Together
Let’s Make a Difference

ACT-SO—the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics—is an NAACP-sponsored initiative for African American boys and girls grades 8 through 12.

With 26 categories of competition in the sciences, humanities, business and performing and visual arts, ACT-SO has something for everyone.

Over 260,000 students across the United States have participated in ACT-SO since its inception.

ACT-SO in DuPage County offers two divisions: Middle School (students in grade 8) and High School (grades 9 through 12).

How it works

- Mentors and student mentees meet one Saturday a month for five months
- Mentees arrive by bus at 9 a.m.
- Continental breakfast is served
- Field scientist presentation
- Break
- Mentors and mentees meet and work together during hours 2 and 3
- Lunch
- Mentees depart at 12:30 p.m.

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ANL/ACT-SO needs researcher and staff volunteers to serve as
- Research Mentors
- Presenters
- Facilitators

What we need/what you’ll do

- Research Mentors (1 to 2 mentees per mentor)
  - Attend at least three of five Saturday meeting dates. Meetings take place the first Saturday of each month from November to March (sessions from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.).
  - Allow 2 hours/month for Q&A and feedback per mentee (10 hours per mentee)
  - Monitor and guide each mentee’s research process, from development of purpose through professional presentation
- Five presenters
  - Four to prepare and deliver a career-related science presentation
  - One to conduct a 90-minute poster preparation and presentation workshop
- Facilitators to operate the ACT-SO program on-site at Argonne (1–2 hours per month per person)
  - Scheduler
  - Facility Setup/Traffic Coordinator
  - Purchaser
  - Data Manager
  - Budget/Finance Manager
  - Communications Manager