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Welcome to the 2009 – 2010 academic events catalog! While we embark on this exciting year, we are humbled by the support from our community.

As champions of education, we strive to provide our students with opportunities to grow and challenge themselves. Occasions such as Mock Trial, Academic Decathlon, and San Joaquin Outdoor School serve as a means for our students to expand their knowledge, while showcasing their talents and abilities.

Since budget cuts continue to eliminate more and more co-curricular activities, we are grateful for the generous contributions made to our Educational Foundation by local businesses and organizations. Thanks to these contributions our students take part in the various programs and events described in this catalog.

We also appreciate the support from our parents, teachers, administrators, and community members who ensure that our young people receive such chances.

The brief summaries found within the following pages cannot fully portray the benefits these events bring to our students. Thus, I invite you to become part of the student event experience as a guest or volunteer. For more information about the various student events, visit our website, www.sjcoe.org.

Congratulations on making this commitment, and I wish you the best of luck!

Sincerely,

Fredrick A. Wentworth, Ed.D.
San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools

Education For All

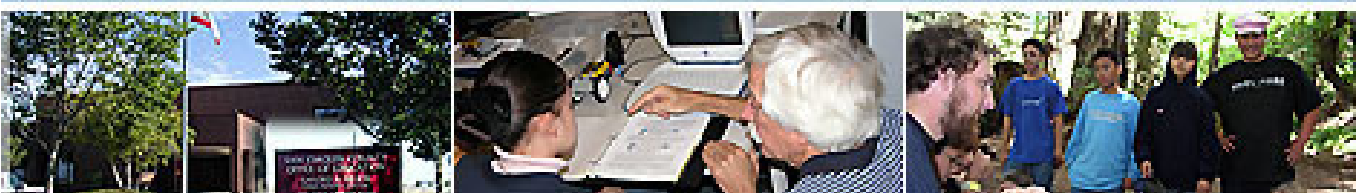


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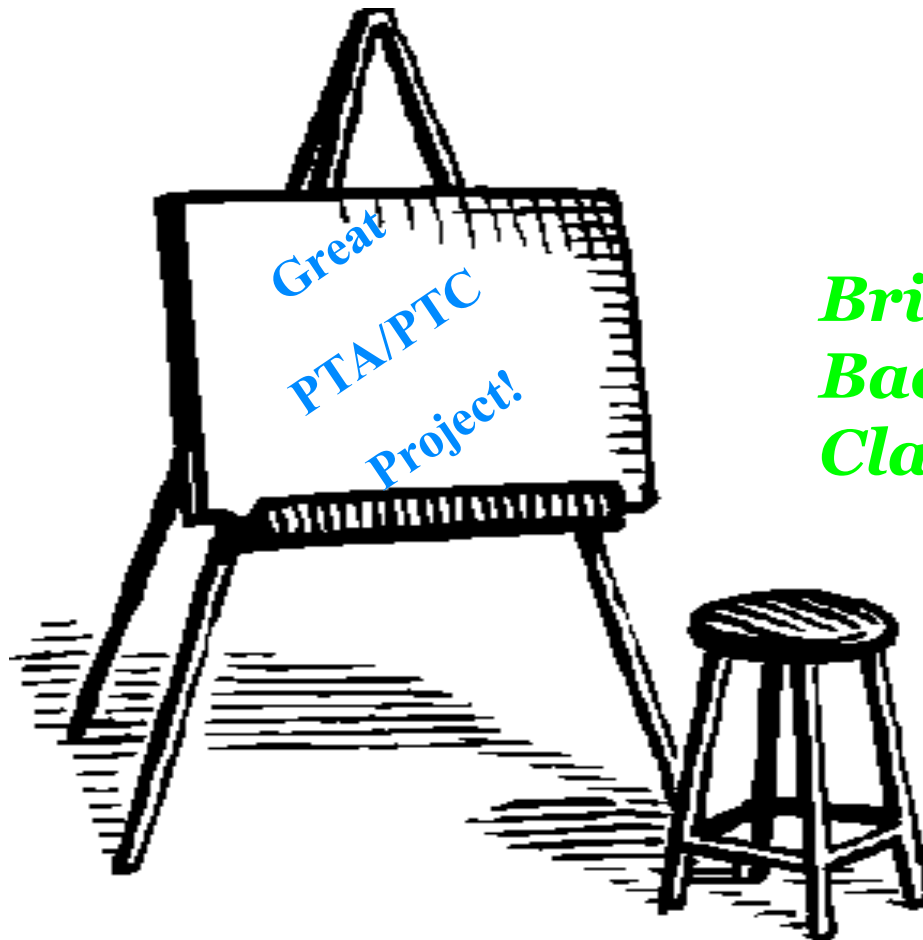
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Artists -in- Schools



*Bring Art
Back into the
Classroom*



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.

