

SC-GA REGIONAL COMPETITION

National Ocean Sciences Bowl

February 21, 2009



WHAT A national academic competition that focuses on ocean-related topics and sciences, including biology, geology, physics, and chemistry of the oceans and Great Lakes; social sciences (geography, history, human interactions); ocean-related technology (instrumentation, remote sensing, navigation); and current events. Quiz bowl format includes rapid-fire multiple choice and short answer questions, and written response team challenge questions. The SC-GA Regional is one of 25 regional competitions in the US.

WHO Teams of high school students from public, private, or home schools in South Carolina and Georgia. Multi-school teams are also eligible (inquire for specifics). A team is five students (minimum of four required) and a coach.

WHEN & WHERE February 20-21, 2009. University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. Teams arrive Friday late afternoon for rules review, dinner and socializing. The competition begins Saturday morning and concludes late afternoon.

WHY NOSB's objectives are improving ocean literacy and awareness of the critical importance of the oceans to global climate and weather, economies, history and culture; creating an interdisciplinary vehicle for teaching biology, chemistry, geology, physics, and mathematics; and giving teachers access to marine science education and scientific professionals.

RESOURCES & SUPPORT NOSB provides lodging Friday night. Meals provided are Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. No registration fee is charged. NOSB furnishes rules, practice questions, and a resource list. Educational resources are provided as available.

AWARDS The top team and coach win round-trip travel to the national finals in Washington, DC. Additional awards are made to the top four teams and the team receiving the Sportmanship Award. Participating teachers receive ocean sciences resources for their classes. Participating students are eligible for summer internships and college scholarships.

REGISTER Pre-register to receive an application. Registration packets will be sent to applicants via email (or faxed if requested) beginning October 30, 2008. Fill out the registration materials and return them via **US Postal Mail**. *Entry to the competition is on a first come, first served basis. The postmark determines the order.* There is no registration fee.

IMPORTANT DATES October 30, 2008 Registration begins
February 20-21, 2009 SC-GA Regional Competition, Columbia, SC
April 25-27, 2009 National NOSB Finals Competition, Washington, DC

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