



February 2, 2012

Dear Teacher,

We are pleased that your school will participate in Math Field Day 2012 and look forward to seeing you and your students on Tuesday, March 6th. The information below should make the experience enjoyable and successful.

- This year you will be registering your students online at <http://www.math.siu.edu/MFD/math-day.html> . Click the online registration link to enter students' names. The site is set up so that you will be able to see whom you have entered and you may edit your students' names or change names at any time. This site will stay active until Thursday, March 1st. (You will be able to see your students' numbers as you assign students.)
- To enter data you must know your school code and pin. Your code number is «Code». Your pin is «Pin».
- On the day of the test, have each student bring his/her number on a 3 x 5 card to enter it on his/her score sheet. **One of the biggest headaches is having students enter incorrect data!**
Note: The computer discards a student's score if this number is not entered correctly on the examination answer sheet or if more than one student uses the same number.
- You may enter up to nine students in any one grade.
- Students should be at the south doors of the SIUC Arena about 9:15 a.m. so that all students can be seated before we begin distributing exam materials at 9:45 a.m. The examination will last from 10:00 to noon.
- **NEW POLICY:** Please encourage your students to stay the entire time and to look over questions again. Sometimes an idea will come to you after some time is spent on a problem. **Students may not leave before 11 a.m.**
- Pencils will not be furnished. Each student should bring a supply of pencils with #2 lead.
- Pocket calculators **CANNOT** be used.
- No cell phones or electronic devices allowed!

The examination will consist of 60-70 multiple-choice questions. The score is the number correct minus one-fourth the number wrong. Discourage your students from random guessing. The team score for each grade in your school will be the total of the top three students in that grade. Team certificates will be awarded for Division A, Division AA, and Division AAA schools. For the purposes of determining the winning school in each division, the "school team" will be counted as the highest scoring three students from each of grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. A trophy will be awarded to the winning school in each division and medals to the 12 individuals counted as the "school team". Individual certificates will be awarded overall rather than by divisions.

Buses and cars may be parked free in the Arena parking lot that can be reached by an access road off U.S. Route 51 south of the campus. There is also a pay parking lot across the street from the Student Center. Free parking is available in Lot 56 for those not riding in the buses. (Lot 18, immediately south of the Arena is a decaled lot. A Conference Parking Permit would be required for parking there).

The Teachers' Program will be in the E.T. and Katy Simond's Lounge located in the Engineering Building across the street from the Arena on the corner of Lincoln and Douglas Drives (see attached map), and will begin at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be available at 9:30 a.m.

The students will be free from noon until the award ceremony at 2:00 p.m. Students may buy lunch at the Student Center food court. The awards program will be held in the Arena at 2 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you in March. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail us at Mathfd@siu.edu. Good luck!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Pericak-Spector". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathy" being the most prominent.

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Attachments