

# **21st Annual Department of Energy National Science Bowl to be Held April 30 - May 2**

***110 High School and Middle School Teams from Across the U.S.  
to Compete for the National Championships in Washington, D.C.***

From April 30 through May 2, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will host 69 high school and 41 middle school teams as they compete for championship titles at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C. The 110 regional championship teams – from 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands – will be quizzed on various science topics including biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, astronomy, energy, and math.

“The U.S. needs outstanding scientists and engineers to help solve many of our nation’s greatest challenges,” said Secretary Chu. “The National Science Bowl engages students in a fun and rewarding competition, and encourages them to direct their talents towards careers in science, mathematics, and technology.”

On Saturday, April 30, the middle school question and answer competition begins at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD, while high school students participate in hands-on science experiments, seminars and lectures. On Sunday, May 1, the high school question and answer competition begins, while the middle school teams will be at the Bethesda Chevy Chase High School in Bethesda, MD racing model hydrogen fuel cell cars that they have designed and built. On Monday, May 2, high school and middle school championship rounds will be held in the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. Secretary Chu will make remarks and present awards at the ceremony to follow. There will be a live webcast of Monday’s events.

The winning high school team will receive a two-week trip to the International Science School in Sydney, Australia. The winner of the high school Civility Award for sportsmanlike conduct will travel to Alaska for a nine-day scientific/outdoor excursion. Additional prizes include \$500-\$1000 awards toward schools’ science departments, scholarships, trophies, plaques, electronic book readers, and gift certificates.

The DOE’s National Science Bowl is the nation’s largest academic competition of its kind. More than 14,000 students from 1,800 schools participated in regional science bowl competitions this year. The DOE supports mathematics and science education to help provide a technically trained and diverse workforce for the nation.

For the list of the competing middle school and high school teams and for additional information about the National Science Bowl visit <http://science.energy.gov/nsb/>.

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