

**THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY
OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

Coastal Pee Dee Chapter

Dear Seventh/Eighth Grade Math Teachers:

Every year throughout the United States, Mathcounts testing competition will take place during the month of February. It is a testing process of a four student team, representing a school, against other teams in the 11-county region of the Pee Dee from Chesterfield down to Horry County. The Program is sponsored by: Raytheon, National Society of Professional Engineers, Northrop Grumman, Texas Instrument, 3M, CAN, PITSCO and Conoco Phillips. The event is about three to four hours long and will be held this year at Coastal Carolina University in Conway SC on February 20, 2010.

A school team's collective highest score will determine the school winner. There will be first, second, third, and maybe a fourth place trophy winners. Each school may bring four additional students that may test to see who the highest scoring individuals are. All paying students are classified as individuals and they also will have their first, second, etc. individual trophy winners.

Information concerning the Registration can be found at www.mathcounts.org. The cost is about \$25 for an individual and \$95 per team of four students. Testing materials can be ordered from there. The process generally involves the following:

- Select four to eight sharp students to participate. (four minimum)
- Get permission through the school to participate.
- Fill out an application and pay the fee.
- Plan for transportation. Some teams use school busses.
- Order any testing materials needed.
- Notify the coordinator of your involvement so we can plan for your participation. Unless you call, I won't know about your involvement until your school name shows up on the national registration list after you have paid.

TESTING DAY

- 9:00 am -Arrive and sign in the team members and individuals.
- Participate in the sprint, target, and team rounds of testing.
- Adjourn and go to the Student Commons area for lunch (it is similar to the Golden Corral restaurant). Students, coaches and workers eat complimentary.
- Return to the test area and participate in a countdown test event.
- Attend the men's basketball game. The winners will be awarded the fourth thru first place for individuals and teams at half time. During the game, timeout events used students in a series of one minute skit events.

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If a teacher wishes to participate, please let me know so I can include you into the expected attendees list. Otherwise I will not know of your interest until you have paid your fees to National and it shows up on the Registered Teams List. The two top winning teams will compete against 12 other teams (36 people) in the state finals in March.

Thank You,

Robert Bellamy