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## Eastern Chapter

# MATHCOUNTS

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Dear MATHCOUNTS Coach:

Thank you for your registration in this year's MATHCOUNTS competition. Your interest and commitment of time to coach a team is what makes this program a success. Twenty seven teams and sixty eight individuals are currently registered for the Eastern Chapter competition, which will be held on **Saturday, February 20, 2010**. We apologize, but no alternates be allowed to attend this year's competition.

The competition will be held at the Holiday Inn Central-Omaha, approximately 4 blocks north of Interstate 80 on 72nd Street. We will conduct the testing in the Heartland Ballroom (different room than previous years, following a recent remodel at Holiday Inn), please look for signs for the exact room location once you are inside.

Each "mathlete" should bring 3 or 4 sharpened #2 pencils, and a calculator (for Target and Team rounds only). Scratch paper will be provided.

Calculators will not be provided, so **Coaches**, please be sure you bring extras to the competition in case any of your team members forgets theirs (Reminder: permissible calculators include programmable or graphing type but NOT personal digital assistants i.e. palm pilots, etc).

You should have received the *2010 School Competition Booklet* from the national MATHCOUNTS office to use as a study aid and in-school exam for help in selecting team members. **If your registration was sent after December 15, 2009, your information packet may not arrive until Late January 2010.** If you are having any difficulties, feel free to contact me.

In order to organize the registration process the day of the competition, I ask that you fill out the names of your team members on the enclosed *Chapter Registration Form* and return it to me **by February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010**, so that I can get the names on the agenda. Please return this information by e-mail (preferred), mail, fax, or phone (see top of page).

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The Chapter competition Registration/Check-In will be from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2010. Please be on time so that everyone can get organized and seated before the starting time.

The **MATHCOUNTS** competition schedule is as follows:

8:00 - 8:45	Registration
8:45 - 9:00	Welcome & Contest Rules
9:00 - 9:35	Target Round
9:35 - 10:15	Sprint Round
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:00	Team Round
11:00 - 11:30	Scoring & Prizes
11:30 - 12:00	Countdown Round
12:00 - 12:30	Awards Ceremony

The rules and descriptions of the various test rounds are located in the *School Handbook* that you received in this past fall. Please note that the local competition will NOT be using the Countdown Round to determine the final individual standings, but we will hold the Countdown Round for practice.

The top FOUR TEAMS and top FOUR INDIVIDUALS (not already on the top two teams) will be eligible to attend the State Competition held in Lincoln in March, 2010 (Exact date has not been set at this time).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me by e-mail ([eowen@thielegeotech.com](mailto:eowen@thielegeotech.com)) or call me at work (402-556-2171). I look forward to seeing you and your students in February!