SECME 2020-2021 Regional Competition
FAQ's

1. Where do I go to register for the Regional Competition held at UCF?
Please go to http://stem.ucf.edu/secme-registration/ to create your account. Upon logging in, you must update the "User Profile" and "Register Students & Teams" in order to successfully register for the SECME Regional Competition. You may create your individual SECME teams at a later date (see #5).

2. When is the registration deadline?
The registration deadline is Thursday, January 14th. There is no late registration window.

3. Do I need to register with the National Office?
Yes, all participating schools must register (or update their registration) with the National Office no later than January 11th. If your students compete in a national event (Essay, Water Rocket, Mousetrap Car) and win at the regional level but you have not registered with the National Office, they will not be eligible to move forward and compete nationally. Additionally, students will not be eligible for scholarships if they are not registered with the National Office. Please go to http://secmeinc.wixsite.com/secme to register your students for this year.

4. How many students may I bring to the competition at UCF?
Due to campus restrictions related to the ongoing pandemic, students will not be competing on campus this year. Therefore, there is no limit to the number of students you may have on your SECME team. Please keep in mind there are still limits on teams per school for each individual event (visit our guidelines page for details).

5. What if I don't know my team/student names yet?
We understand that some schools/districts will be hosting their own "qualifying" competitions at a later date and while you may know how many students will be attending the competition, you don't know the exact names yet. For this reason, all team/student names are due in our system by midnight on January 19th.

6. How much does it cost to attend the competition at UCF? When are fees due?
Because we will not be hosting students on campus this year, there is no fee for students to participate.

7. How many events can my students participate in?
Because we will not be hosting students on campus this year, there is no limit to the number of events that each student can participate in. Please keep in mind there are still limits on teams per school for each individual event (visit our guidelines page for details).

8. Our school wants to participate in the Banner competition. Do I have to enter all of the student names when creating the team?
No. This is the only event that does not require student names to be entered. However, you must be sure to add the banner team to the registration if you would like to participate.

9. If my students want to participate in the Math competition, do I have to add the math team(s) to my registration?
The Math competition is CANCELLED for this year.

10. Are any other events cancelled this year?
The Egg Drop competition is CANCELLED for this year. We strongly encourage schools to host their own egg drop competitions and send us their top two team scores. We will post the scores on our website, but will not announce a winner.

11. Can I make changes to my teams after I click "Finalize"?
No. Once you click "Finalize", you will no longer be able to make changes. Any entries that you make prior to finalizing your teams will automatically be saved. If you need to make an emergency name change after your teams have been finalized, please email the coordinator at Renee.Johnston@ucf.edu

12. If students are not allowed to be on campus for the competition, how will the events take place?

Essay – All essays/vision boards will be submitted online (in PDF format)
Mousetrap Car – All components will be submitted online (see National Guidelines for virtual format rules and scoring)
Water Rocketry – Reports and Powerpoints will be submitted online; patch, drawing, and rocket will be turned in to the iSTEM office. Judges will launch the rockets on February 13th to determine hang times.

Banner – Online submission
Bridge – Bridges will be turned in to the iSTEM office. Judges will break the bridges on February 13th to determine winners.
Codecraft Computer Programming – Online submission (see guidelines)
Egg Drop – CANCELLED – Please host your own competition and submit your top two team scores to be posted on our website.
Energy Transfer Machine – Online submission (see guidelines)
Glider – Online video submission
Math – CANCELLED
Poster – Online submission

13. When are the above items due?

- Codecraft Computer Programming submissions are due by midnight on January 25th. Please view guidelines for submission details. Staff may not be available after 4pm for consultation on technical/loading issues.
- Energy Transfer Machine video submissions are due by 5pm on February 4th. Please view guidelines for submission details.
- National event components are due:
  - Online components by January 27th. Details for submission to come.
  - Teacher in-person drop-off of items by February 4th. Details for staggered drop-off to come.
- All other local event components (Banner, Bridge, Glider, Poster) are due:
  - Online components by February 4th. Details for submission to come.
  - Teacher in-person drop-off of items by February 4th. Details for staggered drop-off to come.

14. When can I pick-up the items that are submitted in person (i.e. patch, rocket, bridge)?

We will provide a designated time/location for items to be picked up on February 13th. ANY representative from the school/team may pick up the items. Items will be disposed of if not picked up on February 13th.

15. Will you announce winners for each of the competitions?

Yes, we will announce the winners for each competition and post the information on our website. Because we are not collecting fees this year, we will not be able to distribute trophies and medals. Winning teams/students will receive certificates.