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## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD SUMMER WORKSHOP WELCOME & OVERVIEW

Dear Summer Workshop Participants:

Welcome! We are excited that you have chosen to join us for either our Virtual Bootcamp or in-person Build Clinic. We continue to be inspired by your dedication to Science Olympiad as well as your spirit of innovation. We hope that whichever learning program you have chosen will be filled with new knowledge and the opportunity to make new connections and new friends. We would like to share some details and information with you that will make it easier to navigate these workshops.

First, through a partnership between Science Olympiad and the National Science Teaching Association (NSTA) all Summer Workshop Participants will be receiving a one-year NSTA membership. This means that you will have access to a curated collection of activities, lessons, and content related to this year's Science Olympiad events. Also, NSTA's online forums will allow us to continue learning, collaborating, and encouraging throughout the Science Olympiad season. You will receive additional instructions on how to access this program benefit during the July 9<sup>th</sup> Introductory Session.

For Virtual Bootcamp participants, the program will take place as two distinct parts. For every event there will be a 15- to 20-minute prerecord session as well as a 30-minute LIVE session. Each of these sessions will be addressing different aspects of the event. During the prerecorded session, you will be introduced to the event, along with a description of how the event changes from year to year. This session will also feature a discussion of what happens in the event, or its event type, which will have implications for how you read the rules and how you prepare students for the event. These sessions will be available for you to watch anytime starting on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. It is recommended that you try and watch the prerecorded sessions prior to attending a LIVE session for that event. The 30-minute LIVE sessions will take place starting Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> and run through Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. They will begin each day at 10:00 AM CDT and conclude by 1:00 PM CDT. Each day we will start with a new, or returning event, that will be in both Divisions for the 2025 season. If there are any schedule changes or major workshop announcements we will be making them during this LIVE session. After the first half hour, the workshop will continue with multiple concurrent sessions each half hour. In the 30-minute LIVE session for an event, you will be able to interact with the presenter and your fellow attendees through discussions, exploration of resources, and delve deeper into the event's specific Rules Changes and content. Instructions on how to access both parts of the Virtual Bootcamp will be emailed to you.

For Build Clinic participants, we look forward to seeing you in-person starting at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Northern Illinois University Conference Center in Naperville. At the Build Clinic, we will be focused on the hands-on aspects of the events covered. We would encourage you to watch the Virtual Bootcamp pre-recorded sessions as well as attend the LIVE sessions for these events to answer any questions you may have about the specific Rules for these events. During the workshop you can look forward to a light breakfast, buffet lunch, and snacks. In addition, coffee, water, and soda will be available during the day. Please keep in mind that this Clinic is not for current competitors, especially children under the age of 18.

We hope that what you learn during these experiences will be helpful to you and your team. If you need any help or have any questions, please let us know what you need.

Sincerely,

The Science Olympiad National Office Team