

We plan to participate in the regional level of the National Science Bowl competition again this year. We hope to have a middle school team (6th-8th grade only) and a high school team (9th-12th).

If you have a student who may be interested in participating on one of these two teams, please let me know. We will try to have a preliminary meeting soon for all of those interested in order to give information, answer questions, and give out study assignments in preparation for the practice sessions to come later.

We must have 4 members on each team and may have no more than 5. Therefore if we have more than 5 interested students for either age group, the practice sessions we hold later will serve to determine which 5 students will be on the team.

Email me if you are interested. Below is some extra information if you are unfamiliar with Science Bowl.

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Do you have students who love math and science? Are they good at games like Jeopardy? Would they like to engage in a competitive team activity that draws upon those interests? Then your student would be great at Science Bowl.

Preparing for this competition requires real effort from the team in training (the buzzer buttons don't just push themselves), learning the rules and strategy, and preparing to be able to answer the questions.

The competition has been held in February for the last two years at WKCTC. I don't have the dates of the 2012 competition yet, but I would expect it to also be held in February.

The format of the competition is like "Scholar's Bowl" or "Quiz Bowl", consisting of "Toss-up" questions answered by the first competitor to "buzz in", then the team getting the answer correct has an opportunity to answer a bonus question. The winning teams in the regional competition will be invited to compete in the National competition with room, board, and transportation paid by the Department of Energy.

Each team consists of five members, 4 of whom play at a time. To be eligible to compete, a high school student must be enrolled for the current school year in grades nine, ten, eleven or twelve in your home school. To be eligible to compete, a middle school student must be enrolled for the current school year in grades six, seven, or eight in your home school. A student may not compete in both the middle school and high school events in the same year.

If you'd like to know more about the National Science Bowl, please see <http://www.scied.science.doe.gov/nsb/default.htm>

There is a Science Bowl scholarship to attend community college as well. The student who won that in 2010 was on our home school team so there is real benefit to participating.

Feel free to email with questions.