



Creekwood Middle School Science Olympiad team wins at regional, advances to state

The Creekwood Middle School Science Olympiad team placed third in the Gulf Coast regional competition hosted by Lone Star College at Cy-Fair. The team will advance to the state tournament at Texas A&M in May. It will be the young team's first time in state competition.

Creekwood Middle School began competing in the Science Olympiad just three years ago. "Each year, we've expanded the number of students who've immersed themselves in the various science topics," said Paul Tagliabue, Creekwood science teacher and coach for Science Olympiad at the school. "We're still relatively new to the program, but our students have shown dedication and enthusiasm, and it is gratifying to see their efforts paying off."

Science Olympiad is a national program designed with rigorous academic competitions balanced between the various science and engineering disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology. Students choose among a variety of events – from written tests and lab practicals to engineering projects.

"It is fun to see the excitement as these students conquer the challenges of building, testing and perfecting a vehicle or become experts about a topic like glaciers or test their deductive reasoning skills," Mr. Tagliabue added.

At the regional tournament, Creekwood competed against 13 other teams from a number of school districts in the greater Houston area. The team earned medals in eight Science Olympiad events:

1st place: Boomilever – Tyson Butterfield and Heather Turner

1st place: Dynamic Planet – Ian Padhye

1st place: Heredity – Ian Padhye

1st place: Write it Do it – Maggie Pritchett and Elizabeth Campbell

2nd place: Picture This – Tyson Butterfield, Emily Grantham and Heather Turner

2nd place: We've Got Your Number – Lucien Maloney and Ian Padhye

3rd place: Metric Mastery – Lucien Maloney

3rd place: Road Scholar – Tyson Butterfield and Lorrie Pritchett

On May 3rd, they will join veteran team Riverwood Middle School and 28 other teams from around Texas for the state finals.