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Area Schools Compete in DOE’s National Science Bowl[®] ***America’s Future Scientists and Engineers Show What They Know***

AIKEN, S.C., (February 16, 2010) – America’s next generation of scientists and engineers will soon put their knowledge to the test in the country’s largest science tournament. The Department of Energy’s (DOE) National Science Bowl[®] involves more than 18,000 students competing in regional events held in 48 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Each match will put students’ knowledge to the test in science and math using a fast-paced question and answer format similar to *Jeopardy*. DOE’s National Science Bowl is the only educational event and academic competition of its kind that is sponsored by a federal agency.

Twelve CSRA high school teams will compete against eight other teams from South Carolina in the 20th annual Department of Energy Savannah River Regional Science Bowl at The University of South Carolina Aiken, Saturday, Feb. 20. Competition begins at 9 a.m. at USC Aiken’s Business and Education Building.

“The future of our nation depends on developing students who will be our next generation of scientists and engineers,” said Jeff Allison, Manager, DOE Savannah River Operations Office. “The depth of knowledge demonstrated by these teams during the competition is truly amazing.”

DOE’s National Science Bowl for high school students features 67 regional competitions, each one sending a winning team to the National Finals (all-expense paid trip), scheduled for April 29-May 4, in Washington, D.C.

The national championship team will win its choice of three science-related trips, which include locations in the U.S., France and England.



Since DOE's National Science Bowl began in 1991, more than 130,000 students – and their teachers – have participated. Student teams, which consist of four students, an alternate, and a teacher/coach, practice for months before the competition. Many teams even test their knowledge against real scientists at major corporations or DOE's National Laboratories, who volunteer their time to help students prepare to answer complex questions.

More information about DOE's National Science Bowl[®] is available at:

<http://www.scied.science.doe.gov/nsb/default.htm>

In addition to DOE, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) and the University of South Carolina Aiken are partners in putting together this year's regional Science Bowl.

“For nearly two decades, the site's educational outreach program has supported a variety of events throughout the school year,” said Barbara Smoak, Manager, SRNS Educational Outreach. “We're pleased to plan, coordinate and implement outreach programs like the Future City Competition, Introduce a Girl to Engineering, and the Science Bowl that provide area students unique opportunities for exceptional educational growth.”

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2010 DOE Savannah River Regional Science Bowl Teams

1. Andrew Jackson High School, Kershaw, S.C.
2. Augusta Area Home Educators, Augusta, GA (two teams)
3. Augusta Preparatory Day School, Martinez ,GA
4. Chapin High School, Chapin, S.C.
5. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School, Augusta, Ga. (two teams)
6. Evans High School, Augusta, Ga. (two teams)
7. Hillcrest High School, Simpsonville, S.C. (two teams)
8. Irmo High School, Irmo, S.C.
9. Lakeside High School, Evans, Ga. (two teams)
10. North Augusta High School, North Augusta, S.C. (two teams)
11. South Aiken High School, Aiken, S.C. (two teams)
12. Spartanburg High School, Spartanburg , S.C.
13. Swansea High School, Gaston, S.C.
14. West-Oak High School, Westminster, S.C. (two teams)



Schedule of Activities for Saturday, February 20

8-8:30 a.m.	Registration for Teams and Volunteers
8:15 a.m.	Moderators and Scientific Judges Meeting
8:30-8:50 a.m.	Welcome/Introductions
9 a.m.	Round Robin Matches Begin
11:30 a.m.	Tie Breakers (if necessary)
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Double Elimination Matches – Top 8 Teams
3:30 p.m.	Final Science Bowl Rounds
4-4:30 p.m.	Awards Presentation (immediately following final round)

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