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TO REGISTER

• Visit ACSI Rocky Mountain Student Activities:
  (https://www.acsi.org/region/rocky-mountain/rm-student-activities)

• Student Activities Participation Guide

• Online Registration Form—August thru Mid-November

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

• Student Participation Fee Form—Online

• Calendar—printable

• Event Handbooks – Available After Registration

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Maximizing the Impact of ACSI Student Activities

A Planning Rubric for Christian School Teachers

The mission of ACSI is to enable Christian schools and educators worldwide to effectively prepare students for life so that students may acquire wisdom, knowledge, and a biblical worldview as evidenced by a lifestyle of character, leadership, service, stewardship, and worship.

The ACSI Student Activities program offers a variety of academic and fine arts events that provide you, as an educator, an opportunity to intentionally enhance learning for ALL students in your classroom, not just the students that are selected to represent your school at the event.

As you prepare for the next ACSI student activity, use the following questions to help guide your planning for the broader personal and educational impact of the event on each student you teach. Keep these questions in mind as you help your students develop memorization skills, approaches to skill practice and mastery, collaboration, poise in a public forum, and all the other things that will prepare your students for a life of godly service. And after the event, use these questions to assess the event as a beneficial instructional tool, its impact on student growth, and how it can be improved in the future.

Wisdom

Perseverance- Did my student overcome any challenges in preparing for this event?
Honor- Did my student honor other students and adults while participating in this event?
Humility- Did my student demonstrate grace and a humble spirit in this event?
Stewardship- Did my student use his/her time and resources wisely for this event?

Knowledge

Leadership- Were my student’s skills developed/increased in preparation for this event?
Diligence- Did my student engage in a variety of effective approaches for skill practice and mastery?
Knowledge- Did my student demonstrate understanding of new knowledge and information in this event?
Talents/Gifting- Did this event affirm my student’s gifts and talents?

Biblical Worldview

Worship- Did my student recognize God as the source of his/her gifts and abilities?
Purpose- Is my student able to express the value of this event to his/her growth as a child of God?
Service- Did this event effectively prepare my students for a life of service to God and others?
Integration- Did my student apply Biblical principles in preparing for and participating in this event?
GENERAL INFORMATION

mission
Rocky Mountain Student Activities enhance learning beyond the classroom by equipping Christian schools and educators while challenging students toward God-honoring applications of their leadership skills, fine art talents, and academic abilities.

school registration form
ACSI Student Activities is open to ACSI member schools. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

registration
To register for ACSI Rocky Mountain student activities, please complete the online form. A link for this can be found at: https://www.acsi.org/region/rocky-mountain/rm-student-activities
$60 per activity received on or before October 31
$90 per activity received after October 31

By registering online, you are requesting admission to an event. Registration is not guaranteed until payment is received and confirmation from ACSI has been made. To facilitate registrations in areas where events fill, choose your first choice, then type your second choice in the space provided.

handbooks
Once registered, the event coordinator will be emailed a password to unlock the handbooks. These resources are extremely useful for planning your own event plus preparing for the larger event at a “host” school.

participation form
Four weeks prior to the event date, each school coordinator should email the student participation form found in the event Handbook to the event Chairperson. This should list the students attending and the judges attending to help facilitate the event. No later than one week before the event, the student participation fees (see below) should be paid using the online form.

student participation fees
Student participation fees are due 2 weeks before the event. Complete the online form and select payment by credit card or e-check.
$10 per entry — NOTE: Student fees must be paid prior to the day of the event to participate.
required adult volunteers
It is the school coordinator’s priority to provide quality volunteers. If participating schools do not send helpers, we will not be able to sustain events. Each school needs to contribute or be precluded from participation. If a chairperson does not have enough volunteers, the event may be canceled. In addition, please be sure to plan for necessary chaperones and transportation to and from the event.

chairperson (host school)
The chairperson plans, sets up the facility, distributes awards, and communicates with the event coordinators about event specific details. He/she is responsible for organizing judges (from host and participating schools) for the event. They also locate experts for events that require outside, additional personnel.

