

# SCIENCE OLYMPIAD EVENTS



# 23 EVENTS – 3 CATEGORIES

- **BUILDS – STUDENTS PRODUCE A PROTOTYPE THAT IS COMPLETE AND TESTED THAT IS BROUGHT TO THE COMPETITION**
- **LABS – STUDENTS PRACTICE BEFORE THE EVENT, AND THEN PERFORM LAB TESTS AT THE COMPETITION TO SOLVE A PROBLEM.**
- **TESTS – STUDENTS TAKE EXAMS ON A TOPIC WITH A PARTNER AND CAN BRING ALONG ‘CHEAT SHEETS’**



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# BUILDS

- **BOOMILEVER**
- **BATTERY BUGGY**
- **THERMODYNAMICS**
- **ELASTIC LAUNCHED GLIDER**
- **ROLLER COASTER**





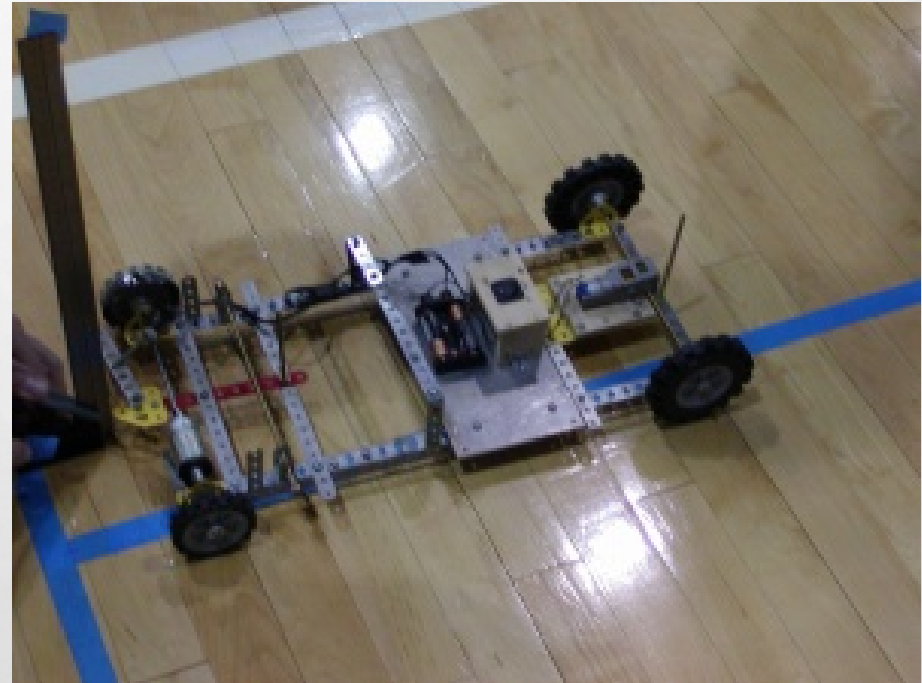
# BOOMILEVER – TEAM OF 2

- **TEAMS WILL DESIGN AND BUILD A BOOMILEVER MEETING REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE RULES SUPPORTING A MINIMUM LOAD AND TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST STRUCTURAL EFFICIENCY.**
- **GOAL IS TO SUPPORT THE MOST WEIGHT BEFORE BREAKING**
- **MADE OF Balsa Wood**



# BATTERY BUGGY – TEAM OF 2

- **TEAMS WILL CONSTRUCT A VEHICLE THAT USES ELECTRICAL ENERGY, TRAVELS A SPECIFIC DISTANCE, AND STOPS AT A GIVEN POINT**
- **BONUS FOR CURVING AND PASSING BETWEEN 2 CANS**



# THERMODYNAMICS – TEAM OF 2

- **TEAMS MUST CONSTRUCT AN INSULATED DEVICE PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT THAT IS DESIGNED TO RETAIN HEAT**
- **MUST FIT IN A 20 CM X 20 CM X 20 CM CUBE**
- **COMPLETE A WRITTEN TEST ON THERMODYNAMIC CONCEPTS.**
- **CAN BRING A 3 RING BINDER FULL OF INFO TO HELP ON THE TEST**





# ELASTIC LAUNCHED GLIDER – TEAM OF 2

- **PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT TEAMS DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, AND TEST ELASTIC LAUNCHED GLIDERS TO ACHIEVE THE MAXIMUM TIME ALOFT.**
- **MUST WEIGH 3.5 GRAMS AND LESS THAN 10.5 GRAMS**
- **WING SPAN LESS THAN 30 CM**
- **CAN BE FROM A KIT OR OWN DESIGN**



