

# New Club/Activity Proposal Form



**To:** Student Activities Advisory Committee (SAAC)

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All new clubs/activities are planned one year in advance to allow a complete process for review. This form is presented to the SAAC team for review. SAAC meets seasonally based on need. If approved at the SAAC level, it would then move onto the school board for review. This may include questions and comments and/or edits or revisions. If the school board approves, then a new request needs to be made through the Extra Curricular Study Committee to determine the stipend for the club advisor or activity advisor.

1. Is this a teacher led Club proposal or is this an Activity/Sport proposal? (circle or check)

Activity/Club

2. What is the overview of the NEW Club/Activity proposal:

Science Olympiad provides an opportunity for students to compete in standards based STEM challenges.

3. What is the purpose:

The purpose of this activity is to engage students in STEM challenges across a broad range of subjects including life, personal, and social sciences; earth and space science; physical science and chemistry; technology and engineering; and inquiry and the nature of science. Specific topics range from fossils to disease detectives to wind power to crime busters to codebusters. Unlike other opportunities that may focus solely on robotics or quiz question answering, Science Olympiad competitions offer a full range of possible STEM topics that cover any interest students might have in STEM while also offering hands-on building and design challenge opportunities. Students bring their specific skill sets to the team and usually choose around three specific areas of interest to compete in.

4. What is the commitment for a student outside of the school day (Time frame): In addition, what is the time range of the school year (Fall, Winter, Spring, or Full Year)?

About 1-2 hours practice per week September - Early March plus 4 possible Saturday competitions

Boyceville Invitational

Saturday December 7, 2024

Boyceville High School, Boyceville WI

UW-River Falls Border Battle (Invitational)

January 25, 2025

UW-River Falls, River Falls, WI

Regional Tournament

February 1, 2025

Lakeville

Possible State Tournament

March 1, 2025

Bethel University, Arden Hills, MN

5. Where will students meet?

EHS Classroom (preferably science lab) space. Currently meeting in EHS E237.

6. Number of anticipated students involved:

30+. A team consists of 15 students plus alternates. The current plan is to have a Varsity and a JV team. Here is our [PLAN](#) with the current 30 team members we have.

7. Anticipated meeting time(s):

1-2 hours per week. Anticipating Wednesdays before school plus adding Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings as we get into competition season.

8. Costs for students to join:

Proposed same as Knowledge Bowl/Quiz Bowl (\$105 registration fee)

9. Cost neutral plan: *At this time, strong consideration is given to being able to be cost neutral to the district.*

Student fees can be adjusted annually to cover costs as we learn to anticipate them.

10. Has this been a Student Led Club? If so, how long?

Yes. Not sure how long.

11. Expenses for the new activity for the school (Advisor(s) stipend, membership, competitions, travel, etc):

Materials: \$300

State Membership: \$250 for two teams (additional teams \$100 each)

Busing: A few trips (not a lot)

Advisor: TBD based on Extra Curricular Committee (Similar to KB and QB team advisors)

12. Time commitment (generally) for the Advisor?

2 hours per week September - March plus 4 Saturdays at 10 hours each.

13. Does this NEW Activity compete with any other program(s) at EHS?

No

14. Why should EHS add this Club/Activity? Justification:

There is very strong student interest and motivation to keep this club going and get a teacher advisor. There are adult responsibilities (registration, transportation, etc) and the organization requires a teacher advisor.

15. Anything else that would be helpful for the SAAC team to know?

The student members are highly motivated and organized and really want to see the Science Olympiad be official. They want to attend invitationals to be more competitive with their peers. They also hope to add the build events this year, which require buying materials and more advisor time.

***Thank you!***