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Attending the section meetings of your local MAA chapter with your students is a great way to get them to see the world of mathematics outside of the classroom, but the sessions may seem overwhelming at first. To encourage students to attend and be involved in our meetings, the MD-DC-VA section has hosted a mathematical competition that is run concurrently with our spring meetings. We have had 60-85 of our undergraduates participate each spring. The students create teams of 2 to 5 and dash through a set of timed mathematical activities throughout the meetings. These activities have included a “Quiet Room” (think mathematics with limited symbols and no talking), a liquid arithmetic challenge, human knots, and life-sized mutually orthogonal Latin squares with picnic supplies. I will share some of the activities, how to design good activities, and the logistics of managing such an event. (Received September 17, 2013)