Residencies are available in the visual arts, dance 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.

Affordable New Programs Available!!!!

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<http://artistsinschools.synthasite.com>

Art activity is NOT art education!

Program Hours:
Monday & Wednesday
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Math Smart



Tutoring

FREE!



S J C O E

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

Program begins Monday,
August 17, 2009



For more information contact:
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San Joaquin Outdoor Education

The 2009-2010 school year will mark our 52nd year. 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. All activities and curriculum are aligned with California State Science Standards.



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 is located 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 2008-2009, accommodated over 4,000 campers and 600 visiting teachers and high school cabin leaders.

The current cost of the 5 day-4 night residential outdoor school program is \$260.00 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.

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DIGITAL STAR LAB



See the night sky like you've never seen it before!
A **NEW** digital projection starlab will enable consortium members to cover a much broader and deeper range of topics which is a vast improvement over the portable (pinhole) projectors.

What you get:

- StarLab training which allows you access to checking out the StarLab systems
- Astronomy content training to assist with your student presentation
- Interdisciplinary units to be used for multiple subjects
- Access to Astronomy related curricula to check out
- Supplemental materials, curricula and updates as available
- Connections to astronomers (for possible school presentations)
- A list of content related websites
- A 15% discount at NASCO Educational Supplies
- Continental breakfast & lunch

Online registration ONLY

<http://imeet.sjcoe.net/starlab>

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San Joaquin County Office of Education and Delta Community College
will sponsor its *FOURTEENTH* 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 24, 2009.
The 2009-2010 Academic Decathlon theme is

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

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

Featured Presentations

Dr. Jennifer Barrows, Art Professor at Delta College, returns to us after a year's absence to share her valuable insights into this year's art curriculum.

Herbert and Sara Danielsen will share their analysis of *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens with selected scenes enacted by veteran Dorothy Mulvihill and friends.

The short literature selections chosen for study will be analyzed in the study guides provided to all participants with selected pieces performed by Dorothy and friends.

Joining us for the first time will be Professor Burr Phillips, Voice Instructor at the University of the Pacific's Conservatory of Music. Along with his analysis, several musical selections included in the 2009-2010 music curriculum will be performed by members of the UOP University Symphony Orchestra.

**Study guide prepared for all
participants at no extra cost!**

Doors open at 8:45 a.m. - Program begins at 9:15 a.m.

All day tickets are \$12.00 each or are \$6.00
for morning or afternoon presentations.

For ticket information, please call (209) 468-4866 or download the brochure on our website at:

<http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/events.aspx>



San Joaquin County 13th Annual Spelling Bee

San Joaquin County Spelling Championship will be held at the County Office of Education on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 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 May of 2010.

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:

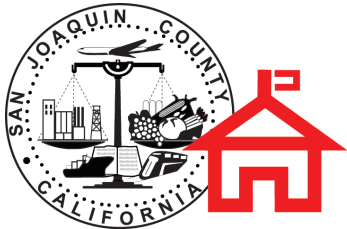
Because of the nature of 4-6 grade oral competition, it is time-consuming especially with over 40 competitors vying for first place. In an effort to be fair and keep the competition reasonable in length, there will be a spell-off on Monday, December 7th, at the county office. All 4-6 grade participants 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 9th.

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 2-4 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 5 or more 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 students, the district/diocese will need to have a spell-off to limit county competitors or only the first four schools registering will be allowed to participate.

Forms Required: The Intent to Participate form is due October 16, 2009 followed by the Spelling Bee Confirmation form due by November 20, 2009. 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/spelling.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 to transport and chaperone the students at the county championship and also at the state finals in May, should they qualify. The San Joaquin County Office of Education Educational Foundation will pay the \$800 in entry fees for the state tournaments.

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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 has a list of distinguished guest conductors representing the very best music educators from college and university ensembles from our area.