# ROLLER COASTER – TEAM OF 2

- **PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION, TEAMS DESIGN, BUILD, AND TEST A ROLLER COASTER TRACK TO GUIDE A BALL OR SPHERE THAT USES GRAVITATIONAL POTENTIAL ENERGY AS ITS SOLE MEANS OF PROPULSION TO TRAVEL AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO A TARGET TIME**
- **ROLLER COASTER MUST FIT IN 50 CM X 50 CM X 60 CM CUBE**





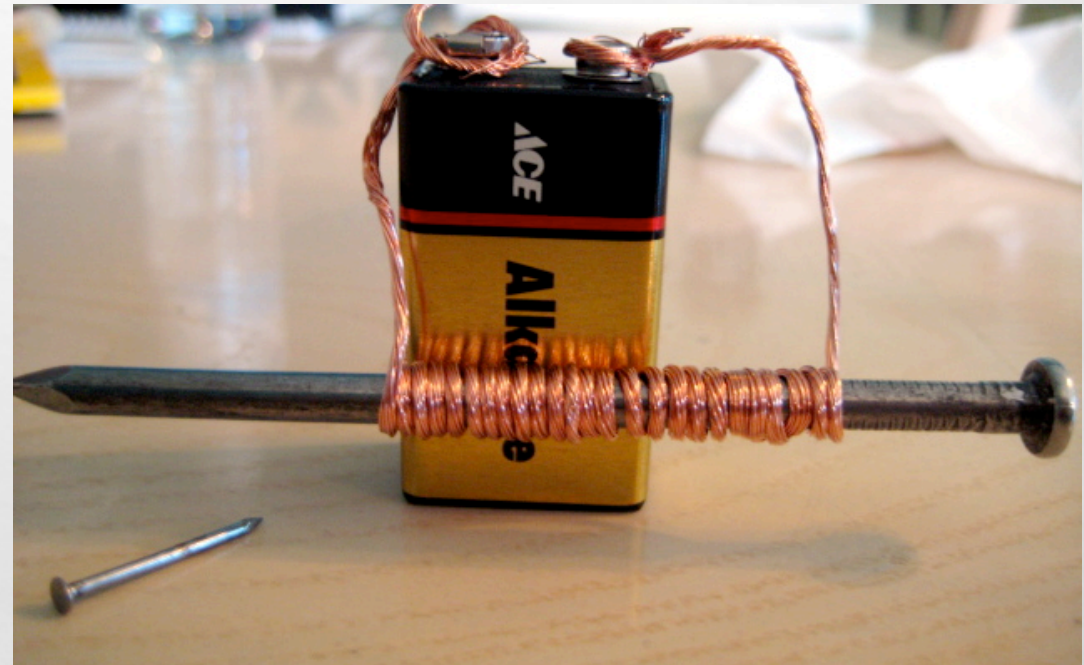
# LABS

- **CIRCUIT LAB**
- **CRIME BUSTERS**
- **DENSITY LAB**
- **EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN**
- **MYSTERY ARCHITECTURE**
- **POTIONS AND POISONS**
- **WRITE IT, DO IT**



# CIRCUIT LAB – TEAM OF 2

- **PARTICIPANTS MUST COMPLETE TASKS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM.**
- **CAN BRING A 3 RING BINDER FOR HELP ON THE TEST**
- **LAB PORTION CONSISTS OF MAKING AN ELECTROMAGNETIC, AND BUILDING DIFFERENT TYPES OF CIRCUITS**



# CRIME BUSTERS – TEAM OF 2

- **GIVEN A SCENARIO, A COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE, AND POSSIBLE SUSPECTS, STUDENTS WILL PERFORM A SERIES OF TESTS THAT ALONG WITH OTHER EVIDENCE WILL BE USED TO SOLVE A CRIME.**
- **MAY BRING DOUBLE SIDED 8 ½ X 11 IN SHEET OF PAPER WITH HELPFUL INFO TO AID IN THE LA**





