

COMAP ANNOUNCES THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL
HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICAL CONTEST IN MODELING

HIMCM

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The contest offers students the opportunity to compete in a team setting using applied mathematics in the solving of real-world problems.

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Dear Colleague:

I would like to invite your school's participation in COMAP's Eleventh Annual High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling (HiMCM). The HiMCM is designed to provide students with an opportunity to work as a team in a contest that will stimulate and improve their mathematical problem-solving proficiency as well as develop their writing skills.

The competition takes place with teams consisting of up to, but no more than, four students working on a real-world problem in a consecutive thirty-six-hour period between November 7 and 24, 2008. Teams are allowed to work on the contest problem at any local facility. Each team has a faculty advisor to guide them and submit their work. Papers are submitted to COMAP for judging by a panel of mathematics educators.

I wish to encourage the teachers and students at your school to form a team or teams. More data is in this flyer, and further detailed information is online at www.himcm.org. Teams must be registered by 2 PM EST on November 7, 2008. I look forward to your participation in this exciting and challenging adventure.

Best wishes,



William Fox
Contest Director

The High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling is open to all secondary schools. This flyer presents an overview of the contest. Detailed information is available online at: www.himcm.org

CONTEST FEES: \$75 per team. Fees must be paid at online registration.

Please register only the teams that will take part in the contest. Registration fees are not refundable.

Contest Date and Time: The 2008 contest must be accomplished at a local facility, during a thirty-six-hour consecutive time period starting anytime after 3:01 PM EST on Friday, November 7 and ending at 8:00 PM EST on Monday, November 24, 2008.

Faculty advisors must ensure that no alterations of any form are made after the 8:00 PM cutoff. All papers must be received at COMAP by Tuesday, December 3, 2008.

The Contest Materials: The contest Website contains all the guidelines, requirements, registration, judging criteria, and suggested procedures for the submission of solution papers, including step-by-step instructions.

No materials will be available in any other form.

On Friday, November 7 at 3:00 PM EST, the contest problems will be posted on the contest Website.

The Role of Advisors: The advisor informs students about this competition and encourages the formation of teams.

Advisors guide and rehearse the team(s) prior to the beginning of the competition.

During the competition, students are expected to develop all of the substantive analysis without the help of others. Advisors ensure that students have access to computers and graphing calculators.

Advisors distribute guardian consent forms and have them signed prior to the contest.

Registration of Teams: All teams must register online on or before November 7, 2008 at 2:00 PM EST.

Each team may consist of up to four students who are enrolled in school at the time of the contest.

There is no limit to the number of teams an advisor can sponsor.

Team members do not need to be named at the time of registration, but they must be determined before the contest problems are read.

The Contest Problems: Teams will choose one of two modeling problems that will be posted on the Website at 3:00PM EST on Friday, November 7, 2008.

Data, if needed, will be attached to the problem, or available on the Website.

Sample problems from other years are available online at: www.himcm.org

The Report: Participants may use all the technology available such as computers, libraries, software packages, Internet, or any other inanimate sources.

Problems are designed to be open-ended and are unlikely to have a unique solution.

Attention must be focused on clarity, analysis, and design of the solution. The narrative section of the solution papers must be typed and in English. Partial solutions are acceptable. Three hard copies of each paper must be submitted along with an electronic version. Please enclose a CD-ROM with a PDF or Word file of your solution paper.

Results: Judging will be completed in January, 2009.

The solutions will be recognized as Successful Participant, Honorable Mention, Meritorious, or Outstanding.

The results will be posted on COMAP's Website after February 1, 2009.

Certificates and a press release will be mailed in February 2009.

All successful participants will receive a certificate.

Outstanding teams will have their solution papers published in *Consortium*. For detailed information on all of the above, please go to the HiMCM Website at: www.himcm.org

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