

MATH OLYMPIAD

2006 winner —FRONT T-shirt Design—Libby Ramsey

Libby Ramsey won the t-shirt design contest for her idea that was used on the front of the Math Olympiad t-shirts. She made up a clever design using factorials and Mastercard:

*1 math shirt: 10 dollars;
12 math shirts: 5! dollars.
Understanding Factorials: Priceless.
Some things in life aren't important,
for everything else there's mathematics.*



When Libby made the T-shirt, she was a student at Meridian Park, her teacher was Mr. Simpson and her math team coach was Nimmy Gnanapragasam. She has since moved on to middle school and will be doing math club again this year.

Libby says that math is her favorite subject and she really likes factorials. She also likes probability and coordinate graphing. She LOVES going to math contests and hopes to go to as many as possible this year.

Libby goes to a lot of math contests. At the "Math Is Cool" competition her team placed sixth for Western Washington; at the Washington State Math Competition in Blaine her team earned 10th place; and at the city competition for Shoreline School District she received 9th place and her team came in first. At the WSMC Math Olympiad, her team received two medals...the best you can get.

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BACK T-shirt Design — Dylan Gustafson & Brian Webster

These two boys are wearing their Math Olympiad t-shirts backwards! That's because their design was selected to be used on the back of this year's shirt. Dylan Gustafson and Brian Webster study mathematics together and practice for the Math Olympiad on a fifth grade team coached by Katy Gustafson. They both like art as well as math and thought it would be fun to enter a design for the t-shirt contest. They were very excited when they found out that they won. This is the first year the boys competed in the Math Olympiad.



Dylan, age 11, is home-schooled in Edmonds and Brian, age 10, attends Madrona School in Edmonds. Both boys love math, art, skiing and Japanese.

Announcing the WSMC Middle School MATH OLYMPIAD for 2007.

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2007

Location: Many sites across the state

Time: 8:00 to 2:30 with some variation depending on the site.

It's time to gear up for the next MATH OLYMPIAD. This is a contest for 5th – 8th grade teams to come flex their math muscles. The contest has two sessions: session 1 - a one hour significant problem, and session 2 – five twenty minute quizzes in each of the content areas number sense, measurement, geometric sense, probability and statistic, and algebraic reasoning. Teams compete against themselves for ribbons and medals – what matters is how many points the team accumulates, not how the team compares with other teams at the site.

Registration will take place on-line from January 1, 2006 until March 15, 2007. Go on-line to www.wsmc.net, get to the contests page, and follow the link to WSMC Middle School Math Olympiad. Get your information on registration, site locations, coaching, format, rules, and study at the website. Have other questions? Contact the state coordinator Elly Claus-McGahan at email: matholympiad@sound-decisions.org or phone: 253-219-9129, please do leave a message if I don't pick up.

Announcing the WSMC Middle School MATH OLYMPIAD T-Shirt Contest

Designs due: February 28, 2007

Each year we have a design contest for the Math Olympiad T-shirt. Last year we had two separate designs for front and back done white on a green t-shirt – see picture. They are being worn around the state. The winner or winners receive a small prize, a congratulatory letter, and a copy of the issue of *Washington Mathematics*, the journal of the WSMC, containing an article about the winner(s) and the design(s). Inspire some mathematical creativity!

Have your students submit their designs through you to: Elly Claus-McGahan, State Coordinator WSMC Math Olympiad, 4301 N. Frace St., Tacoma, WA 98407.