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Middle school students to battle brain-to-brain in BPA science bowl

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VANCOUVER, Wash. – More than 300 middle school students from 21 Oregon and Washington schools will test their intellectual mettle Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Bonneville Power Administration 2000 regional middle school science bowl.

What: BPA regional middle school science bowl

When: Saturday, Feb. 26. Opening ceremonies begin at 8 a.m. Competition begins at 8:30 a.m., with the final rounds beginning around 4 p.m.

Where: Student Services Building, Room 110, Washington State University – Vancouver Campus, 14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue, Vancouver, Wash. (See attached campus map for specific building locations). For directions to the campus, point your web browser to: <http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/directions.html>

Note: *Media should check in at Room 110 of the Student Services Building. A BPA media representative will assist you with covering the event.*

BPA sponsors regional science bowls to spark interest in math, technology and science among middle and high school students. BPA's science bowls also are designed to encourage women and minorities to choose science and technology careers. Twenty-nine teams are competing in the "Jeopardy-style" bowl, in which teamwork and quick wits are key to making it to the final round. Each participating school builds its own team(s). Teams consist of four student contestants and one alternate. BPA's science bowl program is closely modeled after the National Science Bowl[®] competitions created by the Department of Energy (DOE) in 1991.

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