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On Wednesday, March 11, the team competed in the Regional Science Olympiad Competition at Penn State in Wilkes-Barre and placed first in the region for the second year in a row.

The Northeast region covers Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Luzerne, Lycoming, Lackawanna, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne, and Wyoming counties.

The team medaled in 14 of the 23 events and finished in the top 10 for all other events.

Based on the team's success, the team earned a bid to the State competition at Juniata College this month to compete against 36 other schools from across the state for the State championship.

North Pocono is currently ranked 10th in the State, and the team hopes to improve their ranking at this year's State tournament.

The results of Regionals were:

10th place

- Fossils - Zack Redmond and Austin Flyte

8th place

- Astronomy - Cierra Fantini and Kyle Bowen
- Bridge Building - Kyle Bowen, Matt Kuniegl, Kyle Yatsosky, Sara Wojnar, and Austin Flyte

7th place

- Green Generation - Ashley Berlot and Marcus King

6th place

- Experiment Design - Cierra Fantini, Kelly Bollard, and Caelin Docalovitch
- Chemistry Lab - Caelin Docalovitch and Josh Toth
- Bungee Drop - Caelin Docalovitch, Josh Misiura, Fernando Forte, John Slater, and Gabe Ramos

5th place

- Cell Biology - Alexa Flood and Josh Toth
- Technical Problem Solving - Nick Trinovitch and Caelin Docalovitch

3rd place medals

- Geologic Mapping - Josh Misiura and Cierra Fantini
- Mission Possible - Josh Winslow, Kenny Gaughn, Austin Flyte, and Cierra Fantini

2nd place medals

- Anatomy and Physiology - Ashley Berlot and Allison Caswell
- Disease Detectives - Ashley Berlot and Allison Caswell
- Dynamic Planet - Marcus King and Nick Trinovitch
- Compound Machines - Kelly Bollard, Ricky White, and Faith Alunni
- Protein Modeling - Josh Toth, Alexa Flood, Allison Caswell, and Gabe Ramos
- Wright Flyers - Mike Felins, Sean Smith, Tyler Baldauff, Nick Trinovitch, and Amanda Goffredo

1st place medals

- Write It Do It - Kelly Bollard and Austin Flyte



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- Entomology - Amanda Goffredo and Marcus King
- Air Trajectory - Ricky White, Kelly Bollar, Adam Pickarski, Cody McLafferty, Desarae Balish, Matt McDonough and Symone Hinton
- It's About Time - Josh Misiura, Nick Trinovitch, Justin Morman, and Kyle Y atsonsky
- Forensics - Josh Toth and Amanda Goffredo
- Scrambler - Zack Redmond, Ricky White, Cody McLafferty, and Mike McGee

In each event, only one team can earn each medal.

Science Olympiad 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.