
CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC DECATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, March 14, 2026 (Virtual Interviews)

Friday, March 20 & Saturday, March 21, 2026 (In Person)
Santa Clara Marriott Hotel

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Join the Team! Click [HERE](#) and complete the friendly Online Volunteer Registration.

Volunteers are needed for the California Academic Decathlon (CAD) State Championship. Virtual interview volunteers are needed on Saturday, March 14, 2026. In-person volunteers are needed at the Santa Clara Marriott on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21, 2026. Volunteer for one or more days.

CAD will welcome over 50 of the top schools from across California, with close to 500 high school students expected to compete.

Modeled after the Olympics, Academic Decathlon is a competition for “athletes of the mind.” Students complete ten events, including objective tests in Art, Music, Language and Literature, Mathematics, Economics, Science, and Social Science, plus communication events that include an essay, prepared and impromptu speeches, and an interview. The program builds knowledge, teamwork, and confidence.

For more than 47 years, CAD has delivered one of the nation’s most prestigious academic competitions because of dedicated volunteers. We would be honored to include you. To learn more or sign up, call 707-330-3276 or email info@academicdecathlon.org.



Share this opportunity with colleagues and friends! It's even more fun with friends!



DESCRIPTION OF VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

No prior experience is required. Training will be provided.

Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21 for full-day volunteers at the Santa Clara Marriott Hotel.

Saturday, March 14, 2026 (Virtual)

INTERVIEW JUDGE (VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS) 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Virtual Interview Judges work online in Zoom breakout rooms and score interviews using an online scoring system. Judges must be at least 18 years old and at least one year out of high school, comfortable with Zoom, and able to log into the scoring platform (access and training provided). Judges are paired with 1–2 other judges to interview students, evaluate performance using predetermined criteria, and help ensure students are in the correct room and interviewed at their scheduled time. Reliable internet with working audio and video is required, and a mandatory orientation is required prior to interviews.

Friday, March 20 (In Person), 7:45 am – 3:45 pm

ARENA TEST PROCTOR

Proctors for timed written exams must be at least 18 years old and at least one year out of high school. Responsibilities include monitoring assigned students, distributing and collecting test materials, maintaining a quiet and orderly testing environment, and attending a mandatory orientation on the morning of the event.

Saturday, March 21 (In Person), 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

SPEECH JUDGE

Judges must be at least 18 years old and at least one year out of high school. You will work with 1–2 other judges to evaluate prepared and impromptu speeches using provided criteria, keep the room on schedule, and help ensure students are in the correct place at the correct time. A mandatory morning orientation is required, and you will pick up a packet at registration.

SUPER QUIZ PROCTOR & SUPER QUIZ ASSISTANT

The Super Quiz is a fast-paced, high-energy team event covering seven subject areas. Volunteers help ensure fair play by managing materials (including answer sheets), monitoring the room, supporting the event flow, and assisting with scoring as needed. A mandatory morning orientation is required.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AND ADDITIONAL ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Community service hours are available, if needed.

ESCORT/RUNNER

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Volunteers under 18 must have a signed guardian release form. You will escort students between rooms, help keep the event on schedule, direct traffic in hallways, and help keep restricted areas clear. A mandatory morning orientation is required.

SPEECH ROOM MONITOR

Volunteers for this event must be at least 16 years old (those under 18 require a signed guardian release form) and will support judges by keeping time and performing other duties as needed. Attendance at a mandatory orientation session on the morning of the event is also required.



If you're ready, click "Sign Me Up!" and complete the online volunteer registration application!

SIGN ME UP!

Invite a friend to volunteer with you. It makes the day even more fun and rewarding experience!