

## Contest Rules

NO PURCHASE IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING. ALL FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND MUNICIPAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS APPLY. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED.

### 1. Eligibility

The Computation Moonshot (the "Contest") is open to all high schools and their students in the fifty (50) United States and the District of Columbia.

### 2. Sponsor

The Contest is sponsored by The Science Commons Initiative Inc, located at 16192 Coastal Hwy, Lewes, Delaware 19958.

### 3. Agreement to Official Rules

Participation in the Contest constitutes entrant's full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of these Official Rules, and the decisions of the Sponsor, which are final and binding. Winning a prize is contingent upon being compliant with these Official Rules and fulfilling all other requirements set forth herein.

### 4. Contest Period

The Contest begins on March 25, 2024 at 12:00am EST and ends on May 07, 2024 at 12:00am EST (the "Contest Period"). Entries that are submitted before or after the Contest Period will be disqualified. Submissions will be accepted for the duration of the Contest using any of the following methods:

Online

### 5. How to Enter

Online: This method of entry will be available by visiting our website ([https://computationmoonshot.org/?page\\_id=29](https://computationmoonshot.org/?page_id=29)) and following the directions provided to fill out the entry information, and submit.

Limit one (1) entry per high school for the duration of the Contest Period.

### 6. This Round's BOINC Project

The BOINC project for the Competition will be World Community Grid

### 7. Prize

On or about May 13, 2024, the Sponsor will select potential winners based on the three winning categories:

1. School Team with the most active contributors

whereby an active contributor is defined as one which has contributed computation cycles to the round's BOINC project within the competition's contest period

2. School team with the most credits

whereby credits are allocated by the round's BOINC project, and the contest participant acknowledges that credits allocation is dependent entirely on the round's BOINC project's processes

3. School team with the highest ratio of active contributors to students

whereby an active contributor is defined as one which has contributed computation cycles to the round's BOINC project within the competition's contest period

The Sponsor will attempt to notify the potential winner via telephone or email on or about May 14, 2024. If the potential winner cannot be contacted within five (5) days after the date of the first attempt to contact him/her, the Sponsor may select an alternate potential winner in his/her place at random from the remaining non-winning, eligible entries.

### **8. Winner Notification**

The potential winners will be notified by email, mail or phone. Each potential winner (parent/legal guardian if a minor in his/her state of residence) will be required to complete, electronically sign and submit a Declaration of Compliance within five (5) days of the date notice or attempted notice is sent, in order to claim his/her prize. If a potential winner cannot be contacted, or fails to submit the Declaration of Compliance within the required time period (if applicable), or prize is returned as undeliverable, potential winner forfeits prize. If the potential winner is at least 18 but still considered a minor in his/her jurisdiction of residence, Sponsor reserves the right to award the prize in the name of his/her parent or legal guardian, who will be required to sign the Declaration of Compliance on the potential winners behalf and fulfill any other requirements imposed on winner set forth herein. Potential winners must continue to comply with all terms and conditions of these Official Rules, and winning is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements. In the event that a potential winner is disqualified for any reason, Sponsor will award the applicable prize to an alternate winner based on Official Rules from among all remaining eligible entries. Only three (3) alternate drawings will be held, after which the prize will remain un-awarded. Prizes will be fulfilled within 10 weeks after the conclusion of the Contest.

### **9. Prizes**

Winners will receive points that can be used to select items from our prize catalog.