# DENSITY LAB – TEAM OF 2

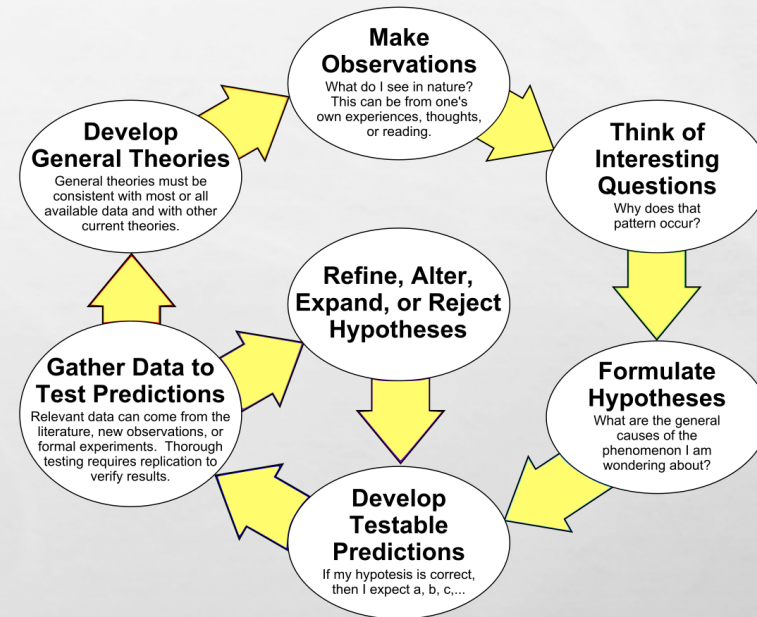
- **PARTICIPANTS COMPETE IN ACTIVITIES AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT MASS, DENSITY, NUMBER DENSITY, AREA DENSITY, CONCENTRATION, PRESSURE AND BUOYANCY.**
- **CAN BRING A 3 RING BINDER WITH HELPFUL INFO AND CALCULATORS**
- **LAB AND TEST PORTION**



# EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN – TEAM OF 3

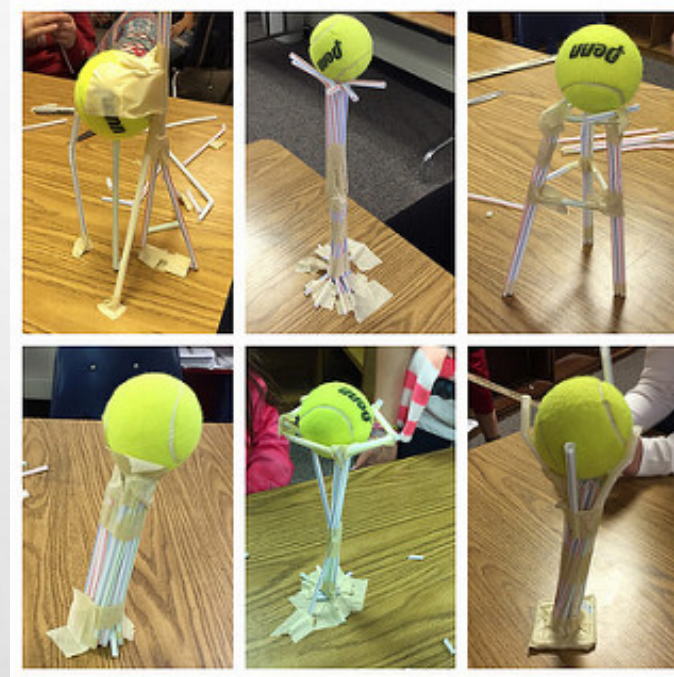
- **THIS EVENT WILL DETERMINE A PARTICIPANT'S ABILITY TO DESIGN, CONDUCT AND REPORT THE FINDINGS OF AN EXPERIMENT CONDUCTED ENTIRELY ON SITE.**
- **QUESTION OR PROBLEM WILL BE GIVEN ON SITE. 20 MINS TO DESIGN THE TEST, 20 MINS TO ANALYZE FINDINGS**

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# MYSTERY ARCHITECTURE – TEAM OF 2

- **AT THE BEGINNING OF THE EVENT, TEAMS WILL BE GIVEN A BAG OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR DESIGNING AND BUILDING A DEVICE THAT CAN BE TESTED.**
- **EACH TEAM MAY BRING 1 PAIR OF SCISSORS, 1 FLAT STANDARD 30 CM (12”) RULER, AND 1 PAIR OF PLIERS.**
- **THE DEVICES TO BE BUILT ARE LIMITED TO AN ELEVATED BRIDGE, CANTILEVER, ARCH OR TUNNEL**





