



Engineering Challenge



Working with Your Students

REMEMBER . . .

Primary communication with Coaches/Sponsors is done through e-mail provided with the School/Group Registration done online. If a coach or sponsor is not receiving e-mail information about the contest, he or she should check Spam/Junk folders on the computer and contact Academic Rodeo for assistance with getting the current information.

Please be aware of the deadlines and follow them. There is an **Academic Rodeo Calendar** and an **Academic Rodeo Timeline** on the Getting Started and General Info pages. "Important Dates" for Engineering Challenge is on the contest page.

Be sure to read the General Information for All Coaches and Sponsors.

The following tips and suggestions may be helpful to you in working with your students.

- Remember that you **may register ONLY 4 students AND only those 4 students receive any awards**. Any alternates that work with the team CANNOT be registered and will NOT receive any awards from Academic Rodeo if your team places. IF these alternates attend the contest, they must remain to the side with the coach and parents. They may NOT be included in Academic Rodeo photos at the contest.
- The Competition Guide and individual challenge Scoring Forms detail various aspects of the contest and the challenges involved.
- Be sure that students begin completing the Lab Notebook **from the beginning** and include all required items (see Scoring Form).
- Begin with small projects and team building to ensure smoother teamwork and efficiency. There are some suggestions on the Contest page.