Berkeley Math Tournament 2026

Tournament Guide

We're excited to have you here! This is your guide to all things tournament day.

- For any directions, questions, or concerns, ask a BMT staff member in **dark pink** shirts, or come to our info desk, located inside Dwinelle Hall.
- You will be assigned a testing room upon checking in, which can be found on your name tag. **Do not enter this room, or any room, until the door is propped open and there is a BMT proctor inside.**
- Visit live.berkeley.mt for interactive navigation, live updates, and announcements, or scan the QR code in the top-right corner.

Schedule of Events

Time	Event	Location
7:30 AM	Check-in (*coaches only*)	Coaches should go to one of two auditoriums in Dwinelle Hall. **Check-in** *(if haven't checked in online)* — Dwinelle 145 **Materials Pick-up** *(if checked in online)* — Dwinelle 155
8:45 AM	Power & Individual Rounds	Rooms in Dwinelle Hall, Wheeler Hall, VLSB, Hearst Field Annex, Alumni House and Pauley Ballroom. Students will be assigned rooms at check-in. For students who want to switch their individual test, see *Switching Tests* in the Directory on page 4. **Preordered Lunch Pick-up** (*12:45 - 1:30, coaches only*) └ At Dwinelle Plaza
1:30 PM	Lunch Disputes (1:30 – 2:00)	**T-Shirt & Tote Bag Sales, Free Sponsor Merch** (*while supplies last*) └ At Dwinelle Plaza **Problem Disputes** *(Individual)* — Dwinelle 234
2:30 PM	Guts Round	Auditoriums in all buildings. Students will be assigned an auditorium at check-in. *Students must arrive and enter as an entire team.* **Spectator Viewing Room** — Stephens Lounge
4:40 PM	Activities Disputes (4:40 - 5:10)	**Activities** — See descriptions on the back of this page. **Problem Disputes** *(Guts)* — Dwinelle 234 **Tiebreakers** *(by invite only*)* — Dwinelle 219
6:00 PM	Awards Ceremony	The Awards Ceremony will take place simultaneously in auditoriums across all buildings. Students will be assigned an awards room at check-in. *Going to another room may result in a delay for your awards.*

**Tiebreaker qualifiers will be posted on live.berkeley.mt, sent to coaches via email, and announced after Guts.*

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Student Activities (4:40 PM)

Hamster Rescue Team by HRT & BMT — *Pauley Ballroom*

Ready to unleash your puzzle-solving skills and embark on a whisker-twitching adventure? Join HRT's Hamster Rescue Team 2 – a puzzle hunt where you and your fellow Hamster Rescuers will work together to save adorable hamsters in need, and earn cool prizes along the way! Can your team puzzle its way to hamster-saving glory, or will you get stuck spinning your (hamster) wheels? Come find out at HRT – your furry friends are counting on you!

Integration Bee — *Dwinelle 155*

Compete head to head against the best integrators around! Students will face off in a tournament style bracket, solving difficult integrals involving some clever tricks, to determine who will be the champion of all integrators.

Estimathon — *Wheeler 150*

Got wit and strategy? Come to our Estimathon®, a contest combining trivia, strategic planning, and sharp mathematical thinking. Teams of up to 3 will race against the clock to tackle a challenging set of 13 Fermi–style problems, testing their ability to think fast and outsmart the competition.

Plank Countdown — *Wheeler 202, 204*

Miss the excitement of the MATHCOUNTS® Countdown Round? Want to show off mental math in a countdown match... while planking? If you'd enjoy that exciting and silly experience, come join us for our Plank Countdown tournament!

Fraudulent Math — *Dwinelle 88*

Attention all students, mathematics is under attack by people who claim that we need "rigor" and "logic" to justify our answers. Join us for an event of Fraudulent Math, where we will compete to see who can come up with the most outlandish, mind bending proofs of false statements and who can create impossible constructions.

Lasers with SPS — *Dwinelle 106, 109*

In 1666, Isaac Newton passed sunlight through a glass prism and split it into a rainbow, proving that white light is secretly made of every color! Can you bend a laser beam to your will? Come join the Society of Physics Students as we explore refraction and dispersion, then design your own experiments to uncover how light really travels.

