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### ***Middle school students to battle brian-to-brain in 2000 science bowl***

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**VANCOUVER Wash.** – More than 300 middle school students from 21 Oregon and Washington schools are converging on Washington State University, Vancouver Campus, Saturday to test their intellectual mettle in the Bonneville Power Administration 2000 regional middle school science bowl.

Twenty-nine teams will compete in the "Jeopardy-style" bowl where teamwork and quick wits are key to making it to the final round.

"There's excitement in the air for these participants," said Derrol Johns, BPA's science bowl coordinator. "These students prepare for a long time to come compete in this bowl. When the competition is in high gear this weekend, the competitive pressure will be so high you could turn coal into diamonds!"

BPA sponsors regional science bowls to spark interest in math, technology and science among middle and high school students. Each participating school builds its own team(s) of intellectual giants. 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. Like DOE's National Science Bowl, BPA's science bowls also are designed to foster participation in science and technology fields by women and minorities – two groups currently underrepresented in these fields.

The following is a list of the schools participating in the BPA middle school science bowl:

#### School City

Beaumont Middle School Portland, Ore.

Carlton Elementary School Carlton, Ore.

Cedar Park Middle School Portland, Ore.

Cedar Ridge Middle School Sandy, Ore.

Coffenberry Middle School Myrtle Creek, Ore.

Forest Ridge of the Sacred Heart Bellevue, Wash.

Howard Street Charter School Salem, Ore.

McKenzie Jr. High School Finn Rock, Ore.

Memorial Middle School Albany, Ore.

Mt. Tabor Middle School Portland, Ore.

Mill City Middle School Mill City, Ore.

Monitor Elementary School Mt. Angel, Ore.

Neil Armstrong Middle School Forest Grove, Ore.

Robert Gray Middle School Portland, Ore.

Scappoose Middle School Scappoose, Ore.

Sherwood Middle School Sherwood, Ore.

St. Clare School Portland, Ore.

Washington Grade School Vernonia, Ore.

Westridge Elementary School Lake Oswego, Ore.

WinterHaven Middle School Portland, Ore.

Yamhill Grade School Yamhill, Ore.

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