

1. How does SMOA differ from all of the other nonprofits out there?

- a. SMOA is a one-of-a-kind, unique, youth-run non-profit. Look for the 11 buttons under the SMOA home page for more information.

2. Why should I help the Scientific Minds of America? What's in it for me?

- a. Investing in the youth of tomorrow influences the outcomes of tomorrow. SMOA pushes youth in an innovative fashion which not only helps crumble educational inequality, but also instills a mindset of domination in whatever the youth decide to accomplish in their life. For more information about SMOA's influence across the world, reach out to contact@smoa.co, or drop a message in our, "contact us" page.

3. What topics do the SMOA camps cover?

- a. SMOA curriculum is specifically intended to cover the largest range of topics possible in order to expose participants to the skills and subjects that exist in the real world. These topics include Nutrition, Math, Reading, Experimental Science, and many other subjects. Whether participants want to learn about advanced particle physics, or learn basic arithmetic and algebra, SMOA's "trunks" (curricular areas) cover various topics. SMOA camps are geared in three main fashions: academic, non academic, and professional development. Visit the "Join Us" page for more information.

4. How can kids do all this alone without adult support?

- a. We are keen on establishing youth independence and leadership, in order to empower kids and prepare the next generation for real-world challenges. However, parents play a vital role in SMOA operation from transporting members to providing valuable professional advice. To ensure transparency and committed parent involvement, SMOA strives to maintain routine communication with member's parents in order to keep them updated and involved. Visit, "Adult-to-Adult Engagement" and "Supportive Adult Engagement" on the home page for more information.

5. Is education inequality really a problem anymore in the developed world?

- a. Unfortunately, despite the majority of the population being able to actively pursue a quality education, over 40% of American children live in poverty, hindering their ability to learn effectively and even pursue a higher education. These setbacks can prevent impoverished children from achieving college and career success, leaving them, in turn to take low-income jobs and reside in poor-quality homes. SMOA wants to ensure that no child

6. What would be the weekly time commitment if I were to be a member?

- a. SMOA feature various membership options to allow everyone to contribute, despite their schedules. Volunteer options do not have a set quota or schedule, but rather work best for those who can spare an hour here and there. SMOA members have access to the entire SMOA network and have many more benefits than volunteers, but do spend more time than volunteers. Typical time commitments for volunteers: 1 hr/week (minimum), members: 2-3hrs/week, leadership: 4-5 hrs/week.

7. Are there any leadership opportunities at SMOA?

- a. SMOA is run on youth-leaders. Across multiple divisions, areas and sub-divisions, many youth-leaders exist to supervise and direct various areas. In general, more numerous leadership opportunities exist at SMOA than most other similar nonprofits, due to its hierarchical structure and wide range of divisions.

8. How much experience would I need to join SMOA?

- a. Unless you are leading a specific course (head smaton), you need to only meet the membership requirements. Most courses can be taught on basic knowledge, or through reading through SMOA curriculum. Research or leadership positions, however, do require experience in normal circumstances.

9. How can my company and SMOA work together to accomplish a shared goal?

- a. SMOA pursues active partnerships with many other non-profit organizations which strive to make the world a better place, whether it be to conserve wildlife, provide education in the developing world, or even teach computer programming to kids. Reach out to contact@smoa.co and we would be happy to talk about possible options. Due to the wide range of subject covered by the SMOA curriculum, opportunities are present for non-profits of many different impact areas to reach out and impact the nation's youth through SMOA camps.

10. What if I want a more behind-the-scenes role in SMOA?

- a. SMOA offers a variety of "behind the scenes" opportunities for potential members, ranging from web development experts to marketing officers. These roles play a large role in the success of SMOA, by improving its online presence, increasing its marketing appeal, and many other vital processes. These members are just as important as in-field members and are an extremely large part of what makes SMOA's mission possible.

11. SMOA doesn't exist in my area, but I want to start a chapter. How do I do this?

- a. Thank you for your interest! Email chapters@smoa.co and let's get started! Together we can change influence the world to a greater extent.

12. I want SMOA to be at an event or run a camp at my institution. How do I do this?

- a. Thank you for choosing SMOA, we are happy to reach out to your organization. Please email contact@smoa.co and we would love to discuss options.

13. Why is the application so long?

- a. We acknowledge that our application procedure is lengthy, however, in order to place you properly, we need to know some of the information. If you have any issue with the application, or any part of it, please email membership@smoa.co