



2012 National Science Bowl® Prizes

“Exploring Alaska” **National High School Champions’ Award Trip** **July 18 – 26, 2012**

A fully guided adventure tour of southern portions of the 49th and largest state of the United States is designed to highlight one of the most beautiful natural regions in the country. The nine-day excursion features a variety of day trips that provide learning opportunities along the themes of glaciology, marine and avian biology, geology, and plate tectonics. Students will explore the Copper River Delta, known for its highly prized stocks and prolific runs of wild salmon, experience the mystical appeal of old-growth hemlock and spruce while hiking through the Chugach National Forest, white water raft the Sheridan River, and travel across the scenic Prince William Sound and Orca Inlet, home to the world’s largest population of sea otters. The trip also includes visits to Childs Glacier and the Alaska Wildlife Center, a rehabilitation facility for injured and orphaned wildlife.

“Exploring Yellowstone and Grand Teton Parks” **National High School Second Place Team’s Award Trip** **July 18 – 22, 2012**

A fully guided adventure tour of Great Salt Lake Park, Yellowstone National Park, and Grand Teton National Park. Many adventures await, including seeing Old Faithful, hiking the Continental Divide, and taking a boat trip down the Snake River. Students will swim in the Great Salt Lake Park before seeing the following sites at Yellowstone: Mud Volcano, Hayden Valley, Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, Obsidian Cliffs, Mammoth Hot Springs, West Yellowstone Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center, Norris Geyser Basin, Grand Prismatic Spring, and of course, Old Faithful. Before leaving Yellowstone, students will hike along Continental Divide. The next adventures are at Grand Teton National Park and include hiking at Jenny Lake for some spectacular wildlife observations. The trip concludes with a scenic float through Upper Snake River Canyon followed by a white-water rafting trip on the Snake River.

Additional Prizes & Awards

- The top 16 high school teams in the competition's double elimination rounds will each receive \$1,000 for their school's science department and a National Science Bowl plaque.
- The top ranked high school team from each of the eight divisions in the Division Team Challenge will receive \$500 for their school's science department. In the Challenge, the teams solve hands-on science problems.
- The top 8 middle school teams in the double elimination rounds will each receive \$1,000 for their school's science department and a National Science Bowl plaque.
- Lithium-Ion Battery Powered Model Car Competition – The three middle school teams with the fastest cars and the team with the best design will receive trophies. The team with the fastest car and the team with the best design will also receive \$500 for their schools' science departments.
- One middle school and one high school will be selected to receive Civility Awards. The selections are based on student, staff, and volunteer nominations. Each member of the Middle and High School Civility Award teams will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Amazon.com. Each team will also receive \$500 for their school's science department.