The chairperson also maintains expense receipts for reimbursement. Expenses beyond $50 must be pre-approved. The chair receives an honorarium for their time invested in chairing the event as well as one (1) educational studies CEU. For questions specific to the host location, contact the event chairperson.

scheduling
Schools should schedule in-school events well ahead of the corresponding district events. For example, if a school will be participating in a District Spelling Bee in January, they should have their in-school Spelling Bee sometime in November to be ready to email the participation form and judges list to the chairperson plus the fees to the ACSI office, by the deadline. Also, be sure to list all ACSI event activities on your school calendar to avoid conflicts later.

accident insurance
All schools participating in an event with the Association of Christian Schools International are required to have adequate insurance coverage for students and sponsors/teachers. ACSI does not assume responsibility for those coverages. The school’s student accident insurance should cover most reasonable and customary medical expenses. Workman’s Compensation coverage should cover employees/teachers.

background screening
In order to register for student activities, the school administrator is required to ensure that all staff (and volunteers the school provides) meets the school’s internal policies and standards as well as state requirements for working with children in a K-12 private school setting.

rocky mountain student activities
Bookmark the Student Activities webpage for easy access! Everything you need to know can be found there. If you have any problems with the website or accessing resources, please email: student_activities RM@acsi.org.

questions?
Still have questions? Feel free to call or email the Rocky Mountain Student Activities Coordinator at 800.208.4742 / student_activitiesRM@acsi.org.
ART FESTIVAL

objectives

• To encourage art education and promote artistic creativity and expression.

• To provide an opportunity to recognize and exhibit outstanding student artwork.

• To encourage students to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ through the use of artistic talent and personal expression in the art media of their choice.

description

Students will display artwork in various artistic media. All projects must be prepared according to established guidelines and will be judged on or before the day of the festival. The students will have the opportunity to view the artwork of other students and to meet fellow artists. A guest artist is often invited to share with the students.

required adult volunteers

Schools may need to provide to the chairperson names of possible judges in addition to providing adequate adult supervision for their own students.

eligibility

Students in grades K-12 are eligible to participate, although some of our host sites offer different grade levels. Check the posted Student Activities Calendar for grades eligible at the festival in which you wish to participate.

Each school is limited to 36 entries maximum. Schools must first conduct their own art festival and advance only the top-rated projects to the ACSI Art Festival.

awards

Ribbons are awarded for every entry according to:

Superior: 40-35 points
Excellent: 34-30 points
Good: 29-20 points

There will be “Best of Show” awards for most outstanding art according to various grade categories.

fees

Registration fee: $60.00, $90.00 late
Participation fee: $10 per entry
CREATIVE WRITING FESTIVAL
Mail-in Activity

objectives

• To provide criteria for the evaluation of creative writing work.

• To give students an opportunity to share their writing with others.

description

Schools must first evaluate their students’ creative writing pieces written during the current school year, and then submit only the best compositions to the district level for evaluation. This is a mail-in activity. All superior-rated entries, as well as other entries deemed worthy of inclusion, will be published in the Creative Writing Anthology. All schools that enter the Creative Writing Festival, as well as students with submissions included in the anthology, will receive a complimentary copy of the anthology.

required adult volunteers

Schools may need to provide to the chairperson names of possible judges.

eligibility

Students in grades 4-12
Level 1 - Grades 4-5
Level 2 - Grades 6-8
Level 3 - Grades 9-12

categories of competition

Short Story
Essay/Narrative
Poetry—rhymed and free verse, one category, two styles

Students may submit up to two entries, but they must be in different categories. A minimum and maximum number of words apply for each category and grade level. Writers MUST stay within the bounds of moral and acceptable subject matter (See Coordinator’s Handbook.) Upon completion of judging, some works will be deemed suitable for inclusion in the anthology. All work must be submitted to the regional office.

awards

Certificates are awarded for every entry according to:

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fees

Registration fee: $60.00, $90.00 late
Participation fee: $10 per entry
GEOGRAPHY BEE

objectives
• To encourage students to develop their knowledge and understanding of geography.
• To help students understand the impact of geography on the interpretation of Scripture and upon the history and culture of our world.
• To provide a challenging, fun, and rewarding platform for learning about geography and to provide fellowship and interaction with students from other Christian schools.

description
The Geography Bee is similar to the Spelling Bee in format. Each participating school will conduct a local Bee and send the top three scorers to the District Bee. Each grade level of the Bee will take place in separate rooms. All participants have a Quizzing-Answer Box to answer questions, with one point scored for each correct answer. There are two rounds with 20 questions per round. At the end of round two, tabulation will result in awards for grades 3-8. Then for grades 6-8, 10 finalists will compete in a Final Round, determining additional awards including the Geography Bee Champion.

required adult volunteers
Each school is required to provide five adults (at the Chairperson’s discretion) to help officiate at the District Geography Bee. Volunteers will help with registration and/or be judges and scorekeepers during the event.

eligibility
Students in grades 3-8 may participate. Each school is allowed three students per classroom per grade level.

awards
Winners in each grade level receive blue, red, and white ribbons based on questioned answered correctly. All participants will receive participation certificates. A purple ribbon will be awarded to participants for each perfect round scored at the District Grade-Level Rounds. Ribbons will be given to the top 10 finalists in grades 6-8.