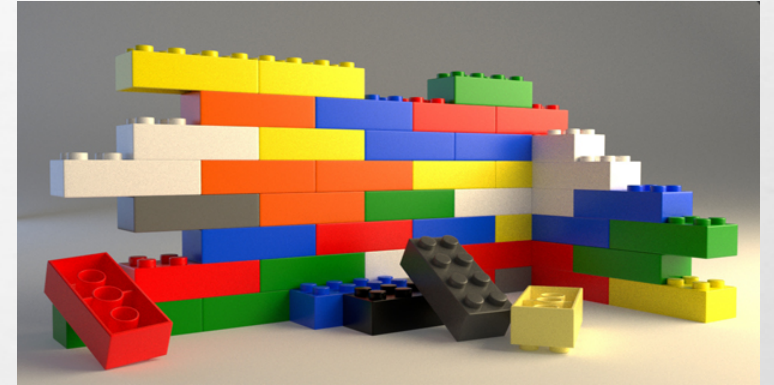
# POTIONS AND POISONS – TEAM OF 2

- **THIS EVENT IS ABOUT CHEMICAL PROPERTIES AND EFFECTS OF SPECIFIED TOXIC AND THERAPEUTIC CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES, WITH A FOCUS ON HOUSEHOLD AND ENVIRONMENTAL TOXINS OR POISONS.**
- **MAY BRING 1 SHEET OF NOTES, AND 2 CALCULATORS**
- **LAB AND TEST PORTIONS**



# WRITE IT, DO IT – TEAM OF 2

- **ONE STUDENT WILL WRITE A DESCRIPTION OF AN OBJECT AND HOW TO BUILD IT, AND THEN THE OTHER STUDENT WILL ATTEMPT TO CONSTRUCT THE OBJECT FROM THIS DESCRIPTION.**
- **25 MINS TO WRITE THE DESCRIPTION, 20 MINS TO BUILD**



# TESTS – WORK IN PARTNERS WITH PAGES OR BINDERS OF NOTES

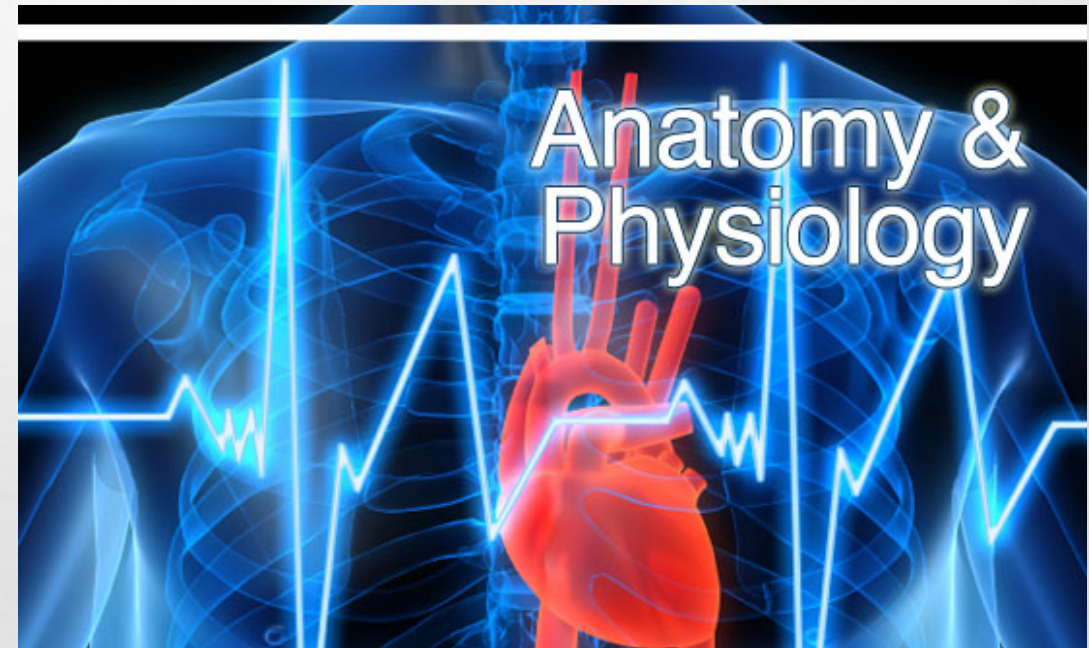
- **ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY**
- **DISEASE DETECTIVES**
- **DYNAMIC PLANET**
- **FOSSILS**
- **CODE BUSTERS**
- **HEREDITY**
- **HERPETOLOGY**
- **METEOROLOGY**
- **ROAD SCHOLAR**
- **SOLAR SYSTEM**
- **WATER QUALITY**





# ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY – TEAM OF 2

- **UNDERSTAND THE ANATOMY OF THE HUMAN BODY SYSTEMS: CARDIOVASCULAR, LYMPHATIC AND EXCRETORY.**
- **8 ½ X 11 SHEET OF NOTES AND 2 CALCULATORS**



# DISEASE DETECTIVES – TEAM OF 2

- **PARTICIPANTS WILL USE INVESTIGATIVE SKILLS IN THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF DISEASE, INJURY, HEALTH AND DISABILITY IN POPULATIONS OR GROUPS OF PEOPLE.**
- **8 ½ X 11 SHEET OF NOTES AND 2 CALCULATORS**





# DYNAMIC PLANET – TEAM OF 2

- **STUDENTS WILL USE PROCESS SKILLS TO COMPLETE TASKS RELATED TO GLACIERS, GLACIATION AND LONG-TERM CLIMATE CHANGE.**
- **4 - 8 ½ X 11 SHEET OF NOTES AND 2 CALCULATORS**





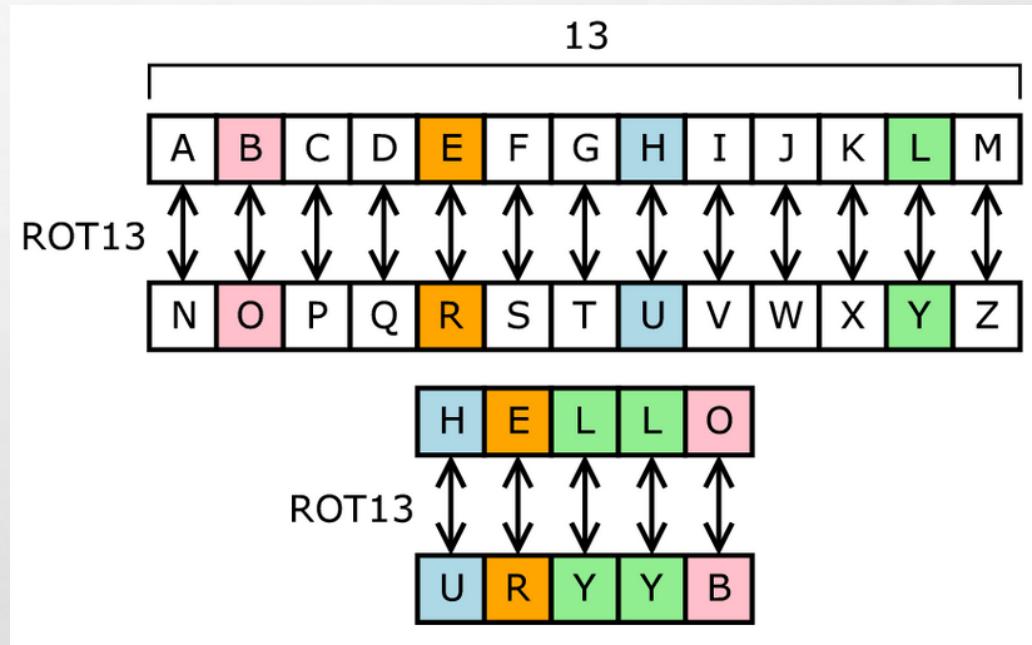
# FOSSILS – TEAM OF 2

- **TEAMS DEMONSTRATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF ANCIENT LIFE BY COMPLETING SELECTED TASKS AT A SERIES OF STATIONS INCLUDING FOSSIL IDENTIFICATION, ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT CLASSIFICATION, HABITAT, ECOLOGIC RELATIONSHIPS, BEHAVIORS, ENVIRONMENTAL ADAPTATIONS AND THE USE OF FOSSILS TO DATE AND CORRELATE ROCK UNITS.**
- **MAY BRING A MAGNIFYING GLASS, A FOSSIL LIST, AND A 3 INCH 3 RING BINDER OF NOTES**



