September 2015

Dear Educator:

We are pleased to invite your school to participate in the 2016 Region 12 Tournament for Michigan Science Olympiad (MSO) to be held Saturday, March 19, 2016, on Grand Valley State University’s Allendale campus. Come join us as we celebrate the continued excellence of this program that last year drew 46 middle schools and 25 high schools.

For the last 31 years, Grand Valley has been honored to host this academic interscholastic competition for Kent and Ottawa Counties that stimulates student interest in STEM subjects, increases STEM education visibility, and improves community perception of STEM education. Additional information about the Science Olympiad can be found at the national web site, www.soinc.org.

STATE GRANT FUNDING
New this year: The Michigan legislature has appropriated $250,000 for the 2015-2016 school year for competitive grants to support K-12 students with expanded opportunities through Science Olympiad. To find out more and apply for a grant, visit gvsu.edu/s/YO.

REGISTRATION
State/National Registration
- Fee for teams participating in the 2016 MSO Tournament: $210 - Rulebooks are downloaded after your registration payment is received at the state level. Registration is not complete until payment is received.
- Fee for alternate teams (Region 12 alternate teams compete in invitational competitions and trial events only): $65

Information and registration forms for the National and State membership is available at the state web site, www.miscioyl.org (NOTE: the website has changed). The registration and the combined fee of $210 is payable to MSO by January 11, 2016. To ensure ample time for the formation and preparation of your team, we encourage schools to enroll by November 25, 2015.

Region 12 Registration
- A $50 fee for the Region 12 Tournament will be assessed in January 2016 after the MSO State Director confirms membership. Online registration is located at www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COACHES
The Michigan Science Olympiad annual Coaches Workshop on Saturday, December 5, 2015, at MSU in Lansing, MI. Registration forms are located at www.miscioyl.org/workshops.

Grand Valley State University will host a coaches' meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, from 4:15 - 6:00 p.m. in the Grand River Room - 2250 Kirkhof Center. At the meeting, coaches will review competitive events and receive the 2016 tentative schedule. Refreshments will be served. Register online at www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12.

Check the Region 12, state, and national websites for information and updates. We will be glad to answer questions. Our regional office number is (616) 331-2273.

Sincerely,

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