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2013 Bay Area Regional Science Bowl High School & Middle School Student



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You are invited to compete in one of our **Regional Science Bowls** for High School or Middle School competitions scheduled for the California Bay Area in 2013. This year schools **MUST** compete in the regional competition based on the county and city your school and/or students are in. Please see boundaries information located on next page.

The Science Bowl is a Jeopardy-like highly competitive science academic event for teams of either high school or middle school students. A round robin and double elimination format will be used in the regional competitions.

The winning team (5 students and 1 coach) of each regional competition qualifies to compete in the annual U.S. Department of Energy's **NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL®** on April 25-29, 2013 in **Washington, DC**. The Department of Energy pays all expenses at the National Competition.

For more information about **The National Science Bowl®** or rules and information including sample questions, forms or etc. please visit; <http://science.energy.gov/nsb/>.



1st Place Winner 2012 - Irvington High School
2012 High School Regional Science Bowl (SNL/LPC)



1st Place Winners 2012 - Hopkins Junior High School
2012 Middle School D.O.E. National Science Bowl Winner
2012 Middle School Regional Science Bowl (SNL/LPC)

2013 High School Dates:

9th - 12th Grade

January 26

Location: Las Positas College, Livermore

Hosted By: Sandia National Laboratory & Las Positas College

February 2

Host & Location: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkley

February 9

Host & Location: SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, Menlo Park

2013 Middle School Dates:

6th - 8th Grade

February 23

Location: Las Positas College, Livermore

Hosted By: Sandia National Laboratory & Las Positas College

March 2

Location: NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field

Hosted By: NASA Ames Research Center and National Hispanic University



Each regional differs in the maximum number of competing teams (e.g., 24 or 20) and the number of teams each school can register (e.g., from 3 to 1 - but all teams from the same school must compete in the same regional). *HOWEVER, EVEN IN REGIONALS IN WHICH SCHOOLS CAN REGISTER MULTIPLE TEAMS, IT IS NOT EXPECTED (BASED ON THE NUMBER OF COMPETING SCHOOLS IN RECENT YEARS) THAT MANY 2ND AND 3RD TEAMS FROM A SCHOOL WILL BE ACCEPTED.* Please read the online description of each regional for its requirements.

All first teams from a school will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, followed by 2nd and 3rd teams (if applicable) if space is available. In those cases, first-come/first-served will also apply for 2nd teams, followed by 3rd teams. Coaches will be notified of the acceptance of the schools' first team within a few days of their SUBMISSION of their registration, and at the registration deadline (i.e., 10 or 14 days before the competition) as to the status of their 2nd (and 3rd) teams.

If you are entering 2 (or 3) teams, please submit a registration form for each team. The coach can be the same or different faculty (or parent) for each team. Coaches can make any changes to the team members during the Saturday morning registration process, but no changes are allowed following the morning registration or during the competition. As stated earlier, **ONLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO COMPETED ON THE WINNING REGIONAL TEAM ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL.** IIIIIII

Coaches must REGISTER their teams online effective October 1, 2012. **ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1 WILL BE DELETED.**

To register your school please visit:

- High School: <http://science.energy.gov/nsb/high-school/high-school-regionals/>
- Middle School: <http://science.energy.gov/nsb/middle-school/middle-school-regionals/>

Be sure to correctly select the desired date & site based on the regional's geographic boundary.

Coaches will be contacted via e-mail with details regarding the competition format, schedule, and any additional security information unique to each site for coaches, students, and individuals accompanying the team to the competition. While each site's schedule will differ in details, the *general schedule* for each competition will be:

- 8:00 AM Registration and Breakfast
- 8:45 AM Welcome & Announcements
- 9:00-12:00 Round Robin Competitions
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-4:00 Elimination Rounds
- 4:00 PM Award Ceremony

At each Regional Science Bowl, all team members and coach will receive breakfast, lunch, T-shirt, and various gifts. *However, T-shirts and gifts may not be available for teams registering after December 16.* First, second and third place team trophies may also be awarded at some sites.

We ask all schools to take seriously their commitment to this activity. Unexpected no-shows have caused problems in the past. If your team is unable to participate in the competition, please be considerate of the other schools – especially for second and third teams that were not accepted due to more than 24 teams applying – and notify us as soon as possible.

On behalf of all of the sponsoring organizations, we invite you to participate in a Regional Science Bowl by registering online as soon as possible. If you have any questions, or there are problems with the online registration, please contact the point of contact listed on each registration site. We hope to see many of you at these Regional Science Bowl competitions in 2013.

Middle School (6 th -8 th Grade)			
Bay Area Regional Science Bowls 2013			
Date:	*Max	Location:	Host:
February 23, 2013	24/3	Las Positas College 3000 Campus Hill Drive, LIVERMORE	Sandia National Labs & Las Positas College
Geographic Boundaries: Communities in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Solano counties.			
March 2, 2013	24/3	NASA Ames Research Center MOFFETT FIELD	NASA Ames Research Center & National Hispanic University
Geographic Boundaries: Communities in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties.			

High School (9 th -12 th Grade)			
Bay Area Regional Science Bowls 2013			
Date:	*Max	Location:	Host:
January 26, 2013	24/3	Las Positas College 3000 Campus Hill Drive, LIVERMORE	Sandia National Labs & Las Positas College
Geographic Boundaries: Alameda County communities of Castro Valley, Dublin, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Pleasanton, and Union City. Contra Costa County communities of Concord, Pittsburg, Antioch, Oakley, Brentwood, Clayton, San Ramon, Danville and unincorporated Contra Costa County areas East of I-680.			
February 2, 2013	20/1	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory 1 Cyclotron Road, BERKELEY	Lawrence Berkeley National Lab (LBNL)
Geographic Boundaries: Alameda County communities both North of Hayward and West of Dublin. Contra Costa County communities both West of I-680 and North of Danville (including Walnut Creek). Communities in Marin, Napa, Solano, San Francisco, Sonoma, Mendocino, and Lake counties.			
February 9 2013	24/3	SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory 2575 Sand Hill Road, MENLO PARK	SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory
Geographic Boundaries: Communities in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties.			