



January 4, 2017

Dear colleagues,

It's time to start registering your teams for the 6th Annual Girls Excelling in Math (GEM) Tournament! Tournament details follow in our fact sheet, as well as a paper version of the registration form for your convenience. Click on the link below to register your team(s) online:

<https://goo.gl/forms/SXvO38efNfbwMHe33>

At the GEM Tournament on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Village School in Charlottesville, Virginia, teams of five girls in grades 4 through 6 or 6 through 8 will engage in fun challenging math together. The Lower Division (Grades 4-6) Tournament will take place 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the Upper Division (Grade 6-8) Tournament will be 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Last year 115 girls participated from 15 different area schools. We hope to make this year's tournament the biggest and best yet!

The registration deadline is Friday, February 17. One team from each school will be accepted initially; additional teams from each school will be confirmed, space permitting, after the registration deadline to ensure as many as schools as possible are able to participate. Since space is limited and acceptance is on a first-received, first-registered basis, you should register all your teams as quickly as possible.

A nominal registration fee of \$50 per team helps offset the costs of putting on this tournament for our community. Please indicate when you register whether payment has been included or whether you will submit your registration fee upon arriving at the tournament. We will send a confirmation email or letter to each accepted team as soon as we are able to process your registration. Note, cost should not preclude any school's participation. Please let us know if you need assistance covering the registration fee.

Each team must be accompanied by a teacher or other adult chaperone. Students should bring their own pencils. Note, the revised schedule for this year's tournament does not encompass lunch or dinner times, but students will have ample opportunity to munch on provided snacks during scheduled breaks.

Calculators will not be permitted. Every student will receive a T-shirt and awards will be given to high-scoring individuals and teams.

For further information, call Linde Tassell at (434) 984-4404 or email Ltassell@villageschool.us.

We hope your school will be able to participate this year!

Linde Tassell
Lead Mathematics Teacher
Village School



Fact Sheet

Date of Tournament: Saturday, March 4, 2017

Time: Lower Division (Grades 4-6): 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
Upper Division (Grades 6-8): 1:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Place: Village School
215 East High Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Packet Pick-Up: This year we will hold packet pick-up at Village School on **Thursday, March 2, from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m.** Teachers/chaperones are asked to come pick up their team's T-shirts on Thursday and pass them out to their students Friday, so students can come already wearing their T-shirts. This ensures a more expedient arrival process on Saturday.

Tournament: Each team is composed of any five girls from the same school who are in grades 4-6 or 6-8. A team may have students from different grades. There are three events: individual, mega-team, and team hands-on challenge. The solution or solutions to the problem will be reviewed. If needed, up to five tiebreaker problems will be employed.

Cost: A nominal fee of \$50 per team helps offset the costs of putting on the tournament. Assistance is available if needed. Payments are to be made payable to *Village School*.

Space: One team will be accepted from each school until the registration deadline, **Friday, Feb. 17**. Additional teams from these schools will then be accepted as space permits.

Chaperones: One teacher or parent chaperone per team is required to accompany their team and serve as a proctor.

Awards: All students will receive a T-shirt. High scorers, both individual and team, will receive awards. In addition, many door prizes will be awarded. Past prizes have included video cameras, custom designer birthday cakes, yoga classes, iTunes gift cards, UVA apparel, and much more.

Lunch: Plentiful snacks and drinks will be provided at break times throughout the event.

Calculators: Calculators will not be permitted for this event. Please bring sharpened pencils.

Information: For further information, e-mail Ltassell@villageschool.us or call Linde Tassell at (434) 984-4404.



Tournament Registration Form

NOTE: You may complete your registration online by visiting:
<https://goo.gl/forms/SXvO38efNfbwMHe33>.

Chaperone for this team: _____

Name of school: _____

Contact e-mail: _____

Phone number: School: _____

Home: _____ (in case of inclement weather)

Address of school: _____

Competition Level: **Elementary** (team members must be from any grade(s) 4 through 6)

(Circle one.) **Middle** (team members may be from any grade(s) 4 through 8)

<u>Name of Student</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>T-Shirt Size (women's)</u>
_____	_____	XS S M L XL
_____	_____	XS S M L XL
_____	_____	XS S M L XL
_____	_____	XS S M L XL
_____	_____	XS S M L XL

Chaperone: _____ XS S M L XL (please indicate women's or unisex)

Completed paper registration forms may be faxed to 434-984-6056 or sent by mail to:

Linde Tassell
Village School
215 East High Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Questions? E-mail Ltassell@villageschool.us or call Linde Tassell at (434) 984-4404.