



### ***Quick Facts on the National Science Bowl***

- The National Science Bowl is in its 22nd year.
- More than 10,000 high school students and 4,000 middle school students from 1,800 schools in 49 states, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia competed in 2012, making the National Science Bowl the nation's largest science competition.
- Since 1991, nearly 200,000 middle and high school students – and their teachers – have participated.
- Sixty-nine regional high school competitions and forty-four regional middle school competitions were held around the country between January 2012 and March 2012.
- The National Science Bowl Finals will be held in Washington, DC, from April 26 - 30, 2012.
- The national high school championship team will win a science-related trip to Alaska.
- Regional sponsors range from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies.

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