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Presentation Title: *Where STEM Begins: Building a Foundation Through Elementary Science Olympiad*

Ready to ignite curiosity, creativity and a love of STEM in your elementary students? Discover how North Carolina Science Olympiad's Elementary Division transforms science learning into an exciting, hands-on team experience that students never forget.

In this interactive session, you will learn how to successfully launch and coach a Science Olympiad team, explore practical strategies that make coaching manageable and rewarding, and see how events naturally align with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. You will also get an exclusive preview of the 2027 event lineup, featuring student favorites such as Ship Shape, Bridge-a-Roni and Egg-O-Naut.

Whether you are a classroom teacher, STEM specialist, administrator or parent volunteer, you will leave with the tools, resources and confidence needed to bring Science Olympiad to your school and inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers and problem-solvers.

Presentation Target:

Elementary School

Presenter(s):

1. Jason Painter, Director, The Science House at NC State University
2. Lisa Giacomelli, Executive Director, NC Science Olympiad
3. Jodi Davis, Elementary Program Coordinator, NC Science Olympiad