



2009 National Science Bowl[®] Prizes Award Trips for High School Teams

“Genes to Galaxies” National Champions’ Award Trip July 12 – 25, 2009

“Genes to Galaxies” is the theme for the 35th Harry Messel International Science School for high school students at the University of Sydney in Australia. One of the Department of Energy National Science Bowl top winning teams will spend two weeks in the land down under participating in lectures, activities and social events.

Discovering Native American Heritage Civility Team’s Award Trip July 26 – August 1, 2009

The Crow Canyon Archaeological Center's innovative education programs not only provide instruction in archaeology but also involve the lay public in the actual research process. This first-hand approach increases awareness of, and appreciation for, our rich cultural heritage, while providing broad-based support for archaeological research and preservation. Through the Center’s programs, students of all ages gain an understanding of culture, Native American history, archaeological research, human interaction with the environment, and the importance of cultural resource preservation.

Crow Canyon’s five-day non-excavation program incorporates science, social science, environmental studies, math, physics, art, and language arts in an exciting experiential format. Students learn about the archaeology of the Southwest and the chronology of the Puebloan people who occupied the area through various activities such as grinding corn with a mano and metate, using an atlatl to throw spears, and playing ancient but still used Puebloan games. They will participate in a simulated excavation and lab, and visit an actual excavation in progress. The program culminates with an all-day tour of Mesa Verde National Park.

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Additional Prizes & Awards

- The top ranked high school team from each division in the Division Team Challenge (DTC) will receive \$500 for their school's science department.
- The top 16 high school teams in the double elimination phase of the competition will each receive \$1,000 for their school's science department and an official National Science Bowl plaque.
- The top 16 middle school teams in the double elimination phase of the competition will each receive \$500 for their school's science department and an official National Science Bowl plaque.
- Each member of the top 4 high school and top 3 middle school teams will receive an Nspire calculator provided by Texas Instruments. In addition the top 3 teams will receive Computer Based laboratories/2.
- Each member of the Civility Award teams will receive a water-powered clock provided by IBM.
- Hydrogen Fuel Cell Model Car Competition – Each of the middle school teams with top 3 fastest cars and the team with the best design will receive trophies.