School team with the most active contributors

First Place(1): 1000 points

Second Place(1): 500 points

Third Place(1): 250 points

School team with the most credits

First Place(1): 1000 points

Second Place(1): 500 points

Third Place(1): 250 points

School team with the highest ratio of active contributors to students

First Place(1): 1000 points  
Second Place(1): 500 points  
Third Place(1): 250 points

### **10. General Conditions**

In the event that the operation, security, or administration of the Contest is impaired in any way for any reason, including, but not limited to fraud, virus, bug, worm, unauthorized human intervention or other technical problem, or in the event the Contest is unable to run as planned for any other reason, as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion, the Sponsor may, in its sole discretion, either (a) suspend the Contest to address the impairment and then resume the Contest in a manner that best conforms to the spirit of these Official Rules or (b) terminate the Contest and, in the event of termination, award the prize at random from among the eligible, non-suspect entries received up to the time of the impairment. The Sponsor reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual it finds to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the Contest or to be acting in violation of these Official Rules or in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. Any attempt by any person to damage the website or undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest may be a violation of criminal and civil law, and, should such an attempt be made, the Sponsor reserves the right to seek damages (including attorney's fees) and any other remedies from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law. Failure by the Sponsor to enforce any provision of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision.

### **11. Cheating & Competition Standards**

All participants are expected to act honorably and with good faith. Should the host, in their determination, find that there is reason to believe a student or school has engaged in cheating, they will become ineligible for prizes. This is solely left to the discretion of the host. No individual may use hardware they do not directly own without clear, written permission.

Examples of cheating would include:

- Installing the BOINC software onto computers without authorization of that computer's owner
- Buying computational time on web hosting or computing services like Amazon AWS, Google Colab, etc or using their "free" tiers which is a violation of the terms of service of those providers
- Asking people with no connection to the school or its students to participate on behalf of the team. Examples of this would include buying online ads to encourage people to participate. Asking family and friends of a student or faculty is absolutely acceptable
- Paying or offering to pay people to run the BOINC software or join the school's team
- Modifying the BOINC software to grant extra credit, grant credit without work being completed, or engaging in other forms of attacks to grant more credit than one would normally be granted.
- Otherwise breaking the terms of service of BOINC or the chosen BOINC project

As part of the expectation to act honorably and with good faith, participants may not:

- Have vulgar, racist, sexist, ableist, transphobic or other harmful language in their username, team name, profile picture or user profile or BOINC project forum posts.

- Engage in bullying or other coercive behavior to get others to participate in the competition

## **12. Release and Limitations of Liability**

By participating in the Contest, entrants agree to release and hold harmless the Sponsor, and each of their respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, advertising and promotion agencies, other companies associated with the Contest, and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, shareholders, representatives, and agents (the Released Parties) from and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in the Contest or receipt or use of the prize (including any travel or activity related thereto), including, but not limited to: (a) any technical errors associated with the Contest, including lost, interrupted or unavailable Internet Service Provider (ISP), network, server, wireless service provider, or other connections, availability or accessibility or miscommunications or failed computer, satellite, telephone, cellular tower or cable transmissions, lines, or technical failure or jumbled, scrambled, delayed, or misdirected transmissions or computer hardware or software malfunctions, failures or difficulties; (b) unauthorized human intervention in the Contest; (c) mechanical, network, electronic, computer, human, printing or typographical errors; (d) application downloads, (e) any other errors or problems in connection with the Contest, including, without limitation, errors that may occur in the administration of the Contest, the announcement of the winner, the cancellation or postponement of the event and/or the flyover, if applicable, the incorrect downloading of the application, the processing of entries application downloads or in any Contest-related materials; or (f) injury, death, losses or damages of any kind, to persons or property which may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from entrants participation in the Contest or acceptance, receipt or misuse of the prize (including any travel or activity related thereto). Entrant further agrees that in any cause of action, the Released Parties liability will be limited to the cost of entering and participating in the Contest, and in no event shall the entrant be entitled to receive attorney's fees. Released Parties are also not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by site users, tampering, hacking, or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Contest. Entrant waives the right to claim any damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, punitive, consequential, direct, or indirect damages.

## **13. Disputes**

Except where prohibited, each entrant agrees that any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of, or connected with, the Contest or any prize awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the appropriate court located in Vermont. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, entrants rights and obligations, or the rights and obligations of the Sponsor in connection with the Contest, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Vermont, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules, which would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than Vermont.

## **14. Privacy**

Information collected from entrants is subject to sponsor's privacy policy.