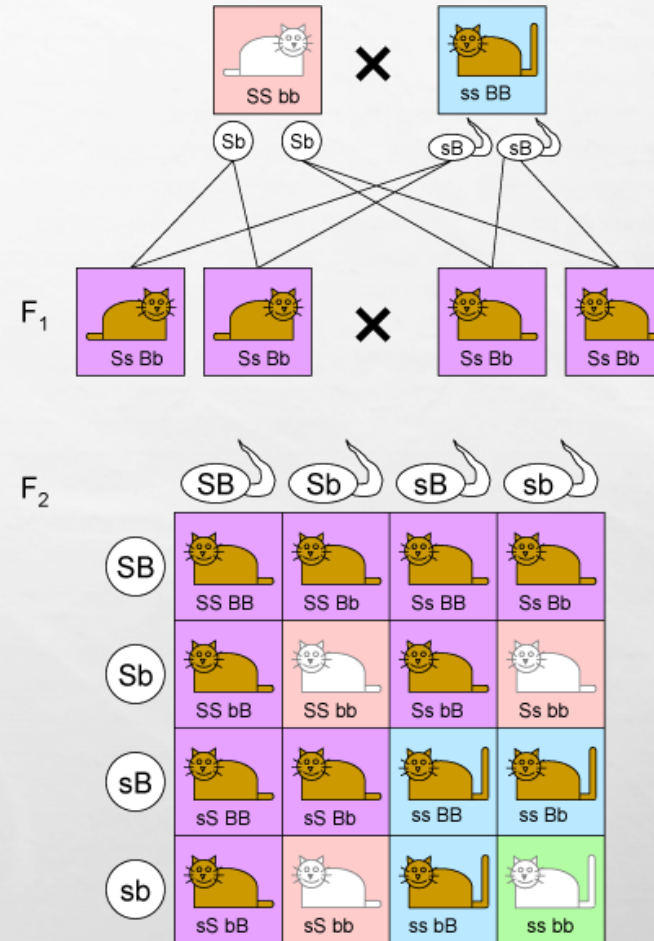
# CODE BUSTERS – TEAM OF 3

- **TEAMS WILL CRYPTANALYZE (DECODE) ENCRYPTED MESSAGES USING CRYPTANALYSIS TECHNIQUES AND SHOW SKILL WITH ADVANCED CIPHERS BY ENCRYPTING OR DECRYPTING A MESSAGE.**
- **MAY BRING CALCULATORS**



# HEREDITY – TEAM OF 2

- **PARTICIPANTS WILL SOLVE PROBLEMS AND ANALYZE DATA OR DIAGRAMS USING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF GENETICS.**
- **MAY BRING 8 ½ X 11 SHEET PAGE OF NOTES AND 2 CALCULATORS**
- **WILL BE RAN AS STATION LAB WITH GENETICS PROBLEMS**





