On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students at North Dakota State University, we wish to congratulate you on reaching this year’s State Science Olympiad final competition, to be held in Fargo on April 26th.

Information on the event is posted on the State Science Olympiad web site:

www.ndsu.edu/csme/olympiad

Please be sure to review the information in advance of your departure to Fargo – particularly the “Rules Clarifications” link, which provides more specific information of importance to you. Also, please note that information on the web site will be updated daily as we approach April 26th, and so be sure to check back to the web site regularly.

Below is the arrival information for the NDSU events:

- Registration: 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. at the Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse
- Opening Ceremonies: 8:00 a.m. (same location)
- First Events: 8:30 a.m. for some impounds, otherwise 9:00 for the regular event(s)

Some of you have inquired about campus tours for the afternoon of Friday, April 25th. We are trying to arrange these. Please watch the web site for announcements. If tours can be arranged, a telephone registration of some type will likely be required, so that adequate numbers of tour guides can be reserved.

Despite our efforts, the Bottle Rocket event will be held on the traditional grounds, as it has been at in the past. We tried to access other, more “open,” locations, but could not obtain permissions. Please remember that trees, branches, leaves, etc. will all come into play for this event.

If you have special needs, please let us know in advance, so that we can accommodate them.

The National Science Olympiad is allowing North Dakota to send two Division C teams to the National Olympiad competition. Per the state policy adopted in 2002: “when more than one team from Division B and/or Division C is invited from the State Olympiad to the National Science Olympiad, one of these teams will represent North Dakota Class A schools and the other team will represent North Dakota Class B schools.”

To run this year’s events, we have assembled several dozen volunteers – who are dedicating their Saturday to making the State Olympiad possible. Please show them special respect. We are requesting that coaches, parents, and other observers remain at a distance from the events. An appeals process is, as always, in place (information will be provided upon your arrival).

Again, welcome to Fargo and to NDSU!

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2003 State Olympiad Co-Directors