



TEAM AMERICA ROCKETRY CHALLENGE **\$60,000 in Annual Prizes for Students & Schools**

- This event is an annual nation-wide rocketry-based aerospace design and flying challenge competition for student teams of 7th-12th graders.
- It is conducted each year starting in September, leading to a competitive face-to-face fly-off in mid-May among the top 100 teams. The prizes are \$60,000 in cash plus a free trip to the Paris Air Show for 1st place. The fly-off is held at The Plains, VA, near Washington, DC.
- It is sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) on behalf of America's aerospace industry, and by the non-profit National Association of Rocketry (NAR).

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Challenge is to teach students aerospace science and systems engineering by having them design and build a safe and stable model rocket that lifts a fragile payload (one raw egg) to exactly 750 feet and has a flight duration of 40 to 45 seconds, at the end of which it returns this payload to earth safely and undamaged using a 15-inch parachute recovery system.

- Models must be made of non-metal materials such as balsa, paper and plastic, must weigh no more than 2.2 pounds at liftoff, and must use commercially-made, NAR safety-certified model rocket motors widely available in local hobby stores.
- Altitudes are determined by a small, accurate commercially-made electronic barometric altimeter carried within the rocket, and read after the flight.

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- Entry is open to groups of 3 to 10 students (7th - 12th grade) who must enter as a team sponsored by a public or private school, home school association, or non-profit youth group.
- Visit the event website <www.rocketcontest.org> to register. Entry opens on 8 September and closes 30 November. Visit the NAR website <www.nar.org> for information about America's largest sport rocketry organization and check out the "Educational Resources" web page while you are there.