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NORTH POCONO HIGH SCHOOL

## Science Olympiad team improves its state ranking

On Friday, April 26, the North Pocono High School Science Olympiad team competed in the State Science Olympiad Competition at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA for the second time in as many years.

Of the 209 Science Olympiad teams from across Pennsylvania, North Pocono placed 11th overall, up eight spots from their first trip to the State Tournament in 2012.

The team earned medals in Water Quality (4th Place), Green Generation (1st Place), and Geological Mapping (3rd Place).

The team also placed in the top 10 in Circuit Lab (7th Place), Elastic Launched Glider (9th Place), Experimental Design (10th Place), Fermi Questions (8th Place), Forensics (6th Place), Gravity Vehicle (7th Place), MagLev (6th Place), Material Science (7th Place), and Write It/Do It (8th Place).

North Pocono was the only high school team in Intermediate Unit 19, which covers Lackawanna, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties, that earned a bid to the State Competition by placing 3rd in the regional competition in March.

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Science Olympiad



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competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events.

The events that students compete in include a cross section of biology, physics, chemistry, earth space science, and engineering.

Students engage in hands-on, interactive, inquiry-based activities that are lab-based, research-based, or pre-built.

Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of science and technology.

By combining events from all disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved.

Emphasis is placed on

active, hands-on group participation.

During the course of the competition, students are required to complete a lab, research, or compete with their engineered device within a 50 minute period.

Students will typically compete in three to four events during the day. In each of the 23 events, teams are evaluated by judges on how well they complete the tasks based on the rules set forth by the national committee for each event.

Members of the team that attended Regionals were: Bryn Aston, Ashley Berlot, Mackenzie Black, Rebecca Degiosio, Jerid Demeck, Emily Donahue, Austin Ely, Dylan

Fantini, Tristan Flood, Alexa Flood, Fernando Forte, Justin Gensel, Aaron Goryl, Kyle Haddock, Matthew Kuniegel, Kayla Limani, Scott Lougee, Marissa Maurer, Michael Megee, Carly Mischello, Joshua Misura, Shelby Mychayliw, Trevor Pawlik, Christine Reid, Nathan Rosengrant, Zac Silvia, Joseph Stalker, Nick Trinovitch, Kerrianna Wallace, Ray Watkins, Spencer Williams, Marissa Wolfe, David Yatsonsky, Kyle Yatsonsky and Elizabeth Youshock.

The team is coached by Lindsay Croom and J Croom. Assistant coaches are Mike Hricko, Maria Pettinato, Madelyn Proschik and Nicole Furman.