Final Round: Geography Bee Champion receives a Grand Rosette, with 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners receiving appropriate rosettes.

fees
Registration fee: $60.00, $90.00 late
Participation fee: $10 per entry
objectives

- To stimulate an interest in mathematics and to recognize the achievements of students in mathematics.

- To offer opportunity to glorify God in the use of their mathematical abilities beyond the classroom situation.

description

Math by Mail is a mail-in event. It is the qualifying event for Math Olympics. It is a series of four timed tests. Actual testing procedures for Math by Mail and Math Olympics are the same—the difference is that testing for Math by Mail is done within your own school, and score sheets are mailed to the regional office for tabulation. With Math Olympics, schools go onsite to a host school where they test, tabulate and give awards. Calculators and/or electronic devices of any kind are not permitted.

eligibility

Students in grades 3-8 may participate in one category only. Each school may enter a maximum of three students per grade level (not per classroom) for each category. Students that qualify for Math Olympics may participate at their school’s discretion. Up to three students in each grade in each category may participate.

categories of competition

Arithmetic Computation: Problems will be of the paper/pencil computational variety (for example: fundamental operations).

Mathematical Reasoning: These paper/pencil problems involve more than one operation and/or concept and could require a higher level of reasoning (example: story problems, patterns, puzzles).

awards

Math by Mail: First through fifth place in each category and grade will receive ribbons. All participants will receive participation certificates.

Math Olympics: First through fifth place receive ribbons. All remaining participants receive participation certificates. The highest scoring student in each grade and category (minimum of 85%) will receive a medallion.

fees for each event

No registration fee for Math Olympics — participants are invited based on Math by Mail scores.

Participation fee: $10 per entry
SPEECH MEETS

objectives
- To help students develop techniques to speak audibly, articulately, expressively, and with poise and confidence.

description
Students demonstrate their ability by delivering a memorized poem, speech, or passage. Contestants do not compete against one another; rather, they are judged against an established set of criteria.

required adult volunteers
Schools are required to provide one judge for every five student entries in addition to providing adequate adult supervision for their own students.

eligibility
Students in grades K-12, depending on host site. Each student may participate in one category only. There are samples in the handbook to help as a guide, but it is up to the school chair to approve appropriate pieces that meet the guidelines.

categories of competition
The student interprets, informs, or communicates from published literary work(s), a self-written speech, or an impromptu speech. Categories vary, depending on the grade level, from memorized poems and fables to high school Dramatic Interpretation and Slam Poetry. Selections must be of high literary quality that capture the underlying principles of “Whatever is excellent.”

awards
Ribbons are awarded for every entry according to:
- Superior: 50-45 points
- Excellent: 44-37 points
- Good: 36-24 points

Patriotic Speech uses a unique rubric based on 60 points. (see Patriotic Handbook)

fees
Registration fee: $60.00, $90.00 late
Participation fee: $10 per entry
objectives

• To develop within the student the awareness of accurate usage of words and vocabulary by encouraging proper and confident communication.

• To provide an opportunity for fellowship with students from other Christian schools.

2017-18 Rocky Mountain Regional Spelling Bee Winners

(description)

The ACSI Spelling Bee is not an exercise in memorization, but in spelling abilities. Practice word lists are provided, but as competition accelerates, words may be used from a higher grade level and/or from an unpublished word list. Students are eliminated from competition when they misspell a word. Grade level competitions are held in individual classrooms followed by the spell-off round where the top four winners from the 5-8th grade level competitions compete in a larger assembly. The top five spellers in the spell-off round qualify for the regional competition.

(required adult volunteers)

It takes approximately 40 volunteers to run a spelling bee; therefore, schools are required to provide five workers in addition to adequate adult supervision for their own students.

(eligibility)

Students in grades 1-8. Only one student per grade or per home room, if the school has more than one class per grade, may participate. District level host has final word due to space.

(schedule)

District level spelling bees are held at various host schools from January through early February. The Regional Spelling Bee will be held in Arizona on Mar 2, 2019 and the ACSI National Spelling Bee will be held in Washington DC in early May.

(awards)

Certificates are awarded to all participants. In addition, 1st—4th place winners in each grade receive ribbons. The top five spellers in the spell-off round for grades 5-8, 1-5 place winners receive rosette ribbons and are eligible to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee.

(fees)

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