



## Region 12 Coaches Memo

March Information Update for  
Michigan Science Olympiad Tournament, March 29, 2025  
Hosted by GVSU's Regional Math and Science Center

Hello Coaches,

There is less than a month away from competition day and we are excited for this years MSO! Please keep this email for your reference and share this information with your students & their families to help ensure a smooth and successful Regional Tournament.

We will see you on March 29th!

## Flight Night & Entomology Review - March 4th

Join us for Flight Night!

Test your helicopter builds in the same area where you will compete.

Test flights from 4 pm - 6pm in the Rec Center Courts 4/5 on GVSU Allendale Campus.

Entomology Review

Come and get some hands on experience in one of our new events!

From 4pm -6pm in Kindschi Hall of Science on GVSU Allendale Campus.

## Team Competition Structure & Avogadro

**Self-scheduling** is done online through Avogadro. Scheduling opens **Monday, March 3rd at 8:00 a.m.** and will close Sunday, March 26th at 12:00 a.m. Any changes to the schedule after this time must be done at the event site on tournament day. Alternate Teams self-scheduling registration begins Monday, March 10 at 8:00 a.m.

[Division B](#) & [Division C](#) Self Schedule Events time blocks.

**Avogadro** will be used for all teams.

**- By default, we have set all teams to 'competing' in all events. Events must be set to 'Competing' to be scored.** Only choose "not competing" if you are 100% confident you will not compete. **Choose No Show.** *There is no penalty for*

*choosing competing and not showing up, but it is impossible to score if you choose 'not competing' and decide to compete.*

**- Self-schedule events – Signing up is necessary to provide you with a score**

\*Self-schedule events require teams to choose a time.

**- Team Members need to be added to Avogadro.** Please add your students under the Edit Team page, “Additional Team Details” add “Team Member.” If this process does not work for you, please contact Jess Sudy at [msor12@gvsu.edu](mailto:msor12@gvsu.edu).

- Team member substitution forms available at registration day of.

Please ensure your team has a plan in case of **emergencies**. The coach is responsible for the behavior and safety of team members while on campus.

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## Event Information - Saturday, March 29th

**Coaches Registration:** Kindschi Hall of Science beginning at 7:30 a.m. near KHS 1173

**Headquarters** will be in **KHS 1173** and is open to head coaches and lost and found only. All other informational needs should be directed to the **Information Tables**.

**\*Impounding** devices can be done from 7:30am to 8:00 a.m. at that devices event site.

**B Events:** Air Trajectory, Scrambler

**C Events:** Air Trajectory, Bungee Drop, Electric Vehicle, Robot Tour

**Tip:** Any team member (including alternates) can impound a device. Wristbands are not necessary to submit a device for impound. Make sure you are choosing the right people to impound. Make sure your team's name is on your device.

**\*\*Note:** Impound is for device drop off only, workers cannot answer questions about devices or events.

**Open (spectator) events** are as follows:

**B Events:** Air Trajectory, Scrambler, Tower, and Pentathlon

**C Events:** Air Trajectory, Bungee Drop, Electric Vehicle, Robot Tour, and Pentathlon

Final, Event Schedule: [Division B](#) & [Division C](#)

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## Lunch Event - Lunch with Louie the Laker Fieldhouse Arena 11:10am - 12:00pm

**\*Special Event\*** Lunch with GVSU Mascot **Louie the Laker!**

Bring your lunch & your team to the Fieldhouse Arena at 11:20am to watch Louie run a mini-Pentathlon.

**Get photos with Louie and your team.**

**\*\*We are looking for ~4 coaches** to participate with Louie in the mini-Pentathlon. Show your students you've got Science Olympiad in your blood! This mini event will last ~ 15 mins and is a scaled down version of our trial event. If interested, please email Jess Sudy at [msor12@gvsu.edu](mailto:msor12@gvsu.edu).



**Attention Division B - Meteorology**  
**Q&A with Meteorologist Blake Harms**

Looking for students to have a Q&A with WOOD -TVs Meteorologist Blake Harms!

Have a student who is competing in the **Meteorology Event** at Science Olympiad?  
Are they interested in joining the Q&A with **Blake Harms**?  
Have them sign up here. **Space is limited** and sign ups **close March 24th at 5pm**.

