



UNO STEM TRAIL CENTER
Nebraska State Science Olympiad

Coach News : November 12, 2025

Tournaments, Events, and More

Hello Coaches! This email includes the following:

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Tournament Dates and Links

Kearney Invitational Tournament

- March 17, 2026
- Hosted by ESU#10
- Location: University of Nebraska Kearney, Kearney, NE
- Director: Dianah Steinbrink at dianah.steinbrink@esu10.org

- [Kearney Invitational Website and Registration](#)

Millard North Invitational Tournament:

- March 21, 2026
- Hosted by ESU#3
- Location: Millard North High School, Omaha, NE
- Directors: Ashley Holmes, aholmes@esu3.org, and Adam Larson, alarson@esu3.org
- [Millard North Invitational Website and Registration](#)

Ogallala Invitational Tournament:

- April 8, 2026
- Hosted by ESU#16
- Location: Keith County Fairgrounds, Ogallala, NE
- Director: Lane Swedberg at lswedberg@esusixteen.org
- More information to come.

Nebraska State Tournament:

- April 18, 2026
- Hosted UNO STEM TRAIL Center and UNL
- Location: UNL East Campus, Lincoln, NE
- Director: Dee Johansen, deannajohansen@unomaha.edu
- [Nebraska Science Olympiad Tournament Website](#)
- All schools are welcome to bring 1 team of 15 students and 5 alternate students to the state tournament. (You do not need to qualify. Just come!)

Additional Invitationals:

- Check out this list on the national website for [online/satellite/in-person invitationals](#) throughout the country that you are welcome to attend as well.
- [Satellite Invitationals](#) are a great way for your students to practice and find out what they still need to study.

All this information can always be found on the [Nebraska Science Olympiad Webpage](#) under Tournaments.

Nebraska State Tournament Schedule of Events

These are posted on the Nebraska Website in several places as well.

2026 Division B State Schedule

2026 Division C State Schedule

Note: This schedule is subject to change, but seems solid at this time.

State Tournament Trial Events and Their Rules

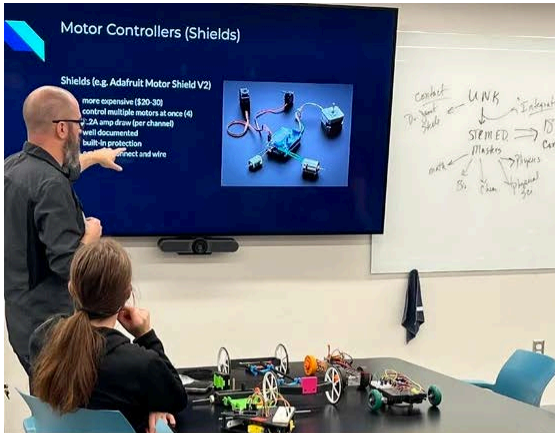
- Aerial Scramble
- Bridge
- Periodic Table
- Botany
- Horizontal Balloon Rocket Race (Watch for possible rules changes)
- Ping Pong Parachute

2026 Trial Events Descriptions

2026 Trial Events Rules

Coaches Clinic Recap

The first-ever Coaches Clinic hosted by the UNO STEM TRAIL Center was a great success! We hope it marks the beginning of a new tradition of learning, collaboration, and shared inspiration. On Saturday, October 25th, a total of 25 participants came together for a full day of engaging sessions led by experienced coaches, event supervisors, and former directors. The enthusiasm and dedication throughout the day were truly impressive, and we hope that same energy carries over to your teams this season.



New(er) Coaches Q&A Zoom Sessions

Geared toward our 18 new coaches, but welcome to all newer coaches as well, Dee is offering a Q&A Zoom Session on the following two dates:

- Monday November 17th at 7 PM
- Tuesday December 2nd at 7 PM

Please email [Dee Johansen](#) if you would like a zoom invite for either day.



Let's Have a Sensational Science Olympiad Year!

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