The concert annually attracts a large 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 \$45 per school ensemble.

The next concert will be held **January 9, 2010**, 7:00 p.m., at the Atherton Auditorium. Please see your choir or band director for audition details.

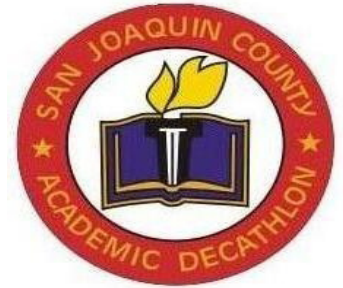
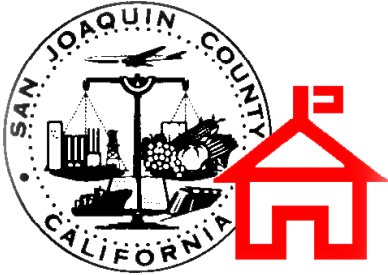


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2009-2010

Academic Decathlon



Saturday, January 30, 2010

(Essay, Speech, Interview)

Saturday, February 6, 2010

(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.

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:

<u>Category</u>	<u>GPA</u>
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 not 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. Science-An Introduction to Chemistry
4. Super Quiz 2009-2010 topic: The French Revolution
5. Art
6. Language & Literature
7. Music
8. Essay
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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California counties hold a local Academic Decathlon competition for the high schools in their county or region. These will occur on February 6, 2010. 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 sixty (60) 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 County 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
2009 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 30** and **February 6, 2010**. The California Academic Decathlon State Finals will be held in Sacramento, CA on Friday, March 12 through Monday, March 15, 2010.

Over 200 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 Rathaus Schools Credit Union Award of \$1000 is given to the highest overall scorer. Scholarships of \$500, \$200, and \$100 are given to the top three scoring students in each of the three divisions thanks to the generosity of the San Joaquin County Office of Education Educational Foundation. The Foundation also helps defer the cost of medals given to winning participants.

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

2009 Winning Teams

1st Place - Lodi High School
2nd Place - Escalon High School
3rd Place - Middle College High School
4th Place - Tracy High School
5th Place - Tokay High School

MOCK TRIAL



2010



Mock Trial has been a tradition in San Joaquin County for over 20 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 20, 2010 with an awards ceremony immediately following. A championship round takes place on Monday evening, February 22nd at San Joaquin County Office of Education, Education Service Center. 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. The scoring attorneys select one outstanding individual to receive the prestigious Honorable Judge John F. Cruikshank Jr. Spirit Award. 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 to be held this year in San Jose, CA on March 19 - 21, 2010. 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 Friday, October 23, 2009. Registration fees are not due until Friday, January 29, 2010. All needed forms may be downloaded from our website at: <http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/mocktrial.aspx>.

<u>Competition Dates/Times:</u>	Saturday, December 5, 2009 Mock Trial Invitational Saturday, February 20, 2010 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Monday, February 22, 2010 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
<u>Location:</u>	Saturday -San Joaquin County Courthouse 222 E. Weber Ave., Stockton Monday evening - SJCOE, Education Service Center Bldg. Chartville 1 & 2
<u>Registration Fee:</u>	\$300.00 per team
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52nd Annual San Joaquin County Science Fair

March 1 - 5, 2010



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!

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

2009-2010 Science Fair Orientation

Thursday, September 17, 2009

SJCOE Professional Development Center-Open Forum

2857 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA 95206

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Register online @ <http://imeet.sjcoe.net/scifair>
by September 14, 2009 to receive materials



Science Fair Professional Development for Teachers

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

SJCOE Professional Development Center-Open Forum

2857 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA 95206

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00

Register online @ <http://imeet.sjcoe.net/scifair>
by October 8, 2009 to receive materials

Questions?? Call Stephanie Anderson at (209)468-4880 or email standerson@sjcoe.net

Please check 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 problems with computer access to these guidelines please call 209-468-9096 and a copy will be sent to you.



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DINNER WITH A SCIENTIST



About *Dinner With a Scientist*

Dinner With a Scientist is a unique opportunity for students in grades 6-12 to interact with scientists from a variety of fields of study over dinner in a professional environment. In addition to a keynote speaker, each table is assigned at least one scientist. Teachers attend the event with 3 students. Originated by the San Joaquin County Office of Education, Dinner With a Scientist events have now spread to Merced, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne counties.

