

## **Help for New Sponsors**

### **GETTING READY TO COMPETE**

- **Get your school registered for the season in October.**
- **Register for competitions early (typically more than 2 weeks ahead of time).**
- **Get NCS 19641(or equivalent, but not scantron) bubble-in forms.**
- **Have two or more sharp pencils for each student.**

### **OVERALL**

- **FAMAT has divided Florida into 5 Regions to minimize driving time/distance for Regional Competitions. All 5 Regional competitions are held simultaneously. Regional competitions are typically 1½ hours or less from your school.**
- **The first competition is the Fall Interschool test held in November. It will be available to download from [www.floridamao.org](http://www.floridamao.org) under the downloads link.**
- **The first Individual competition of the season is called the Hiller/Nunn/Dostal Test. It is held in December. All FAMAT students take it on the same day at their school and the sponsor mails-in the NCS bubble-in forms.**
- **In winter, expect a monthly Regional and State-wide competition. Everyone is invited to attend these competitions which are held at schools. Whereas Regionals are held nearby, Statewide Competitions are held at one location anywhere in Florida.**
- **In April, the Florida state convention is held at the Doubletree Hotel in Orlando. All FAMAT High Schools are invited to attend.**

### **STRONG MATH TEAMS**

- **Over 150 Florida schools have math teams competing in various FAMAT competitions across the state.**
- **Florida has very active and strong competitions.**
- **Many students practice previous tests that are located on [www.floridamao.org](http://www.floridamao.org) and then click on test bank.**
- **Many schools offer year long courses that incorporate competition questions throughout.**

### **AT THE COMPETITIONS**

- **You'll have a lot of fun. Other sponsors are very helpful. Food is provided for sponsors.**
- **Your students will have a lot of fun. They'll meet lots of other kids that are nice and smart just like them.**
- **Most schools come in buses**

- **You'll go out to lunch at a mall or fast-food restaurant. Maps and directions are usually provided.**
- **Regional competitions have 20 or more schools competing across 6 divisions (400 to 1000 students). Get there by 8:00 a.m. and expect to leave at about 3:00 p.m.**
- **Statewide competitions have 30 or more schools competing across 6 divisions (1000 or more students). Get there by 8:00 a.m. and expect to leave at about 3:30 p.m..**

### **AFTER A COMPETITION**

- **Expect to be challenged by some of the competition questions**
- **Sponsors will receive a folder that includes both team and individual standings in the competition, at the discretion of the host school. Sponsors may also bring a flash drive with them and ask that the results be copied to the flash drive.**
- **Results will be posted at the FAMAT website shortly after the competition. Many times students will access this on the trip home via laptops or smart phones that can read PDF files.**