



*Exploring the World of Science*

**Science Olympiad Background:**

For the past 26 years, Science Olympiad has led a revolution in science education. What began as a grassroots assembly of science teachers is now one of the premiere science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to more than 5,700 teams in 48 states. Science Olympiad's ever-changing event lineup provides a variety of career choices and exposure to practicing scientists and mentors. In the words of a Science Olympiad alumnus: "I consider Science Olympiad the most important and influential activity I participated in during my middle school and high school career."

**Windy Ridge Science Olympiad Team:**

This is Windy Ridge's 3<sup>rd</sup> year participating in this prestigious competition. Once again we've met the challenge, scoring first place out of 38 teams in Central Florida. And at the state finals competition we placed second in the state of Florida out of the 54 teams. Unlike national statistics where girls are underrepresented in science and technology, our National Team is comprised of 12 girls and 1 boy.

**Science Olympiad National Tournament:**

This year's National Tournament is being held May 20-22 at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana Campus. Over 2,000 middle and high students from 120 teams representing 48 states will compete in 23 different events in this culminating tournament. Adding to the excitement will be the opening ceremony where teams parade into the arena carrying flags representing not only their school but their state, a swap meet, a banquet and a closing awards ceremony.

**Sponsorships:**

Our team is trying to raise \$15,000 to cover all expenses associated with this tournament (air and bus travel, 3 nights lodging, meals and team shirts). This is a large goal with only a few weeks to go before the May 20th event. Of course donations of any amount are greatly appreciated, however donations of \$500 or more will be acknowledged on our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Windy-Ridge-Science-Olympiad/116303298395488>. Sponsors giving \$1,000 or more can have their logo on both the Facebook page and on team t-shirts (donations must be received in time for printing 5/10).

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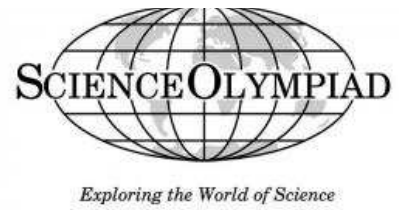
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Windy Ridge Students Place 2<sup>nd</sup> in Florida State Science Olympiad Competition



Windy Ridge Science Olympiad Students # 1 in Central Florida

Students Compete in Technology & Engineering



Students Compete in Physical & Chemical Sciences

We have to bring science and math to the forefront

- Education Secretary Arne Duncan

Students Compete in Life Sciences



Students Compete in Earth & Space Science



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