

THE 2009 TEXAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
Sponsored by SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
Saturday, April 18th, 2009

Dear Academic Challenge Team Coach:

This is to announce the 2009 Texas Academic Challenge State Championship. It will be held on **Saturday, April 18th, 2009**

Who is eligible: Public and private high schools in Texas who have had some degree of success in Academic Challenge competition in their local area are eligible. Invitations will be based on a team's record, taking into account the degree of competitiveness in local contests and the need for geographic diversity to broadly represent the state. The maximum number of teams that can compete is 36.

Format: In each individual match, teams of four students from two high schools compete by answering questions in a "College 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 four matches. Matches will begin about 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning and continue until late afternoon.

Deadline: The last possible date to apply is **Monday, April 6, 2009**. It is best to apply as early as possible. 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, April 13th.** Please contact me if you prefer to have a copy sent to you by fax. 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. **The winning school earns the exclusive right to represent the state of Texas at the Panasonic National Academic Challenge at Disneyworld in Florida in June of 2009.**

Arrangements: 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. **Lunch will be served to all participants.** If you have special dietary needs, please notify me as soon as possible. The registration fee for the competition is **\$250.00**. This covers the cost of the contest including question sets, snacks, the luncheon, T-shirts, and equipment. If you have more than six students and two coaches, additional participants can be accommodated for a special rate.

To Apply: Fill out the enclosed application or download one from the web site. Be sure to include the coach's e-mail address and all participants' T-shirt sizes. Please make your check for **\$250.00** 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.

Remember, the final schedule will be posted at www.shsu.edu/~acp_www/ on Monday, April 13th.

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