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State’s High Schoolers to Compete at Orca Bowl Feb. 6

What’s the difference between zooplankton and phytoplankton?

On Saturday, Feb. 6, students from 10 high schools in Washington will answer this and other challenging questions about the biology, chemistry, geology, physics, history and economics of the ocean at Orca Bowl 2010.

Held on the University of Washington’s Seattle campus, this rapid-fire academic competition attracts teams from across the state. The winning team will receive an all-expenses paid trip to St. Petersburg, Fla., to compete in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl in April. Competitors can also qualify for scholarships and internships.

Join us at the 13th annual Orca Bowl!

When: Saturday, Feb. 6, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Where: South Campus Center, University of Washington, Seattle

2010 Orca Bowl Schools and Coaches:

**Bainbridge High School**
Bainbridge Island
Coach: Tom Armentrout
tarmentrout@bainbridge.wednet.edu

**Garfield High School** – 2 teams
Seattle
Coach: Jonathon Stever
jcstever@seattleschools.org

**Ballard High School** – 2 teams
Seattle
Coach: Megan Vogel
mevogel@seattleschools.org

**Ocean Research College Academy**
Everett
Coach: Ardi Kveven
orca@everettcc.edu
Castle Rock High School
Castle Rock
Coach: Ryan Penner
rpenner@castlerock.wednet.edu

Shelton High School – 2 teams
Shelton
Coach: Brian Ducker
BDucker@sheltonschools.org

ExCEL Academic League
Washougal
Coach: Laurie Chinn
Assistant Coach: Ann Williams
lachinn9@yahoo.com

Soap Lake High School – 2 teams
Soap Lake
Coach: Matthew Brewer
mbrewer@slschools.org

Friday Harbor High School – 2 teams
Friday Harbor
Coach: Max Maliska
Assistant Coach: Nick Frazee
max.maliska@gmail.com

Winlock High School
Winlock
Coach: Craig Mitchell
cmitchell@winlock.wednet.edu

The National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) is a program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, based in Washington, D.C. About 2,000 students from more than 400 high schools participated in regional competitions this year. Through this educational forum, the NOSB strives to encourage and support the next generation of marine scientists, policy makers, teachers, explorers, researchers, technicians, environmental advocates and informed citizens.

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