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## MATHCOUNTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (2019 Competitions)

MATHCOUNTS is a middle school math competition which, in Maryland, is run by the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers. Developed in 1983 as the first nationwide program of its kind, MATHCOUNTS combines the efforts of volunteers, educators, industry sponsors, the government and the technology community to promote math excellence among middle school students. The mission of MATHCOUNTS is to increase enthusiasm for and enhance achievement in middle school mathematics throughout the United States.

Maryland MATHCOUNTS is lead 100% by volunteers. There are no paid staff members. We run Chapter Competitions (comprised of various Maryland counties) during February and the Maryland State Competition on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore Homewood Campus).

We can use volunteer help at all of our competitions. If anyone is interested, please have them contact me for the details. I will pass your name onto the Chapter coordinator who will contact you with the volunteering details. We need help in the scoring room, grading room and proctoring. You do not need to know math. We have the answers. We just need organized people. Volunteers are needed for the following competitions:

- **Baltimore/Chesapeake Chapter Competition:** Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm at McDonogh School (8600 McDonogh Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117). Proctors are needed from 8:45 am to 11:45 am. Scoring room volunteers are needed from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. (Contact Joel Oppenheimer)
- **Southern Maryland Chapter Competition:** Saturday, February 2, 2019 (contact: Natalie Cotton at [natalie.cotton@smeco.coop](mailto:natalie.cotton@smeco.coop))
- **Potomac Chapter Competition:** Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 8:30 to 1:30 pm at the University of Maryland, College Park (Reckord Armory). Contact Chris Anderson at [chris.s.anderson.pe@gmail.com](mailto:chris.s.anderson.pe@gmail.com)
- **Frederick Chapter Competition:** Saturday, February 9, 2019 (contact: Mike Swanson at [Mikeswan1200@hotmail.com](mailto:Mikeswan1200@hotmail.com))
- **Annapolis Chapter Competition:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at Anne Arundel Community College. (Contact Kelly Misner at [Kelly.misner@stvinc.com](mailto:Kelly.misner@stvinc.com))
- **Hagerstown Chapter:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 (Contact Dan Matonak at [dan@strengthenengineering.com](mailto:dan@strengthenengineering.com) or Billy Snyder at [billy@strengthenengineering.com](mailto:billy@strengthenengineering.com))
- **Maryland State Competition:** Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Johns Hopkins University Homewood Campus in Baltimore, MD. This one includes a free box lunch for volunteers. Contact Joel Oppenheimer at [joel.oppenheimer@stvinc.com](mailto:joel.oppenheimer@stvinc.com).

Volunteering can include proctoring which begins with the beginning competition time and is done by approximately 11:30 am or noon, helping with grading (we provide answer sheets) and that begins 30 minutes after the competition begins and is usually done by 12 or 12:30 pm and help in the scoring room which is usually done by 1 pm or 1:30 pm but starts a little later (approximately 30 minutes after the competition begins). If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact me for details.

Once again, the Maryland competition is 100% volunteer driven. There are no paid positions including myself. We are all volunteers. By volunteering, we are helping to support excitement in mathematics for middle schoolers. In turn, hopefully many of these mathletes will pursue careers in engineering and mathematics to help our US engineering become stronger and help feed our engineering companies.

Sincerely,

Joel K. Oppenheimer, PE (Maryland State MATHCOUNTS Coordinator)