

# NEWS from The Savannah River Site



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## SCIENCE BOWL FINALISTS VISIT SRS

AIKEN, S.C., June 11 – DOE Science Bowl finalists from Boulder High School, Boulder, Colorado, will visit SRS this week to participate in tours and activities designed to interest them in careers in science, math and technology. The five-member team and their coach placed second in the DOE Science Bowl held in May in Washington, D.C.

Their three-day stay at SRS, followed by a three-day tour of the Charleston, S.C. area and wetlands, has been billed as “Wet, Wild, and Wonderful,” because most of their activities focus on the area’s ecology. The activities planned include a boat trip on the Savannah River, a night trip on boats looking for alligators, an investigation of an archaeological site, facility tours, and other activities.

Many of the “Ecologist for a Day” activities will take place on Wednesday at the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory’s Conference Center off U.S. Highway 278 east of New Ellenton. Lunch with senior SRS management will be held at the same location.

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The DOE Science Bowl is a nationwide competition of high school students in which regional competitions are held to reduce the final field to four. Each of the four teams spends a week working side by side with some of the country's top scientists and engineers.

The purpose of the Science Bowl is to showcase students who excel and to excite students about math, science and technology, all while better preparing them for today's more technologically oriented world.

In addition to DOE, hosts for the trip include the U.S. Forestry Service, the Savannah River Technology Center and the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory. The visit is coordinated by Westinghouse Savannah River Company's Education Outreach Programs office.

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**DOE National Science Bowl Award Trip**  
*Wednesday, June 12, 2002*  
**Hosted by Savannah River Ecology Lab (SREL)**  
Wet, Wild, and Wonderful Wildlife at the Savannah River Site

### Schedule of Events

- 8:30 a.m.      Tour of Environmental Chemistry at SREL Main Lab  
*Carl Strojan*
- 10 a.m.        Welcome by Savannah River Ecology Lab  
Introductions and Overview of SREL  
*Whit Gibbons, Tony Mills at Conference Center*
- 10:15 a.m.    “Ecologist for a Day”  
Check drift fence  
Check minnow traps  
Check turtle traps
- Noon            **Lunch with SRS Senior Management \*\***  
*SREL Conference Center*
- 1 p.m.         Travel to Ellenton Landing  
Boat trip on Savannah River  
Upper Three Runs Creek - Water Snakes  
*Tony Mills*
- 4 p.m.         Travel to Hotel  
Break for dinner
- 6:30 p.m.     Meet in Hotel lobby
- 7 p.m.         Meet at SREL for trip to L-Lake  
Visit “Stumpy”
- 7:30 p.m.     Fishing and late night alligator spotting  
*Tony Mills/ David Scott/ Jay Cumbee*

**\*\* Best time to interact with students**