m., at the Atherton Auditorium. Please see your choir or band director for audition details.



Contact:

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2006-2007 Academic Decathlon



Saturday, January 27, 2007 (Essay, Speech, Interview) Saturday, February 3, 2007

(Written Tests, Super Quiz, & Awards)



The California Academic Decathlon Association encourages and rewards academic excellence by motivating and preparing students through cooperative and competitive events. The Decathlon is concerned with the achievements of all youth and concentrates its efforts on secondary students from public and private schools throughout the State of California. The Decathlon embodies a partnership of businesses, foundations, and individuals in cooperation with the educational community and county offices of education.



Bear Creek High School 2006 Winning Team

A team consists of nine high school students from the same school. The nine-member team is comprised of three Honor, three Scholastic and three Varsity students as indicated by the following academic categories:

 Category
 GPA

 Honor
 3.75-4.00

 Scholastic
 3.00-3.74

 Varsity
 0.00-2.99

Note:

Students may compete in a higher division than their own GPA, but not in a lower division (i.e., a Scholastic student may compete as an Honor student, but <u>not</u> as a Varsity student).

The California Academic Decathlon is a program in which both public and private high school students are eligible to compete as individuals and as team members in a series of ten academic tests and demonstrations. These include the following:

- 1. Mathematics
- 2. Economics
- 3. Social Science
- 4. Super Quiz 2006-2007 topic:

An Introduction to Climatology

- 5. Art
- 6. Language & Literature
- 7. Music
- 8. Essay

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- 9. Interview
- 10. Speech



The final team score is made up of only six (6) scores - the highest two Honor, two Scholastic and two Varsity totals. Because of this fact, a team may compete and be eligible for overall awards with a minimum of six students, two in each GPA category. In the San Joaquin County competition, teams may have any number of alternates compete.

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Middle School Honors Concert

The Honors Concert is an annual event featuring the county's most gifted and talented middle school band and choir students. It is co-sponsored by the San Joaquin County Office of Education, Delta Community College and the San Joaquin County Music Educators' Association. Participation is open to all middle school band and choir directors and their students in San Joaquin County.

Held at the Delta Center for the Arts, Warren Atherton Auditorium, San Joaquin Delta College in March, this concert is graced by a list of distinguished guest conductors representing the very best high school music educators from San Joaquin County.

This annual event attracts an audience from throughout San Joaquin County and is open to the public free of charge. We are proud to offer musical events, such as this, to students of our area for the 52nd consecutive year.

Student membership for band is by tape audition with materials distributed to all directors in October of each school year. Requirements include scales and compulsories similar to that required by state-level ensembles. Acceptance to the Honor Choir is by director nomination. The fee schedule is \$10 per student and \$50 per school ensemble. Where both choir and band from the same school participate, the combined fee for that school is \$85.

The next concert is slated for **March 10, 2007**, **7:00 p.m**., at the Atherton Auditorium. Please see your choir or band director for audition details. This program is part of the county-wide school music services and is available to all schools in San Joaquin County.



Contact: San Joaquin Office of Education Sandra Wendell, Musical Events Coordinator P. O. Box 213030, Stockton, CA 95213 (209) 468-4973 Fax: (209) 468-9232

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Mock Trial has been a tradition in San Joaquin County for 19 years. This outstanding high school event is co-sponsored by the San Joaquin County Bar Association and the San Joaquin County Office of Education in cooperation with the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

In this true-to-life competition, high school teams of 18 students - nine for the prosecution and nine for the defense - debate fictitious cases before presiding superior court judges and scoring attorneys. Cases involve contemporary issues and pre-trial arguments on the Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Teams may also include a courtroom artist and journalist.

Mock Trial is conducted in the San Joaquin County Courthouse in Stockton, with parents and the general public allowed to hear the proceedings. This year's competition includes two rounds of trials on Saturday, February 24. An awards ceremony, also open to the public, follows the two rounds, with a championship round on Monday evening, Feb. 26 at Humphreys College-Laurence Drivon School of Law. Each participating school receives a team award for its trophy case, while the top two prosecutors and two defenders on each team receive individual awards. All participants receive a commemorative T-shirt and a certificate.

The winning regional team will represent San Joaquin County at the California State Mock Trials Championship held this year in Oakland, CA on March 22 - 25, 2007. The San Joaquin County Office of Education Educational Foundation pays all registration fees for the state meet.

In Mock Trial, students actively experience the excitement of working in teams, exchanging ideas, setting goals, and examining issues while interacting with positive role models from the community. By studying the case and preparing strategies and arguments for trial, students also develop presentation skills, analytic ability, and team cooperation.

All interested high schools need to submit an Intent to Participate form to this office on or before September 29, 2006. Registration fees are not due until December 1, 2006. All needed forms may be downloaded from our website at: http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/mocktrial.aspx.

Competition Dates/Times: Saturday, Feb. 24 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 26 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Saturday -San Joaquin County Courthouse

222 E. Weber Ave., Stockton

Monday evening - Humphreys College -

Laurence Drivon School of Law 6650 Inglewood Ave, Stockton,

Registration Fee: \$300.00 per team

For Information, contact: Meredith Davis, Coordinator of Student Events

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2nd Place Team - East Union High

California counties hold a local Academic Decathlon competition for the high schools in their own counties. These will occur on FEBRUARY 3, 2007. The winning team from each county is then eligible to participate in the State Finals, along with a predetermined number of "invited" teams with the next highest scores in the state. If there is no county competition, one high school from the county may participate on an invitational basis. A total of fifty-five (55) teams will participate in the State Finals.

The Decathlon is funded by the San Joaquin County Office of Education with some expenses paid through the courtesy of the San Joaquin County Office of Education Educational Foundation which provides money to enhance and upgrade the program. The Office of Education also provides the administration and oversees the general program.

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Congratulations to all the students who participated in the 2006 Decathlon!

Corporate sponsorship and other personal contributions for the Academic Decathlon help hold the cost to enter a team at \$300 in the San Joaquin County competition.

The San Joaquin County competition will be held at University of the Pacific on two consecutive Saturdays, **January 27** and **February 3, 2007**. The California Academic Decathlon State Finals will be held in Los Angeles, CA on Friday, March 16 thru Sunday, March 18, 2007.

Over 300 Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are presented to the top scoring students in each category in each event, and to overall individual winners for both starters and alternates. Team awards are presented to the top three Super Quiz teams and the top overall teams. Large and Small School Division awards are presented to the top three teams. University of the Pacific will award up to five \$10,000 renewable scholarships to top-scoring students who meet the University's qualifications (3.65 college GPA and an SAT score of 1300+ or an ACT score of 30 or more) and express a strong interest in attending UOP. The Walter Ratthaus Schools Credit Union Award of \$1000 is given to the highest overall scorer. The Cortopassi Family Foundation has awarded over \$160,000 to the top scoring teams over the past ten years.

Competition held at University of the Pacific, Stockton; Super Quiz & Award Ceremony held at Scottish Rite Auditorium, Stockton



3rd Place Team Middle College High



4th Place Team - Tracy High



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5th Place Team - Manteca High



Maggie Dunbar, Escalon High Winning Speech



C. J. Martin Franklin High Winning Essay

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SJCOE, ESC Bldg, Burwood 2, Stockton

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San Joaquin County Spelling Bee

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(speech, interview, essay)
UOP, Stockton

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Science Olympiad B/C National Competition

Wichita State University, Wichita KS

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19th Annual SJCOE Educational Foundation Golf Shootout

The Reserve at Spanos Park SJCOE - Greg Clark

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