

Dear MATHCOUNTS Parent,

Congratulations on your child's success at his/her 2010 MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competition. Your child will represent your area's chapter at the State Competition March 12 and 13 at the Radisson Conference Center in Plymouth.

Approximately 120 sixth, seventh and eighth grade math students from all over Minnesota will compete for the State title. The top four winners from the State Meet go on to compete in the National Competition in Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida, May 6 to 9. MATHCOUNTS pays all travel accommodations for that trip. You can find information about the competition on our website (www.mathcountsmn.org), including the schedule of events. Winners of the Chapter and State meets are posted on the website after their chapter competitions are completed.

All necessary hotel room and meal arrangements for your child, including costs, will be provided by the State MATHCOUNTS program. Travel arrangements will be made by your child's teacher-coach. MATHCOUNTS invites your family to join us at the competition. The only part of the actual competition that is open to the public is the Countdown Round in the Regency Room on the hotel's main level at about 1 p.m. on Saturday. Winners of the competition will be announced and awards presented immediately after the Countdown Round.

Guest Reservations

The Radisson is extending a special MATHCOUNTS rate of \$81 a night plus tax to parents. You will need to make your reservations directly with the Radisson Conference Center (763-559-6600 or 1-888-201-1718). Ask for the MATHCOUNTS rate at this time.

We strongly encourage your child to room with other students as meeting participants from other schools is part of the competition experience. If your child decides to stay with you in your hotel room, please let his or her teacher know this as soon as possible. *Registration deadlines for coaches registering students for the State Meet is Wednesday, Feb. 24, and changes to room assignments cannot be made after that date.*

If your student decides to room with you, MATHCOUNTS does not reimburse you for the room.

Once we assign students to rooms, it is very difficult if they switch plans on us. Students are assigned to rooms with others of their team who are of the same sex. Students are usually assigned three or four to a room if all three or four are on the same team and the same sex. Two team members may be assigned to room with two team members from another school. One individual from a school will be assigned to a room with only one other student. Coaches are placed near their students rooms and there are plenty of adult supervision at the hotel.

Student Meals

Meals provided for your child include a Friday evening buffet and ice cream social, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Because of space and costs consideration, these meals are only open to the student participants and their coaches. There is a restaurant at the hotel for guests as well as other restaurants near the hotel.

MATHCOUNTS Sweatshirts

We will be selling Minnesota MATHCOUNTS hooded sweatshirts at the competition for \$25. They can also be ordered online on the [MATHCOUNTS website](http://www.mathcountsmn.org).

Donations

Minnesota MATHCOUNTS is a nonprofit organization that is privately funded by area companies and foundations. We do have a secure online donation capability on our website and would welcome a donation. Your donation could allow other students to have the same positive experience as your child at the State Meet.

If you have any questions on the arrangements for the State Competition, please call your Chapter Coordinator, your child's coach/teacher, or me at the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers, 651-457-2347. Email: katie@mathcountsmn.org. Once again, congratulations on your Mathlete's success, and we hope to see you at the State Competition March 12 and 13.

Katie Jamieson, MATHCOUNTS State Committee