

Information for Parents & Families of National Science Bowl® Students

Congratulations on your students' accomplishments! Additional information can be found on the National Science Bowl® (NSB) website at <http://science.energy.gov/wdts/nsb> -- click on "Attending National Event". If you plan to travel to Washington, DC to attend the National Science Bowl, please read the information below.

Traveling to the National Science Bowl

All students and coaches traveling by airplane or Amtrak, and arriving on Thursday, will be picked up by NSB shuttle buses. Only official science bowl participants may board the NSB buses. Parents and family members are NOT allowed to board the NSB buses, at any time.

Lodging

Team lodging, meals, and most activities will be at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD, www.4hcenter.org. There are no sleeping rooms for families available, so please arrange for your rooms at other area hotels. The NSB website has a list of hotels close to the 4-H Center. There is ample parking available at the 4-H Center; however, family and friends may only be at the 4-H Center during specific events (see the Schedule of Events on the "Attending National Event" page).

Contacting Your Student

You can call the 4-H Center at 301-961-2801 and be connected to your student's room. There is wireless access on campus and a cyber café where students can check their e-mail.

What Can You Watch or Do with Your Students?

The Schedule of Events is on the "Attending National Event" webpage. This schedule highlights the activities that are open to the public, including family and friends. When you are at the 40H Center, there are snack machines for your use on the 4--H Campus. Meals and snacks are provided only for the students and coaches.

On Monday, the Final Matches and Awards Ceremony will be held at the George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium (730 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052). There are parking garages a few blocks from Lisner Auditorium. Families and friends are welcome to attend the final matches at the Lisner Auditorium.

IMPORTANT – DO NOT TAKE YOUR STUDENT!

The Department of Energy and the team coaches are responsible to ensure the students are safe and having great experiences. As such, students are not to leave campus to have dinner with their families, visit nearby relatives, take the metro/car back to campus with their families, or depart for home early. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in disqualification for the students for two years and may result in the disqualification of the students' teams/schools for two years.

Have more questions?

Please email NSB@orise.orau.gov or call (865) 576-2194.