

The DOE National Science Bowl needs you!

Coming up later this month and again in February are two special opportunities to refresh and test your knowledge of science while helping to inspire middle and high school students toward academic achievements in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) subjects. The Sandia-sponsored Department of Energy (DOE) regional science bowls will be held at Las Positas College on Jan. 25 (high school) and Feb. 22 (middle school).

The DOE National Science Bowl [<http://science.energy.gov/wdts/nsb/>] fosters student interest and achievement in math and science with a national competition in a quiz-show format. The champion team of each regional event receives an all-expenses-paid trip to compete in the national event, which will take place April 24–28 in Washington, D.C.

In 2013, Hopkins Junior High School, the winner of the Sandia-sponsored regional Science Bowl for middle school, finished in third place at the National Finals, and Mission San Jose High School, the winner of the Sandia-sponsored regional Science Bowl for high school, finished in fifth place. Read more about the 2013 DOE National Science Bowl in the June 14, 2013, issue of *Sandia Lab News* [http://www.sandia.gov/news/publications/LabNews/archive/_assets/documents/labnews06-14-13.pdf].

To host these important regional events, we need your help. Please help us keep this 20+-year tradition alive for the next generation of young scientists by volunteering at one or both of the regional science bowls.

Volunteers are needed to serve as scorekeepers, timekeepers, scientific judges, and moderators for the Sandia-sponsored regional events on Jan. 25 and Feb. 22, both Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can volunteer for a half-day (8 a.m. to noon) or a full day (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) A science background is not necessary to be a scorekeeper or timekeeper.

One-hour training sessions will be held in the B940 auditorium from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Jan. 14, 20, and 23 for the high school Science Bowl. On Jan. 15, a high school Science Bowl training session will be held in B903/1021-022 (General Access Area) from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Training for the middle school Science Bowl will be held on Feb. 20 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the B940 auditorium. Volunteers should attend at least one training session.

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Center 8200 December Team Celebration

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Over the past three years, Center 8200 has donated items to Blue Star Moms as part of our team celebration each December. This year, we worked with a representative from the California Army National Guard Family Assistance Program, based out of the Walnut Creek Armory, and adopted four families who have family members currently deployed in Afghanistan. This new campaign was called "Operation C.A.W.S.E. for Our Military Families."

We adopted one family for each of the four department sections in 8200. Our families included four moms and eight children ranging in ages from 11 months to 15 years old. The 8200 OMA team started collecting gifts on October 30 and ended with a fun wrapping party on December 9. We collected everything from pots and pans to clothes, video games, books, and so much more!

The day of our team celebration, we welcomed three of the four families to Sandia and presented them with all of their gifts, which surrounded the adorned Center Christmas tree. During our opening ceremony, 8200 Director Russ Miller thanked the families and their service members for serving our country, and each mom spoke briefly. The kids enjoyed watching our staff and managers participate in the team-building "Minute to Win It" games and even joined in.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all of those in Center 8200 who helped to make the holidays very special for these four families. We hope that we will have the opportunity to work with the Walnut Creek Armory again in the very near future.

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