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Local High School Students Compete in Science Bowl

30 Teams, 150 Students Compete in Game-show Style Tournament—Winner Advances to Nationals

(Folsom, CA) Do you know the difference between a Quark and a Quasar? Or what the weather is like on Venus? Do you know the four physical states of matter? Math and science questions even harder than those are the hallmark of the 2009 Sacramento Regional Science Bowl on Saturday, February 28, Vista Del Lago High School, 1970 Broadstone Parkway in Folsom.

150 students on 30 teams representing 17 Sacramento area high schools will compete in a round-robin game-show style test of their knowledge in a variety of math and science categories. The winning team is awarded an all-expense paid trip to the Department of Energy's National Science Bowl Competition April 30 through May 5, 2009, in Washington, D.C. Last year's regional winner was from Mira Loma High School in Sacramento.

The US Department of Energy sponsors the national competition every year. The main local sponsor is the Western Area Power Administration. Additional sponsors include the California Independent System Operator, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, the Northern California Power Agency, Folsom Chamber of Commerce, Roseville Electric and Aerojet.

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2009
Times: Competition starts 9:00 a.m.
Final round 4:00 p.m. (approximate)
Place: Vista Del Lago High School, 1970 Broadstone Parkway, Folsom CA
Visuals: Teams of students slamming buzzers, answering questions,
Interviews and access available all day
Day of event
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