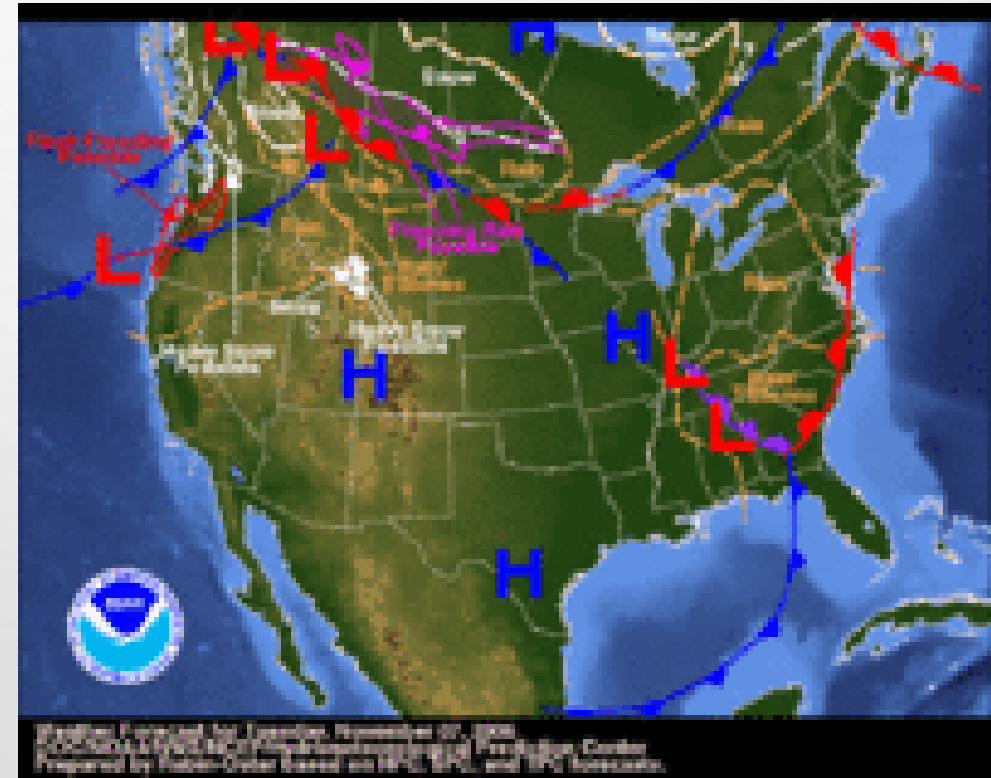
# HERPETOLOGY – TEAM OF 2

- **PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ASSESSED ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES.**
- **MAY BRING 2 INCH 3 RING BINDER OF NOTES AND CHARTS**
- **EACH TEAM MAY BRING ONE 2019 OFFICIAL NATIONAL HERPETOLOGY LIST**



# METEOROLOGY – TEAM OF 2

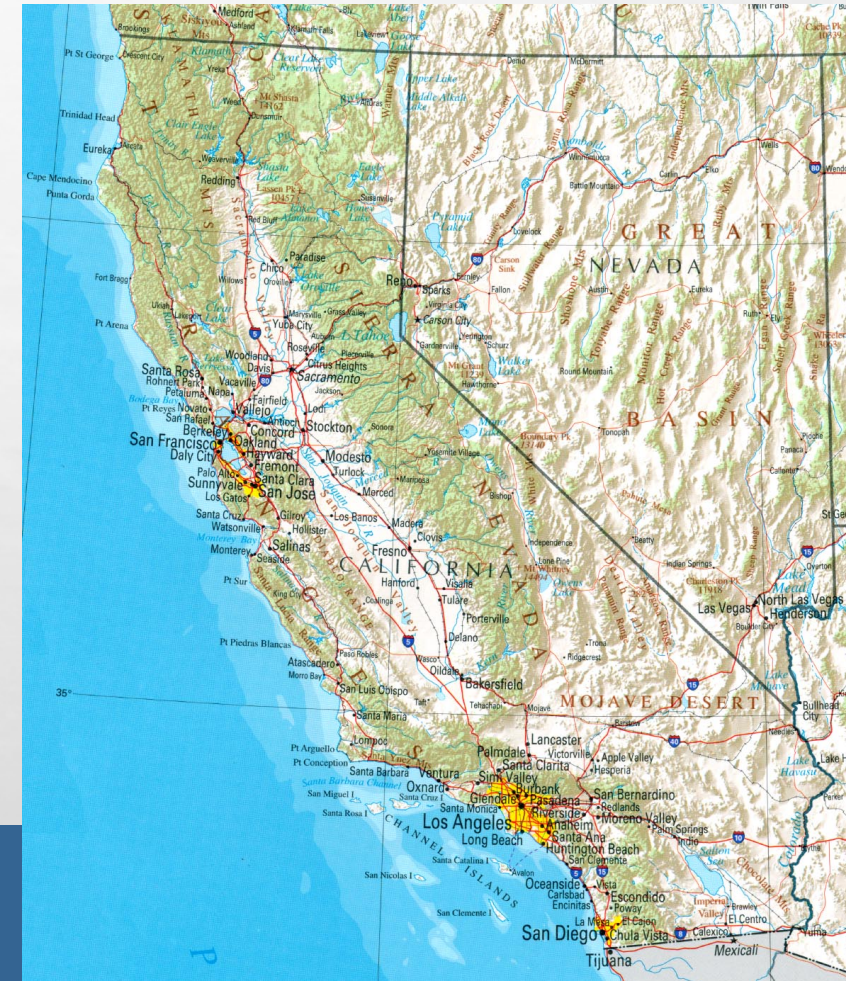
- **THIS EVENT EMPHASIZES UNDERSTANDING OF BASIC METEOROLOGICAL PRINCIPLES WITH EMPHASIS ON ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF METEOROLOGICAL DATA, GRAPHS, CHARTS, AND IMAGES.**





