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Subj: TRAILBLAZER TRIVIA ACADEMIC COMPETITION 11 DECEMBER 2026

Encl: (1) Entry Form

1. The Daniel Boone High School MCJROTC program will host an academic competition at the high school on Saturday, 11 December 2026.

2. The entry form for the competition can be found as enclosure (1) to this document. An entry fee of $50.00 for each team can be either be mailed in advance or paid directly at the competition.

3. Coaches Meeting. A coaches meeting will be held at 0830 to go over any site specific rules/regulations and to answer any questions. The competition will begin promptly at 0900.

4. **Team Composition**

a. Teams will be comprised of four (4) cadets.

b. Schools will be limited to two teams for the competition. No competitor can be on more than one team.

c. Individual cadets will be assigned a point valued based on their class standing: 4 for Senior, 3 for Junior, 2 for Sophomore, and 1 for Freshman.

(1) **A school's 'A' team will have no class standing limitations** placed for assignment to that team. In other words, a school's 1st team can have anyone on that team.

(2) **A school's 'B' team will have a class standing limitation of 8**. The will allow younger cadets the opportunity to compete.

d. A 5th cadet may be assigned each team as an alternate. Once assigned, alternates may not switch teams. Team class standing composition for the 'B' team remains in effect with the substitution of an Alternate into the competition.

e. Should there be a sufficient number of participating teams to warrant the creation of a 2nd division (an 'A' team and a 'B' team division), the competition will be so divided. The host school will make that determination as the field of teams develops.

f. A school may only advance one (1) team to the final round per division.

5. **Competition Rules**

a. **Subject Area**. All questions will be standard ACT/SAT type questions in categories such as English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Language Art, Spelling, and General Trivia.

b. **Format**. Each team will have the opportunity to compete in three (3) rounds of competition. Four (4) teams with the highest aggregate total scores over the three rounds will advance to the final round.

(1) Each round will consist of two (2) periods:

(a) **A Toss-up period of twenty (20) questions** worth ten 10 points each with a Bonus question opportunity worth twenty (20) points.

(b) **A Toss-up period of ten (10) questions** worth 20 points each, but an incorrect answer receives a ten (10) point deduction in a team's score.

(2) **During the Toss-up questions, no discussion is permitted** after the buzzer has been pressed. The contestant who presses the buzzer must answer immediately after being recognized. **During Bonus questions, contestants may confer on their answer**.

(3) Teams will have three (3) seconds to answer Toss-up questions, (10) seconds to answer Bonus questions, and 15 seconds to answer questions that require mathematical computation.

6. **Uniform**. Team uniform will be at the discretion of the instructor staff for each competing unit.

7. **Awards**. Trophies will be awarded to the top finishing teams.

8. **Food**. Lunch will be provided to cadets/instructors.

9. The Point of Contact for this competition is Major Steven Sessis at 423-477-1612 or majorsessis@gmail.com.

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ENTRY FORM

SCHOOL _____

POINT OF CONTACT (POC) _____

POC EMAIL _____

POC PHONE _____

TEAM A NAME (LAST, FIRST) CLASS STANDING (FR, SO, JR, SR)

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TEAM B NAME (LAST, FIRST) CLASS STANDING (FR, SO, JR, SR)

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$50.00/TEAM X _____ TEAM(S) = _____

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