

THE 2009 TEXAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE REGIONAL COMPETITION
Sponsored by SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
Saturday, November 7th, 2009

Dear Academic Challenge Team Coach:

This is to announce the 2009 Fall Texas Academic Challenge Regional Competition.

Who is eligible: Public and private high schools in Texas are eligible to compete in the Fall Competition. The competition is limited to 32 teams. Invitations will be extended to the first 32 schools that apply. For the Fall Regional tournament this year we will allow schools to bring two teams. The rules regarding fielding two teams are posted on our webpage at www.shsu.edu/~acp_www.

Format: In each individual match, teams of four students from two high schools compete by answering questions in a "College Bowl" or "Quiz Bowl" style contest. Questions vary in both type and level of difficulty and cover a wide range of subjects. Individual matches last about 25 minutes, and we will try to guarantee each school a minimum of five matches. Matches will begin about 8:30a.m. Saturday morning and continue until late afternoon.

Deadline: The last possible date to apply is **Wednesday, October 28th**. It is best to apply as early as possible as only 32 teams may compete. If your school is slow about processing the entry fee check, let me know your intentions by mailing or faxing me a copy of the application form as early as possible as space is limited.

Schedule: **The schedule will be posted on the SHSU Academic Challenge web site at www.shsu.edu/~acp_www/ by Monday, November 2nd**. Please contact me if you prefer to have a copy sent to you by fax or e-mail. The initial match ups will be determined by a random draw.

Awards: Trophies will be awarded to the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Place winners. Medallions for individual team members and coaches of the First and Second Place teams will be presented.

Arrangements: The competition will be held in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Building (CHSS Bldg). Directions and maps to the University will be available at www.shsu.edu/~acp_www/. Rules, score sheets, and schedules will also be posted there. Complimentary morning and afternoon snacks will be available. Teams will have a break of about 90 minutes to go off campus for lunch. The registration fee for the competition is **\$75.00** for each team competing. This covers the cost of the contest including question sets, snacks, and equipment.

To Apply: Fill out the enclosed application or download one from the web site. Be sure to include the coach's e-mail address. Please make your check for **\$75.00** for one team or **\$150.00** for two teams payable to Sam Houston State University Academic Challenge. The application and registration fee should be mailed to Dr. Mitzi Mahoney, P. O. Box 2149, SHSU, Huntsville, TX 77341.

On Monday, November 2rd the final schedule will be posted at: www.shsu.edu/~acp_www/

I look forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely,

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