Teachers with students who wish to take part in this event can find more information and sign up at:
<http://imeet.sjcoe.net/dwas>



San Joaquin Dinner with a Scientist

When: March 10, 2010 4:30PM-7:30PM

Where: University of the Pacific
Grace Covell Hall

Cost: \$75 and includes dinners for the teacher and 3 students.



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 has a list of distinguished guest conductors representing the very best 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 have offered musical events, such as this, to students of our area for over 50 years.

Student membership for Honor band and choir is held in December. Please see your choir or band director for details. The fee schedule is \$10 per participating student and \$45 per school ensemble.

The next concert will be **March 6, 2010, 7:00 p.m.**, at the Atherton Auditorium.



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24th 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 thanks to the generosity of the SJCOE Educational Foundation. Plaques are awarded to highest-scoring teams, and each participant receives a Science Olympiad zipper pull due to the financial support of the SJCOE Educational Foundation.



Division A2

Saturday, March 27, 2010

McNair High School, 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 6, 2010

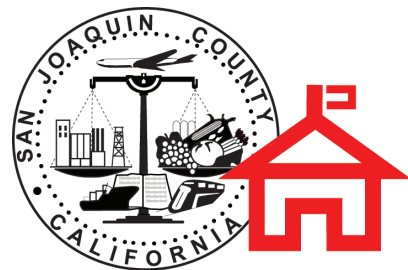
University of the Pacific,

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, December 4, 2009. The completed Fee Payment form is due to this office by Friday, February 5, 2010 for Division B/C and by Friday, March 5, 2010 for Division A2. All necessary forms can be found at <http://www.sjcoe.org/sae/events.aspx>**

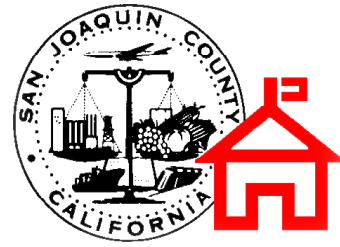
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Only the educated are free. - Epictetus



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* sixteenth annual County "Student Pinnacle Awards/Distinguished Student Designations," in a special edition of the Record in Spring, 2010. 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 90 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 350 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, 2010. 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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Graduation.
my favorite word.



2009 - 2010

7th and 8th Grade

Saturday, May 1, 2010
Location - East Union High School
Intent Deadline:
February 12, 2010



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 - <u>The Examination</u> by Malcolm Bosse 8th - <u>Steal Away</u> by Jennifer Armstrong
Mathematics -	7th/8th Grade Academic Content Standards
Science -	7th - Cell Biology and Genetics 8th - Organic and Inorganic Chemistry
Social Science (Super Quiz) -	7th - China in the Middle Ages 8th - Pre Civil War

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•Category	•Grade Point Average (GPA)
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Varsity	0.00 - 3.24

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What awards are given?

• Team Plaque

- 1st-3rd Place Overall Teams
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- 1st-3rd Divisions A & B

• Individual Medals provided by SJCOE

Educational Foundation

- 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 provided by the SJCOE Educational Foundation

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2009 Academic Pentathlon Winning Teams

7th Grade: 1st Place - Rio Calaveras Gold
2nd Place - McKinley Red
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Each team member and coach will receive free snacks/drinks during 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
Email: mdavis@sjcoe.net

Saturday, May 8, 2010

Location - Manteca High School

Registration Deadline:

February 12, 2010

Academic Pentathlon

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 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:

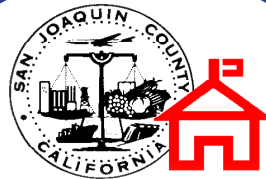
Communications - Expository Essay on selected prompts

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Congratulations to all the students who participated in the 2009 Academic Pentathlon - 6th Grade.