Cal Origami — *Dwinelle 145*

Do you want to bring home a cute souvenir from BMT? Come make your own origami dragon! We will be offering multiple paper patterns and instructions, and teaching from the basics of crease patterns. No prior craft experience is needed!

Games Lounge — *Alumni House*

Looking for a place to chill out? Come to the Games Lounge! We'll have a variety of games (and seats) for students, parents, and coaches to unwind after a day of testing.

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Parent Activities

AI in Math: A New Beginning or Will We Crash and Burn? *9:30 AM, Dwinelle 155*

In this talk given by Professor Ken Ribet, he will briefly describe his history as a math contestant and Berkeley professor before introducing a concrete math problem solved recently by OpenAI. He will narrate some of the recent history of mathematical discoveries made with the aid of artificial intelligence and seek to provide insight on the role of AI in math. Finally, if time permits, he will attempt to answer the question posed in the title: "New beginning or train wreck?"

Dr. Ken Ribet is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and Professor of the Graduate School at UC Berkeley and received his PhD from Harvard University. Ribet works in number theory and algebraic geometry, and is most notably known for majorly contributing to the proof of Fermat's Last Theorem.

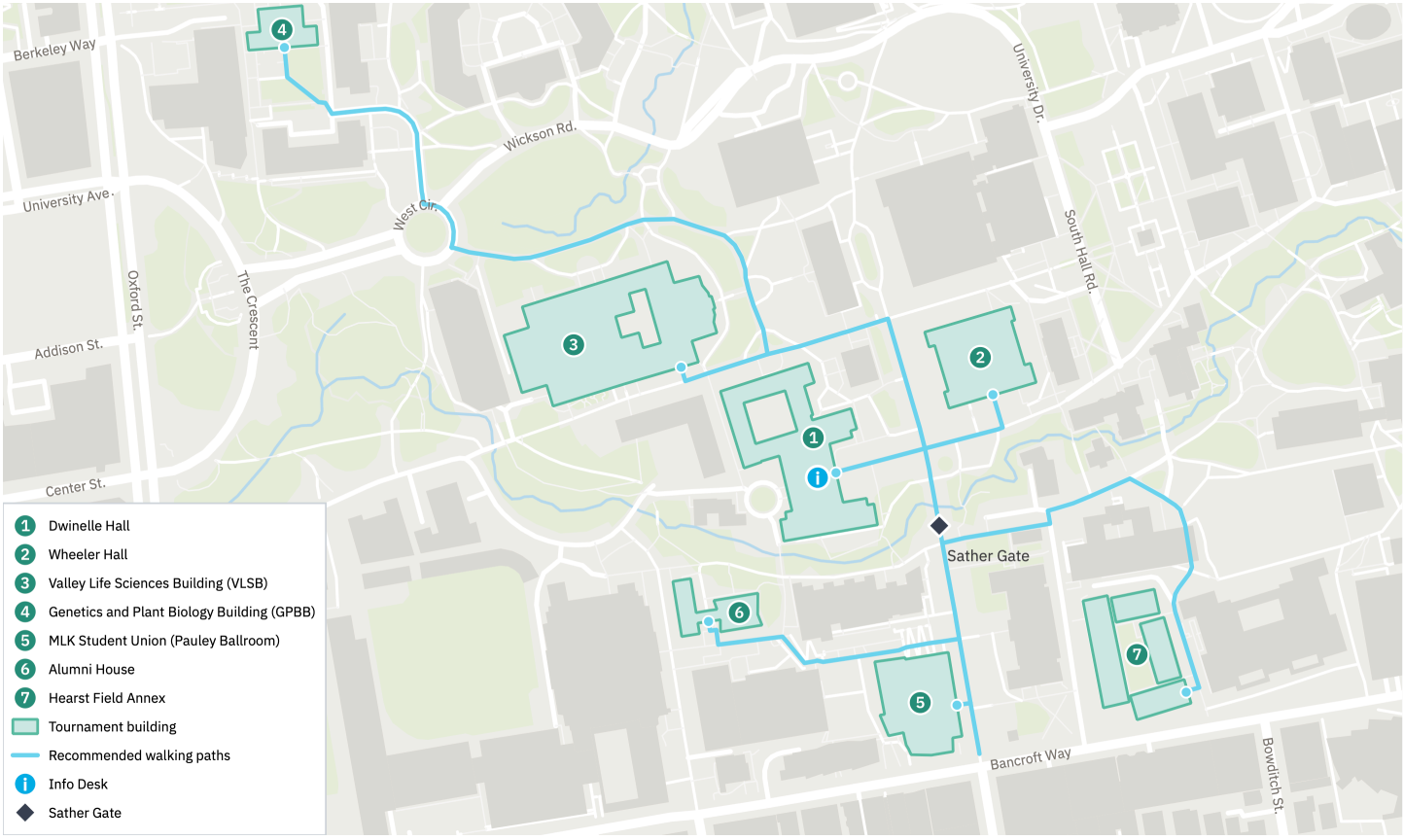
Campus Tours *11:00 AM, Dwinelle 145*

Join us on a tour of the beautiful UC Berkeley campus and explore the university's 150-year long history! To join this activity (weather permitting), please be in the parent lounge (Dwinelle 145) after the talk by Professor Ribet.

Parent Lounge *Dwinelle 145*

Come to our parent lounge, open after check-in concludes at 9:00 AM! Relax, grab a cup of coffee, and connect with fellow parents and coaches while students compete. The parent lounge will close at 1:00 PM.

Campus Map



