



Camarillo Academic Olympics

Information Letter

November 1, 2024

Dear Parents & Students:

Welcome to the 22ND Camarillo Academic Olympics (CAO), co-sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo, Pleasant Valley School District and the City of Camarillo. CAO is a bi-annual community educational program designed to recognize our student scholars for their academic abilities and talents.

CAO is a free program, open to all students from 4th through 8th grade in public and private schools in Camarillo and Somis. Students in grades 6-8 compete in Division I, and those in grades 4-5 are in Division II. Students may compete in up to three subject events.

The subject areas are:

ART

CREATIVE WRITING

MATHEMATICS

U. S. HISTORY

CALIFORNIA HISTORY (4th & 5th
grades only)

WORLD HISTORY (6th, 7th & 8th
grades only)

CURRENT EVENTS GEOGRAPHY

SCIENCE
SPEECH

Students are encouraged to sign up for their desired subject areas (maximum of three) using the online registration form at www.camarilloacademicolympics.org. Parents must also sign the online form giving permission for their student to participate. Once the form is submitted, selections may not be changed, so please review carefully. We hope that every student will participate in at least one subject.

All students competing in Round I competition will receive a certificate of participation. The top students in each division at the school will receive ribbons for first, second, and third place for each subject. These students will then be eligible to participate in the City Preliminaries. From the City Preliminary tests, the six highest-scoring students will be selected to compete in the City Finals in an oral competition staged at City Hall in February. This phase will be broadcast on local television.

The Creative Writing competition involves the writing of an original story based upon story leads provided at the beginning of the competition. Art requires that the students draw a picture of

objects provided by CAO at the beginning of the competition. Students must provide their own pencils. Paper will be provided by CAO. All art and creative writing entries become the property of CAO. Every effort will be made to return them to the students at the end of the competition. Students in the Speech competition must present a speech that they have prepared themselves. Division I (grades 6/7/8) will prepare an Expository (informational or "how to") Speech, and Division II (grades 4/5) will prepare a Storytelling Speech. The same speech must be used throughout all levels of the competition.

Competition in the other subject areas will be based upon a multiple-choice test for the Round I school level. City Preliminary and City Final test questions will be in short answer or fill in the blank format. Questions are drawn from a variety of sources including textbooks, student and teacher input, and classroom tests. The questions are all based upon materials for the grade levels involved.

The following calendar of events is provided for easy reference.

Online Registration October 28-December 6, 2024

Round 1 - School level January 27-31, 2025

City Preliminaries February 10-14, 2025 (at Boys & Girls Club & school sites)

City Finals February 23-27, 2025 (Location be announced at a later date)

Awards Ceremony March 13, 2025 at Monte Vista School Gymnasium

Remember that CAO is for fun and enjoyment. It's far more important that the students participate in a community event than how well they do, so please encourage your child to participate. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mandy McCarthy, CAO Coordinator