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Middle School Science Bowl at Brookhaven Lab, March 6

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EVENT: One hundred students representing 13 middle schools from Long Island will participate in a Regional Science Bowl competition, which consists of two exciting contests: a fast-paced question-and-answer tournament designed to test students' knowledge in life, physical, and earth sciences and mathematics and a model solar car competition that challenges students to design, build, and race model cars. Media representatives are invited to attend, although the event is not open to the general public because of space limitations.

WHEN: Saturday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m.

WHERE: Berkner Hall and Brookhaven Center, Brookhaven National Laboratory. The Lab is located on William Floyd Parkway, one-and-a-half miles north of Exit 68 of the LI Expressway.

DETAILS: The Regional Science Bowl at Brookhaven Lab is part of the National Science Bowl® competition coordinated by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science. In 2009, more than 5,000 students participated in regional events throughout the nation. By participating in this "Jeopardy"-style academic contest and model solar car competition, students are encouraged to excel in science and math and to pursue careers in those fields.

Similar to a sporting event, the academic competition is set up in a round-robin format followed by a double-elimination final tournament. Four teams will emerge as winners in this contest by answering the most questions correctly. Winners of the model solar car challenge will be determined by the best of three time trials. All winning teams will receive medals and a trophy, and all participants will receive T-shirts and certificates. The first-place team in the academic competition will be eligible to participate in the National Science Bowl®, which will be held in Washington, DC, from April 29-May 4, 2010. A list of participating Long Island schools is provided.

All visitors to the Laboratory age 16 and over must bring a photo ID. Media representatives who plan to attend the event should notify Diane Greenberg, 631 344-2347.

Participating Schools at Brookhaven Lab's 2010 Middle School Science Bowl and Solar Car Challenge

- Holy Angels Regional, Patchogue
- Our Lady of the Hamptons, Southampton
- Long Island Lutheran MS, Brookville
- · Longwood Jr. HS, Middle Island
- John F. Kennedy MS, Port Jefferson Station
- · Commack MS, Commack
- Copiague MS, Copiague
- · East Woods School, Oyster Bay
- Albert G. Prodell MS, Shoreham
- R.C. Murphy JH, Stony Brook
- · Rocky Point MS, Rocky Point
- · Lawrence MS, Lawrence
- William Floyd MS, Mastic

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