

Science Olympiad Team headed for States



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REGION – Competing in the Regional Olympiad Competition at Penn State in Wilkes-Barre March 19, for the third consecutive year, North Pocono High School's Science Olympiad had a first place win for the

entire Northeast region consisting of 15 counties: Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Luzerne, Lycoming, Lackawanna, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne, and Wyoming.

This first place win sends the team to the state

competition for the fifth straight year.

Of the 23 events, the North Pocono team, coached by Lindsay Croom, medaled in 19 of them, finishing in the top five in 22 of the 23 competitive events which earned them a bid to the state competition in April at Juniata College.

Ranking tenth in the state, the team will compete against 36 other schools from across the state for the State Championship, with hopes of ranking in the State Tournament.

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Olympiad competitions consist of a series of 23 team events, with only one team being able to earn a medal for each event.

Competing in biology, physics, chemistry, earth space science, and engineering, the students incorporate hands-on, interactive, inquiry-based activities that are lab-based, research-based, or pre-built, with an emphasis on active, hands-on group participation.

Students are required, during the competition, to complete a lab, research, or compete with their engineered device within a 50-minute period and will compete in three to four events during the day. Judges evaluate the teams by how well they compete based on the set of rules determined by the national committee for each event.

The entire team supports the success of the 15 competitors by providing insight, ideas, and challenges to help prepare the competitors for the competition, along with assisting in the design and prototype construction of building events.

Each member of the team is cross-trained in at least three different events because each competitor must have at least one person who serves as their backup in case of illness or absence.

Medaled regional results are as follows: 8th place - Fossils (Emma Nemitz, Sara Wojnar). 5th place - Cell Biology (Amanda Goffredo, Gabriel Ramos), Geologic Mapping (Josh Misiura, Vincent Wojnar), and It's About Time (Justin Morman, Nick Trinovitch).

4th place: Anatomy and Physiology (Allison Caswell, Gabriel Ramos), Dynamic Planet (Josh Misiura, Sara Wojnar), Forensics (Emma Nemitz, Josh Toth), Green Generation (Josh Misiura, Josh Toth), Hydrogeology (John Slater, Sara Wojnar), Invasive Species (Amanda Goffredo, Marina Topa), and Robot Arm (Michael Felins, Marina Topa).

3rd place - Air Trajectory (Michael Felins, John Slater), Astronomy (Kyle Bowen, John Slater), Disease Detective (Allison Caswell, Justin Morman), Electric Vehicle (Justin Morman, Joshua

Winslow), Protein Modeling (Allison Caswell, Gabriel Ramos, Vincent Wojnar), and Wright Stuff (Michael Felins, Emma Nemitz).

2nd place - Bridge Building (Kyle Bowen, Sara Wojnar), Chemistry Lab (Nick Trinovitch, Joshua Winslow), Experimental Design (John Slater, Marina Topa, Josh Toth), Game On (Joshua Winslow,

Vincent Wojnar), and Wind Power (Kyle Bowen, Nick Trinovitch).

1st place winners: Write It Do It (Amanda Goffredo, Josh Toth).

The Science Olympiad team was coached by Lindsay Croom along with assistant coaches John Croom and Mike Hricko. Event mentors were Maria Pettinato, Doug Mallas, Kara Stanton, and Kim Wasley.