Frequently Asked Questions

Mahalo for your interest in this year's Junior Expo competition! BEFORE registering at the link below, please read the following carefully regarding frequently asked questions:

1) Registration must include names of students.

As many of you know who have participated in the past, we will need actual names of the students participating. The games are occurring simultaneously and in an effort to include more students, one student cannot sign up for two different games. Additionally, since registration is on a first come, first serve basis, and schools have cancelled in the past, this also allows for more schools to participate.

A student waiver form will be attached on the registration confirmation email and must be brought to the event upon registration. If waivers are not submitted for each student listed, the student cannot participate in the event.

2) How many teams per school, per event?

Each school is able to submit one team per event. HOWEVER, FOR THE POPSICLE BRIDGE COMPETITION ONLY, A SCHOOL CAN HAVE UP TO 2 TEAMS. With the number of schools wanting to participate, we can only accommodate one team per school until all schools have had the opportunity to submit a team. Should there be space for additional teams in a particular event, you may indicate that you would like to submit a second team in the "Special Requirements" section of the registration site. We will have a wait list for schools wanting to have a second team per event on a first request, first serve basis.

For example, if you submitted 2 teams for the solar car event, you will need to select which team of the two is your first choice and indicate the second team in the "Special Requirements." Second team confirmations will be notified AFTER the registration deadline.

3) How many teachers/chaperones per team?

Due to the overwhelming number of students that participated last year and the challenges faced as a result of this (students running around in stair wells, up and down hallways while classes were in session, etc.), I have to instill the one teacher/chaperone per team, per event (with the exception of the Brushbot game) guidelines again. The games will be occurring simultaneously and due to liability purposes, there needs to be one teacher/chaperone per team, per event.

For example, Mr. Smith cannot be the teacher/chaperone for a team on the Popsicle Bridge and the Mini Roller Coaster event. Also, Mr. Smith cannot be the same teacher for two teams on the Mini Roller Coaster event. HOWEVER, FOR THE POPSICLE BRIDGE COMPETITION ONLY, ONE CHAPERONE CAN HAVE UP TO 2 TEAMS. While we want to include as many students as possible, we also need to be mindful of liability issues. Should anything happen to a student during a particular game or event, there needs to be one person designated to that team to speak for the student while the competitions are still going on. The "supervisor" does not have to be a teacher. It can be a parent, chaperone, mentor, etc. affiliated with the school that will be designated for that team.
4) **Can we bring other students to simply watch the games?**

Yes, pending number of students you would like to bring. With the number of students that we anticipate registering to participate in the games, we will be having 500-600 students and chaperones on campus. Therefore, while we don’t want to turn away “guest students,” we cannot accommodate schools bringing 30-50 additional students who will be “watching” as there simply will be no space and will be a safety issue, as we have already received a number of requests to bring large groups to “watch”. **If you would like to bring additional students to watch, please send us an email at uhmengineering@gmail.com, with the number of students you plan to bring and confirming that you will have 1 chaperone for additional students that you will be bringing. Please also provide the names of the chaperones accompanying additional students.**

5) **Will lunches be provided?**

No, unfortunately not this time as our budget does now allow for this. Therefore, please bring your own lunches. There will be a large lawn on the Dole Street side of Holmes Hall where you and your students may eat lunch.

All other rules will be provided for the impromptu games at the day of the event.

Should you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at our office phone **(808) 956-0776** or emailing us back at uhmengineering@gmail.com.

Mahalo!!