SECME 2016-2017 Regional Competition
FAQ’s

1. Where do I go to register for the Regional Competition held at UCF?
   Please go to http://istem.cecs.ucf.edu/secme/default.aspx and login at the bottom of the page. You may update your information from last year or create a new account.

2. Do I need to register with the National Office?
   Yes, all participating schools must register with the National Office. 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.

3. How many students may I bring to the competition at UCF?
   Due to the large number of schools participating, you may bring 15 students. If you have more than 15 students in your SECME club/class, we suggest holding your own competition first and then sending your top 15 students to compete.

4. 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 by January 24th.

5. How much does it cost to attend the competition at UCF? When are fees due?
   Schools who register by December 22nd qualify for Early Bird pricing - $15 per student. Schools who register after December 22nd will be charged Regular pricing - $20 per student. Fees will cover lunch for the students on the day of the event. ALL fees (Early Bird and Regular) are due by 5pm on January 13th. No exceptions will be made, so please make necessary arrangements with your school/county ahead of time. Payment information is available upon logging in to your account.

6. What if I registered less than 15 students prior to the Early Bird deadline (Dec. 22), but I need to register additional students after the 22nd. Do I still get Early Bird pricing?
   No. Any students registered after the 22nd will be charged $20 to attend. Please also keep in mind that once a check has been deposited, we cannot give refunds. It is important that your student numbers are accurate when registering.

7. How many events can my students participate in?
   Students may participate in up to 3 events on the day of the competition. Essay, Poster, Math, and Codecraft Computer Programming do not count towards the 3 events.

8. Are there any shortcuts that can make entering student names easier?
   Yes. Go to your browser settings and allow your browser to remember your search and form history. This will enable “autofill” when entering your student names.

9. When is the Regional Competition?
   Saturday, February 11th, 2017

10. Is anything due prior to February 11th?
    - Essays, patch designs, and technical reports are due by 4pm on January 30th.
    - Codecraft Computer Programming submissions are due by midnight on January 30th. Please view guidelines for submission details. Staff will not be available after 4pm for consultation on technical/loading issues.
    - Energy Transfer Machine video submissions are due by 5pm on February 7th. Please view guidelines for submission details.
    - Note - Technical drawings are due the day of the competition.
11. Please read - Exciting opportunity from Codecraft Computer Programming!!

Codecraft Lab heard your concerns about the additional cost for those students who want to participate in the Codecraft Computer Programming Competition (CCPC). For those who were interested in participating, please read the following message from Codecraft Lab:

Thank you for your interest in having your SECME club participate in the SECME Codecraft Computer Programming Competition (CCPC)!

Use the link below and fill out the competition registration application to register your SECME CCPC competition team.

After your team registration is complete, the coach will receive free access to an 8-lesson crash course on coding designed specifically for SECME Codecraft Clubs. This course will serve as an introduction to computer programming and a way to prepare your team successfully for the CCPC.

Registration form: https://goo.gl/forms/MRraN2G78eKGt8ED3

If you have any questions or concerns, please email competition@codecraftlab.org

**Please note the additional details for the Codecraft Computer Programming Competition:

- First place winners will be notified ahead of time and given the opportunity to present their submission during the Regional Competition at UCF. Presentations will take place from 12:30-1:30. This does not count towards a student’s 3 event maximum if he/she is participating in other events. All SECME students/parents are welcome to attend the presentations.
- **If you have a student who is participating in CCPC and CCPC ONLY** (they are not competing in other events):
  - Students are not required to attend the day of the event. However, if you choose to bring your CCPC students to the event, they will also have to pay the registration fee ($15/$20).
  - CCPC ONLY students will not count towards your 15 student maximum count, even if they attend the day of. Please notify Renee.Sackett@ucf.edu if your CCPC ONLY students will push your number of attending students over the 15 student max.