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Awards Ceremony
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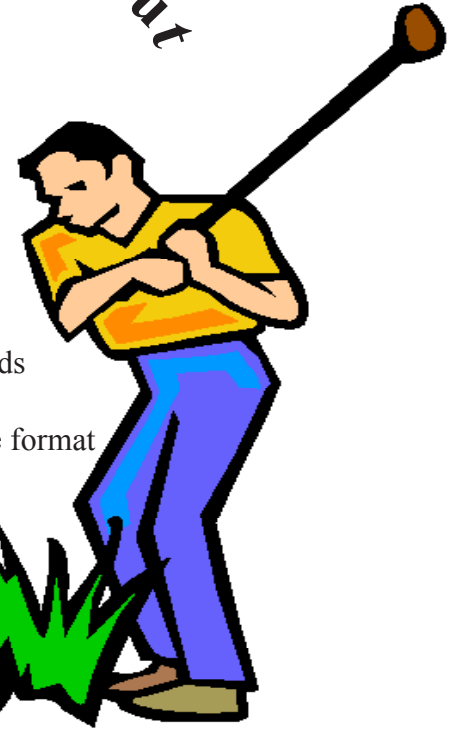
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Teams of four playing a Scramble format

Contest Includes the following:

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For Information & Tournament Registration:

Greg Clark, SJCOE
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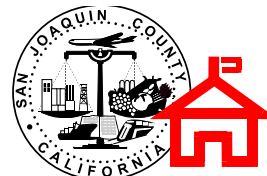
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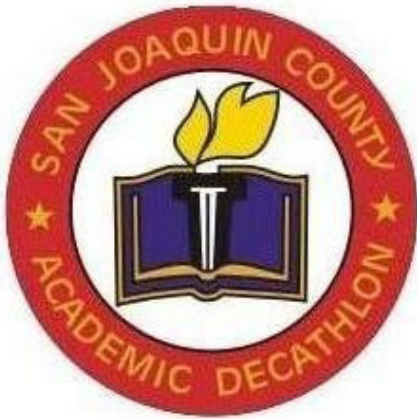
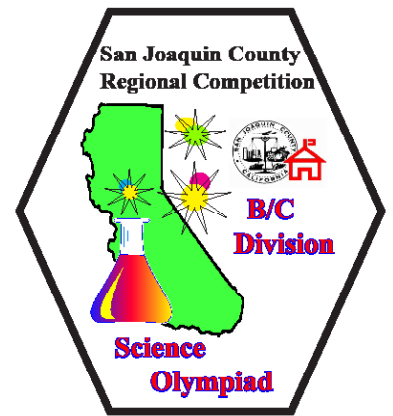
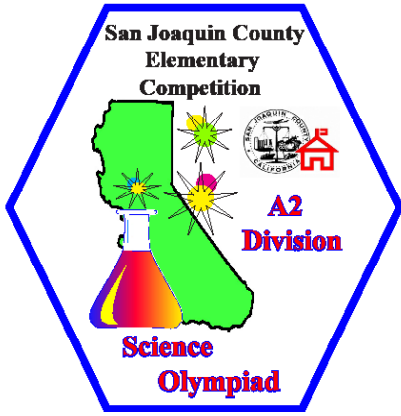
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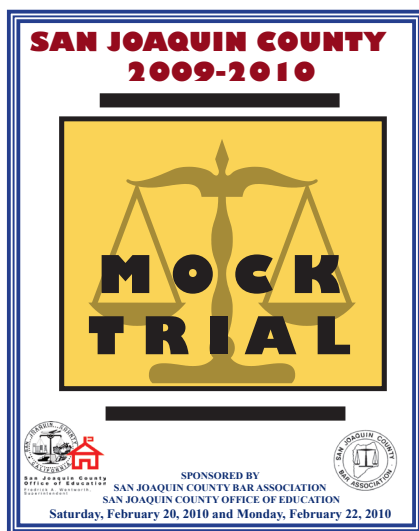
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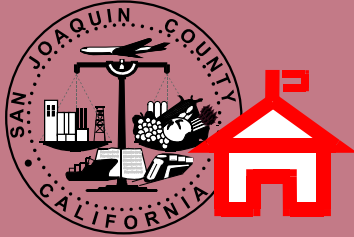




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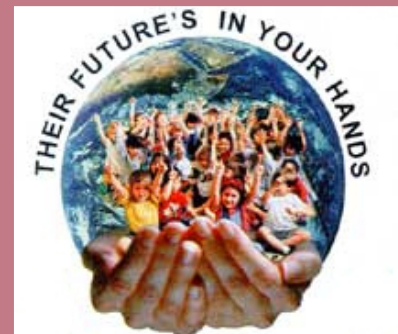
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