You can also use our interactive map with navigation between any two rooms on live.berkeley.mt/map

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Directory

You can also find our directory online, including restrooms, elevators, and exits at live.berkeley.mt/map

Switching Tests — To switch your individual round test, go to the rooms below:

General — Wheeler 150
Algebra & Calculus — Wheeler 224
Algebra & Discrete — Wheeler 104
Algebra & Geometry — Dwinelle 242
Calculus & Discrete — VLSB 2038
Calculus & Geometry — VLSB 2038
Discrete & Geometry — Dwinelle 243

Dwinelle Hall

- **Floor E**
  - Gender-neutral Restrooms: 220, 273
  - Disputes*: 234
  - Tiebreakers*: 219
  - Testing: 219, 223, 228 - 263
- **Floor D**
  - Auditoriums: 145, 155
  - Info Desk: Dwinelle Lobby
  - Testing: 105 - 109, 130 - 134, 179 - 189
- **Floor C**
  - Men's Restrooms: 54
  - Women's Restrooms: 56
  - Testing: 79, 83, 87 - 89

Wheeler Hall

- **Floor 2**
  - Men's Restrooms: 226C
  - Women's Restrooms: 226B
  - Gender-neutral Restrooms: 226D
  - Testing: 200 - 204, 220 - 224
- **Floor 1**
  - Auditorium: 150
  - Men's Restrooms: 128
  - Women's Restrooms: 127
  - Testing: 102 - 104, 108, 120, 124 - 130
- **Basement**
  - Men's Restrooms: 25
  - Women's Restrooms: 26
  - Testing: 20 - 30

MLK Jr. Student Union

- **Floor 3**
  - Kerr Lobby
  - Pauley Ballroom
  - Stephens Lounge
  - Restrooms are located down one floor (Floor 2)

Valley Life Sciences Building (VLSB)

- **Floor 2**
  - Men's Restrooms: 2056
  - Gender-neutral Restrooms**: 2052
  - Testing: 2030 - 2038, 2066 - 2070

Hearst Field Annex

- **Floor 1**
  - Auditorium: A1
  - Restrooms are located outside

Alumni House

- **Floor 1**
  - Auditoriums: Bechtel/Toll Room
  - Restrooms are located inside

Genetics and Plant Biology Building (GPBB)

- **Floor 1**
  - Auditorium: 100
  - Restrooms are located outside

** See schedule for more details.*
*** Women's restrooms are located on Floor 1 near the center of VLSB.*

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