**Free Time Events**

Activity	Time	Location	Info
Climbing Wall	10:30am, 12:00pm, & 1:00pm	Fieldhouse	<a href="#">Signed Waiver needed</a> , space is limited!
Tik Tok with Laker Dance Team	10:30am & 12:00pm	FieldhouseDance Room B-160	<a href="#">Watch the tutorial on our instagram</a> , then come dance with our dance team!
Geology Club Rock Sale	10:00am -11:00am & 12:00pm-2:00pm	1st Floor Padnos, by staircase	Cash or venmo ONLY
Inside the Droid with a fully functional R2D2	1:00pm -1:50pm	Fieldhouse Dance Room B-160	Q&A & demo with a life size R2D2
Lunch with Louie the Laker	11:20-11:50am	Fieldhouse Arena	Photos & Fun with our Mascot!
Campus Tours	First tour 12:00pm Last tour 1:30pm	Fieldhouse near trophy hallway	Tours every 30 mins Science @ GVSU
Exhibitor Hall	2:00pm - 4:30pm	Fieldhouse Arena	Great activities and information for students & families

Encourage your students to participate!

Also open is the GVSU Laker Store. Located in Kindschi Hall from 10am - 5 pm.

Head to our [program site](#) for more information!



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## Award Ceremony - Fieldhouse Arena 4:30pm

**The Parade of Schools** will begin our Awards Ceremony. Please send no more than **two team members** with **one banner** to the staging area at the lower level of the Fieldhouse at 4:15 pm to line up.

**Assigned Seating for Teams:** The Bleachers on the far wall opposite the doors, are reserved for teams. Seating chart will be available on the program site a week before tournament date, please review if for your team's assigned seat.

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## General Information

- **Emergencies: Dial 911.** Emergency contact information can be routed through our MSO Headquarters 616.331.2267.
  - **Event Program Online:** The program allows users to view schedules, announcements, maps, and more. To explore our event program, visit: [www.gvsu.edu/msor12/program](http://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/program). Please encourage your students & parents to utilize the online program.
  - **First Aid stations** will be at the Welcome Desk in the Rec Center, PAD 308, or Headquarters. For moderate scrapes & cuts please go to the Rec Center First Aid Station. For series injury call 911 and notify event staff.
  - **Food Options:** Participants/teams/families may bring their own food to campus. Additionally, there are some snack/meal options through campus dining. Visit the [online program](#) for details.
  - **Sales On Campus:** Selling of goods by anyone besides licensed venders is not allowed. Teams are prohibited from selling an goods or merchandise.
  - **Free Time Activities** In-between & after competitive events, students may visit the Exhibitors Hall (free), Dance with the Laker Dance Team (Free), Rock Sale (cash only), climbing wall ([online waiver](#) **MUST** be signed by parent/guardian, space is limited!). Visit the [online program](#) for details. Please share the attached flyer with families.
  - **On Campus Payments:** GVSU is a [cashless campus](#) and accepts Credit Card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Samsung Pay. If a student or guest only has cash, they can visit the **Cash to Card Kiosk** in the main entrance of the Laker Market Place (next to Kindschi Hall) to put money on a card. This service is free. *The Rock Sale will accept cash only.*
  - **Parking:** Parking will be open in Lots C1, F, G, or H.
  - **Team Rooms** are assigned based on the Region 12 online registration form. Room assignments will be posted on our website. [www.gvsu.edu/msor12/coaches](http://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/coaches) Grand Valley State University or the Regional Math and Science Center is not responsible for lost or damaged articles, please plan accordingly. All classrooms must be left in a classroom-ready-state for Monday morning classes. Meals/snacks are allowed in classrooms, not in hallways. If you need more trash bins for your classroom, contact a volunteer or RMSC staff. Classrooms are to be cleaned before you leave. Please ensure a coach reviews your room once everyone has left to ensure nothing has been left behind. Items left behind may be trashed.
  - **Wireless access (Wifi):** Connect to **GV-Visitor** and agree to the terms. Yes, it's that simple!
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## Important Links:

Region 12 MSO Tournament: [www.gvsu.edu/msor12/](http://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/)  
Region 12 Tournament Program: [www.gvsu.edu/msor12/program](http://www.gvsu.edu/msor12/program)  
National Science Olympiad: [www.soinc.org/](http://www.soinc.org/)  
Avogadro: <https://avogadro.ws/>

## 2025 Important Task Dates:

March 3 – Self-schedule opens in Avogadro for Alternate Teams  
March 26 – Self-schedule closes  
March 29 – Region 12 Tournament  
April 26 – State Tournament at Michigan State University  
May 24-25 – National Tournament at University of Nebraska- Lincoln

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