

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY - NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL®

ONLY items in BLUE font are open to the public, including family members.

Teams are not expected to bring supporters to National Science Bowl Finals. However, if **parents/legal guardians (ONLY-no other family members)** wish to attend their child's academic matches, registration is necessary to be permitted on campus.

Please contact national.science.bowl@science.doe.gov to learn how to register.

No unregistered person will be allowed on campus. We will not compromise the safety and security of any participant attending the National Science Bowl Finals for any reason.

APRIL 30 – MAY 4, 2026 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (times may be subject to change)

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026 Welcome Winning Regional Teams!

1:00-6:30 pm	Team Registration
5:00-6:30 pm	Dinner
6:30-6:50 pm	Welcome assembly for middle school teams
7:00-7:20 pm	Welcome assembly for high school teams
7:00 pm	Night Tour at Smithsonian
10:00-10:30 pm	Buses return to National Conference Center
11:00 pm	Curfew for ALL teams & all others-all participants must be in their rooms - Campus policy.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026 Middle School: Museum Visits, Rules Review High School: Science Day, Division Team Challenge, Advanced Placement Test Review

6:30-8:15 am	Breakfast
8:20 am	Assembly for all high school teams
8:45 am	Middle school students board buses for National Mall
8:20-9:45 am	Science Day Plenary Session
10:00-11:15 am	Science Day Seminar Session I
11:20-12:40 pm	Lunch for high school teams, Science Day speakers, NSB staff & coordinators
1:00-2:15 pm	Science Day Seminar Session II

3:15-4:30 pm	High School Division Team Challenge Competition – Session 1
3:30-4:45 pm	High School Coach Workshop
5:00-6:15 pm	High School Division Team Challenge Competition – Session 2
5:00-7:15 pm	Dinner
6:45-7:45 pm	Middle School Academic Rules Review
7:30-9:30 pm	AP Test Review Sessions
8:00-10:00 pm	Competition Practice Rooms for Middle School Teams
10:30 pm	Curfew for middle school teams
Midnight	Curfew for high school teams & all others

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026
Middle School Academic Competition, High School Museum Visits
Fully Registered Parents/Legal Guardians (ONLY) will be allowed on
campus for only the Academic Events.

6:30-9:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am	High school students board buses for National Mall
9:30 am-3:15 pm	Middle School Academic Round Robin Tournament Parents/legal guardians must remain in the designated visitor space on campus when their team is not competing. Contact national.science.bowl@science.doe.gov to register and see the full parent/guardian supporter policy.
12:00-1:15 pm	Lunch for middle school teams & volunteers
3:15-9:10 pm	Middle School Academic Double Elimination Tournament
4:00-8:00 pm	Enhancement Activities for Middle School STUDENTS not Competing
4:30-6:30 pm	Dinner
7:10-8:15 pm	Assembly for high school teams: Rules Review
8:15-8:45 pm	Assembly for middle school teams: Cyber Challenge Logistics
8:30-10:30 pm	Competition Practice Rooms for High School Teams
11:30 pm	Curfew for middle school teams
Midnight	Curfew for high school teams and all others

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026
High School Academic Competition & Middle School Cyber Challenge
Fully Registered Parents/Legal Guardians (ONLY) will be allowed on
campus for only the Academic Events.

6:30-9:00 am	Breakfast
10:00-5:00 pm	Middle School Cyber Day
9:00 am-4:00 pm	High School Academic Round Robin Tournament Parents/legal guardians must remain in the designated visitor space on campus when their team is not competing. Contact national.science.bowl@science.doe.gov to register and see the full parent/guardian supporter policy.
11:30-1:00 pm	Lunch for high school teams & volunteers
11:55-12:45 pm	Lunch for middle school teams & volunteers
4:00-9:45 pm	High School Double Elimination Tournament
4:45-7:00 pm	Dinner
10:00 pm	Curfew for middle school teams
11:00 pm	Curfew for high school teams & All Others -- all participants must be in their rooms - Campus policy

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026
LISNER AUDITORIUM – GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Dress: High School - NSB Green Polo Shirt & Navy or Black slacks or skirt
Middle School - NSB Blue Polo Shirt & Navy or Black slacks or skirt

6:00-7:00 am	Breakfast
6:45 am	Teams load luggage on the buses (check luggage tags for the bus number)
8:20 am	Emcee, David Zahren, begins
8:45 am	Middle School Double Elimination Round Eight: Final Match Middle School Double Elimination Round Nine: If necessary match
9:25 am	High School Double Elimination Round Eight: Final Round High School Double Elimination Round Nine: If necessary match
10:15 a.m.	Introduction of the Keynote Speaker
10:20 a.m.	Keynote Address
10:30 a.m.	Presentation of Trophies
10:45-11:30 am	Teams, Alumni, Regional Coordinators board buses and depart for Airports