# ROAD SCHOLAR – TEAM OF 2

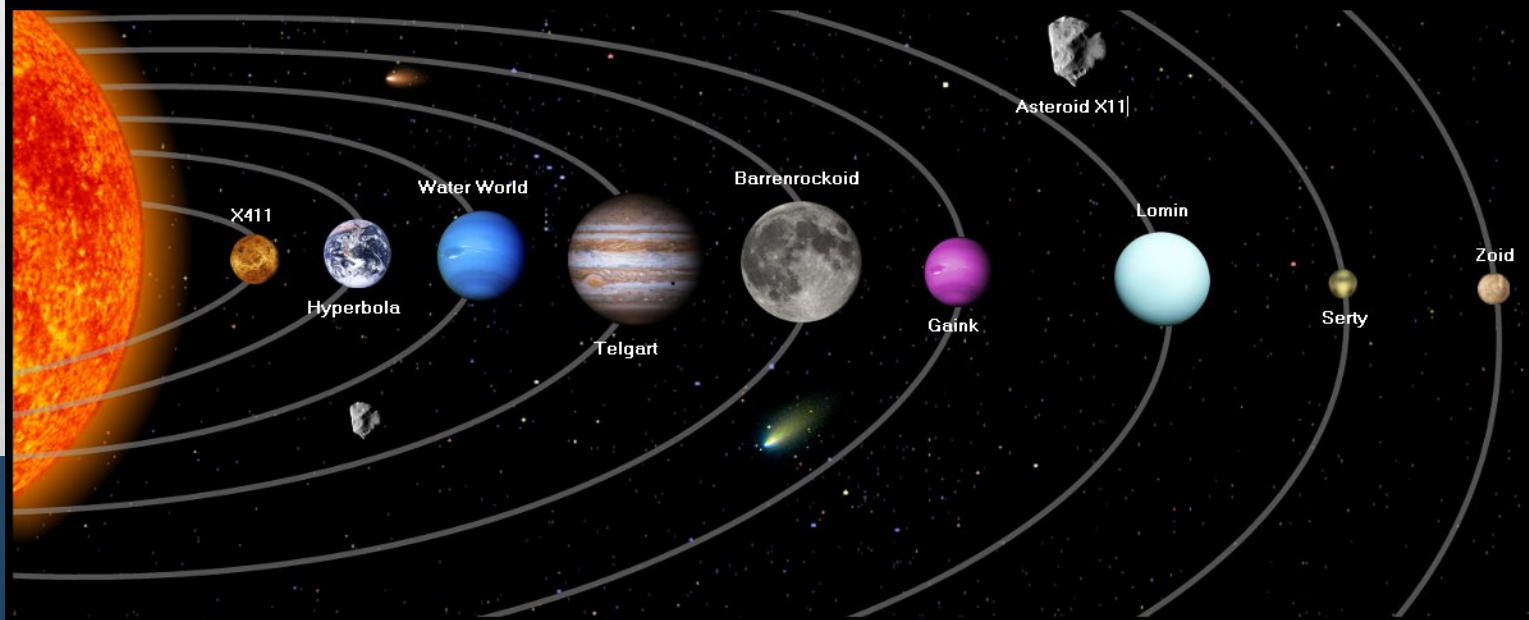
- **PARTICIPANTS WILL ANSWER INTERPRETIVE QUESTIONS THAT MAY USE ONE OR MORE STATE HIGHWAY MAPS, USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS, INTERNET-GENERATED MAPS, A ROAD ATLAS, OR SATELLITE/AERIAL IMAGES.**
- **TEAMS MAY BRING A CALCULATOR, A PROTRACTOR, A RULER, USGS MAP SYMBOL SHEET, COLORED PENCILS, AND A 3 RING BINDER OF RESOURCE MATERIAL.**





# SOLAR SYSTEM – TEAM OF 2

- **PARTICIPANTS WILL DEMONSTRATE AN UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE GEOLOGIC CHARACTERISTICS AND EVOLUTION OF THE EARTH'S MOON AND OTHER ROCKY BODIES OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM.**
- **MAY BRING 2 8 ½ X 11 SHEETS OF NOTES**



# WATER QUALITY – TEAM OF 2

- **PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ASSESSED ON THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND EVALUATION OF AQUATIC ENVIRONMENTS.**
- **INCLUDES FRESHWATER ECOLOGY, IDENTIFYING PLANTS AND INSECTS IN WETLANDS, AND BUILDING AND TESTING A HYDROMETER TO MEASURE SALT CONTENT IN OCEAN WATER**

