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Wood Middle School claims victory in BPA middle school science bowl after intense competition with Athey Creek Middle School

Lake Oswego Jr. High "Team A" and Estacada Jr. High came in third and fourth, respectively

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PORTLAND, Ore. — The excitement of competition forced audience members to the edge of their seats at the Bonneville Power Administration's Middle School Science Bowl, Saturday, Feb. 23, at the University of Portland as 38 teams of students from all over the Willamette Valley and Vancouver battled for the championship title.

"Team B" from Wilsonville's Wood Middle School lost to "Team A" from West Linn's Athey Creek Middle School early in this "Jeopardy!-like" competition. But, as both teams climbed through the double-elimination heat, they wound up head-to-head again in the final round. That was the point where Wood claimed a victory.

In addition to trophies and other prizes, the winning teams will be treated to a pancake breakfast and free flights to a place of scientific interest by the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Closely trailing the front two teams were Lake Oswego Junior High's "Team A," which placed third in the bowl, and Estacada Junior High, which claimed the fourth slot.

"These kids were intensely competitive, but they also displayed very good sportsmanship," said Joan McNamara, BPA education coordinator. "And they were devoted. It was evident that these students and their coaches spent a lot of time after school preparing for this event."

BPA sponsors the Middle School and Regional High School Science Bowls to ignite excitement and show support for students in math, technology and science — especially among women and minorities — two groups underrepresented in these fields. The High School event will take place Saturday, March 8 at the University of Portland. The winning team from that event will go on to Washington, D.C., to compete with other regional champions from throughout the U.S.

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Attached is a list of teams which participated in BPA's 1997 Middle School Science Bowl. For

interviews with members of the top four teams, please contact the coaches/principals below — or check the list of teams, which includes other contacts:

Wood Middle School “Team B,” Gary Haugen (principal), (503) 682-0101

Athey Middle School “Team A,” Dawna Bell (coach), (503) 638-6005

Lake Oswego Jr. High School “Team A,” Ori Polley (coach), (503) 635-0335

Estacada Junior High School, Todd Dauenhauer (coach), (503) 630-8516

1997 Middle School Science Bowl Registered Teams

- Alki Middle School, Vancouver, WA
- Athey Creek Middle School, West Linn, OR (2 teams)
- Beaumont Middle School, Portland, OR
- Bolton Middle School, West Linn, OR
- Calapooia Middle School, Albany, OR
- Coffenberry Middle School, Myrtle Creek, OR (2 teams)
- Duniway Middle School, McMinnville, OR (2 teams)
- Estacada Jr. High School, Estacada, OR
- Floyd Light Middle School, Portland, OR (2 teams)
- Hosford Middle School, Portland, OR
- J.B. Thomas Jr. High School, Hillsboro, OR (2 teams)
- Kellogg Middle School, Portland, OR
- Lake Oswego Jr. High School, Lake Oswego, OR (2 teams)
- Mill City Middle School, Mill City, OR
- Neil Armstrong Middle School (MESA), Forest Grove, OR
- Northeast Portland Home School, Portland, OR (2 teams)
- Patton Middle School, McMinnville, OR
- Portsmouth Middle School, Portland, OR
- Poynter Jr. High School (MESA), Hillsboro, OR
- Scappoose Middle School, Scappoose, OR
- St. Clare School, Portland, OR (2 teams)
- Sutherlin Middle School, Sutherlin, OR (2 teams)
- The Madeline School, Portland, OR
- Valley Catholic Middle School, Beaverton, OR
- Washington Grade School, Vernonia, OR (2 teams)
- Whitford Middle School, Beaverton, OR (2 teams)
- Wood Middle School, Wilsonville, OR

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