Dear friends,

I would like to send you the last necessary information before your arrival in Piatra Neamț !

Contestants

Students are NOT allowed to keep with them any devices such as phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches and similar wireless communication devices during the exams. All these devices should be handed in to their team leaders after the opening ceremony. Any student caught in possession of any electronic or communication device during the exam days, may risk disqualification from IOAA jr 2025. Personal devices will be returned after the completion of the rounds.



All students will receive new scientific calculators from the organizers to use during the tests (model CASIO-FX-220-PLUS-2). These will remain with the students permanently.

In case of emergencies, students should seek help from the local team guides who will support to solve the matter at hand.

Travel Essentials

Climate and Clothing

In October, Piatra-Neamț usually experiences temperatures from 12 to 16°C, including occasional rain, fog, sunny days and cloudy days. Please, consider carefully the type of clothing you should pack.

While participants are not obliged to wear a formal attire at the ceremonies, it is recommended to do so and avoid casual clothing on these occasions. If the teams wish to come dressed in traditional clothing, they are encouraged to do so.

Health and safety

Participants are advised to acquire the necessary medical and travel insurance when planning their departure from their home country. No special vaccinations are needed and as for medical emergencies, the participants should reach out immediately to the organizing staff. Concerning minor symptoms such as headaches, colds, etc. and any other regular medication, the participants are advised to bring their own medicines, but to ask for advice from any staff member so as to ensure their safety.

In addition, 2 high-school volunteers and a teacher will be assigned to each team of students in order to make sure that they feel comfortable at all times. Any problem that should arise, is meant to be discussed with the assigned volunteers who will take care of the students throughout their stay.

Essential documents

As you probably already know, you must not forget to carry your valid passport with visa, travel insurance, flight tickets, itinerary and your emergency contact information (local organizers, family).

Cultural Evening

To make sure that each team will have a pleasant and memorable experience, towards the end of the Olympiad, the teams are expected to take part in the Cultural Evening, where they are encouraged to share traditions and customs about their country.

Each team will have a moment on stage lasting between 5 and 7 minutes. The team leaders are expected to help their students with the preparation of their moment. Please keep in mind that upon arrival, the teams should provide the officials with a memory stick containing a short digital material to support their presentation. However, these are not compulsory - should the teams wish to perform a traditional dance, present national costumes, or any other activity of the kind, they are not required to have a digital presentation. It is completely up to each team to choose how they will perform, but do consider your options wisely a few days before the Cultural Evening.
We look forward to your creative performances and learning more about your country!

With warm regards,
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