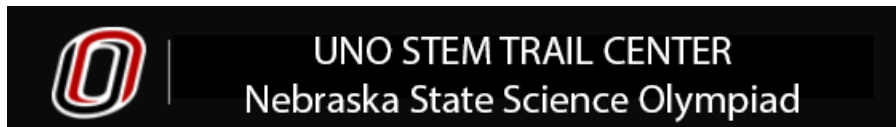


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## ***We are Thankful for Our Coaches!***

### **Our NEW Coaches Clinic Was a Success**

On October 25, the STEM TRAIL Center hosted its first Science Olympiad Coaches Clinic. It was attended by 25 participants including both new and experienced coaches, event supervisors, and Science Olympiad directors. Coaches were able to attend 8 sessions from over twenty choices of topics including test events, lab events, and build events.

***Thank you to all that attended!***



All sessions were led by experienced coaches and directors from the Leadership Team who generously volunteered their time and expertise to help others strengthen their programs. ***We could not have had a successful clinic without them! Thank you!***



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## Coaches are Preparing for NEW Events

Each year the National Science Olympiad Committee provides us with the official Event Rules Manual - developed by 6 Rules Committees which meet, plan and write year-round. The new events and their rules are aligned to the National Education Science Standards. Both Division B and Division C have NINE NEW events this year!

- Designer Genes (C)
  - Boomilever (B&C)
  - Circuit Lab (B&C)
  - Engineering Cad (C)
  - Heredity (B)
  - Hovercraft (B&C)
  - Machines (B&C)
  - Remote Sensing (B&C)
  - Rocks and Minerals (B&C)
  - Solar System (B)
  - Water Quality (B&C)
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## What's Not New? *Our Coaches Make All the Difference!*

### When you coach a Science Olympiad team,

your love of learning and excitement for science gets reflected back every day, at every practice and every competition. Science Olympiad lets students flex independent learning skills as they build devices and study for events; your job is part talent scout, part cheerleader and part drill instructor. As the season progresses, you'll rediscover the reason you became a teacher.



Science Olympiad Coach Recruitment Flyer

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### How Can You Help?

- **Coach a Team** – Coaches can be teachers or parents from the school.
- **Volunteer to Assist a Team** – Help supervise students under the guidance of a coach at team practice and on tournament days.
- **Sponsor a Local Team** – Support by covering membership fees, tournament costs, materials, team shirts, transportation, or lodging.
- **Share Your Expertise** – Review our [events](#) and see where your knowledge can inspire and guide young scientists.
- **Help at Invitational Tournaments** – Volunteer to support local competitions.
- **Volunteer at the State Tournament** – Assist by running an event or helping an event supervisor. We truly couldn't do this without our volunteers!
- **Become a Sponsor** – Partner with us to grow Nebraska's STEM talent. Contact the director (details below) to learn more.

## Make an Impact Today!



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