



October 10, 2014

Dear Scholars' Bowl Coach:

The Thompson Middle School Scholars' Bowl team and sponsors would like to invite you to participate in the Thompson Middle School Invitational on Saturday, December 13, at Thompson Middle School in Alabaster. This tournament will be for teams made up of students in grades 6–8.

We will offer 2 divisions, a middle school division for teams of 6th–8th graders and a 6th grade division for teams composed of only 6th grade students. All students on a team must be from the same school. Multiple teams are welcome from each school. We can accommodate up to 24 teams and plan to play round robin within divisions. The top two or three teams from pool will advance to the playoff rounds. We will guarantee all teams at least 5 matches.

Registration will be from 8:00 – 8:30 am and we will have a coaches meeting at 8:35. Pools will be established by random drawing during registration. We hope to begin play by 8:45. We plan to play five or six preliminary rounds, but this depends on the number of teams registered. We will play all preliminary rounds, have a short break for lunch (we will have pizza available for purchase), then resume with semi-finals and finals. We will award trophies for winners and runners up in each division.

We will be selling food and beverage items including soft drinks, snacks, and pizza throughout the competition. Approximately 1 week prior to the tournament, we will send a list of participating teams, tentative play schedule, and a list of local restaurants to all sponsors.

The questions will be ordered from either NAQT or Questions Galore. I will be able to let coaches know which question provider will be used shortly. The rounds will follow current ASCA format. All readers will be adults and will be familiar with the rules and questions prior to the start of play. At the end of the preliminary rounds, each school will receive a copy of the questions used in those rounds.

The registration fee is \$60.00 for the first team and \$50 for each additional team and is non-refundable. You may receive a \$5.00 discount per team for bringing a set of working buzzers, with a maximum of 2 buzzer discounts per school.

The registration form is due (email, fax, or mail) by Tuesday, November 25. You may mail your check anytime before the tournament. All funds raised support the TMS Scholars Bowl Team.

For more information, contact Suzanne Lee at:

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School Phone - 205-685-8100 School Fax – 205-685-0446

We look forward to hearing from you and providing your team with a great tournament experience at Thompson Middle School.

**Thompson Middle School Invitational
December 13, 2014
Registration Form**

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone: _____ School Fax: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Secondary Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1st Team @ \$60 \$60.00

Coach's Name: _____ Cell Number: _____

Division (Circle Preference)

6-8 6th Grade

2nd Team @ \$50 \$50.00

Coach's Name: _____ Cell Number: _____

Division (Circle Preference)

6-8 6th Grade

3rd Team @ \$50 \$50.00

Coach's Name: _____ Cell Number: _____

Division (Circle Preference)

6-8 6th Grade

Buzzer Discounts (max 2) _____ @ \$ 5 = _____

Total Due = _____

Mail Payments to:
Thompson Middle School
1509 Kent Dairy Road
Alabaster, Alabama 35007
Attn: Suzanne Lee
Checks should be payable to Thompson Middle School