

Interested in joining the Science Olympiad Team?

Science Olympiad is an academic competition involving 3rd – 5th grade students. We practice after school, every Thursday, from 3:30-5:00 PM. Practice with Mrs. Wirick and Mrs. Willis will begin Wednesday October 22nd. **To try out for this team students need to commit to practicing every Thursday until the competition in April. The email and essay requirements below must also be met. This is a test of your child's interest level, and commitment to our state championship team.**

To be on this team, students must be prepared to study their competition topics at home (books can be read for AR points), and sometimes practice building structures. Parents should be prepared to monitor the student's progress in their studies and encourage them along. The students will have to be available to practice after school every Thursday (infrequent absences due to illness, etc. are expected.) We will practice until the regional qualifier takes place (on a Saturday morning, date TBD) in March/April.

The local, regional qualifier takes place in Chatham County in the spring. The top two scoring schools in the tri-county area will go on to a state-wide competition in Kennesaw, Georgia in May. Our goal at Heard is to prepare our team for the county competition, in the hopes that we will qualify for the state competition. Last year we won first place locally and traveled to the state competition!

This is a website that can tell you more about Science Olympiad <http://soinc.org/elementary>

Here is how to join our award winning team...

Step 1: Get your parent's permission

Parents: To give your permission, please email Mrs. Willis at heardsciencelab@gmail.com Include your full name and best phone number to reach you during the day/ practice time. Attach your child's essay.

Step 2: Write an Essay email it to Mrs. Willis by Thursday October 4th by 4:00 PM.

1. Please write a short 2 paragraph essay explaining why you would be a good fit for the Science Olympiad team. We need scientists, engineers, and students who are able to creatively solve problems using limited resources. We need students who are able to work co-operatively with partners, able to give help and accept the ideas of others. Include at least three reasons you will be good for the team. Also include at least three events that you would like to compete in, and why they are interesting to you. Read about events here: http://soinc.org/sample_k6_events

The essay must be submitted at the same time as the parent's permission and contact info.

No entries will be accepted after the due date.

Step 3: Students who write qualifying essays will be invited to attend try-outs in the Science Lab from 3:30-4:30 PM on Thursday Oct. 11th. Parents of the qualifying students will be notified by email.