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Quick Facts on the National Science Bowl for High School Students

- The National Science Bowl for high school students is in its 18th year.
- More than 12,000 high school students from 1,800 schools in 41 states, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia will compete this year, making the National Science Bowl the nation's largest science competition.
- Since 1991, more than 130,000 high school students – and their teachers – have participated.
- Sixty-seven regional competitions are held around the country from January through March.
- The National Science Bowl Finals for high school students will be held in Washington, DC, from May 1 – 6, 2008.
- The national championship team will win a science-related trip to its choice of the International Youth Science Forum in England, nuclear science energy trip to France, or DOE's Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Virginia. The second and third place teams will choose from the remaining trips.
- Regional sponsors range from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies.

Quick Facts on the National Science Bowl for Middle School Students

- The National Science Bowl for middle school students is in its seventh year.
- More than 5,000 sixth, seventh and eighth graders from 30 states will compete in the National Science Bowl's regional competitions for middle school students.
- Thirty-nine regional competitions are held around the country from January through May.
- The National Science Bowl Finals for middle school students will be held in Golden, CO, from June 19 – 22, 2008
- The national championship team will receive sponsors' gifts and a cash prize for their school.

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