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Attention: News, Assignment and Photo Editors

Eleven teams represent metro area high schools in Lake Sturgeon Bowl

Who: Wisconsin high school students with a strong interest in marine and freshwater science.

What: Twenty-five high school teams, each comprised of four or five students, compete in the eighth annual Lake Sturgeon Bowl, an academic tournament in ocean sciences for high school students. The bowl is a regional competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) and is coordinated by the UWM School of Continuing Education, UWM Great Lakes WATER Institute and UW Sea Grant Advisory Services. For more information about the bowl, watch NOSB videos, http://www.oceanleadership.org/link/nosb/promo.

This academic tournament provides a forum for students who excel in math and science. The rapid-fire question and answer format includes categories in physics, chemistry, biology, and geology of the oceans and Great Lakes. Other topics include geography, social science, ocean-related technology and current events.

The winning team will compete against 24 other regional champions in the 12th Annual National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB®) April 25-27 in Washington, DC.

When/Where: 8am- 5:30pm, Sat., Feb. 21, 2009, at the UWM School of Continuing Education, 161 W. Wisconsin Ave. (check in on 6th floor). Also: 8pm, Fri., Feb. 20, open house, Great Lakes Water Institute, 600 E. Greenfield Ave., featuring keynote speaker, David Guggenheim, president, 1planet1ocean. Tours at 6pm.

Why: The National Ocean Sciences Bowl is a program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership based in Washington, DC. NOSB seeks to interest students in ocean sciences as a college major and potential career. 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. Approximately 2,000 students from over 300 high schools will participate in 2009.
Of note: Twenty-three Wisconsin high schools have confirmed that their teams will compete in the Lake Sturgeon Bowl.

Eleven teams represent the following metro Milwaukee area high schools:

ALAS Adv Language & Academic Studies, Milwaukee, WI
Clara Mohammed School, Milwaukee, WI
Greendale High School, Greendale, WI
InLand Seas, Milwaukee, WI
Marquette University High School (two teams), Milwaukee, WI
Newman Catholic High School (two teams), Milwaukee, WI
Professional Learning Institute, Milwaukee, WI
UWM Upward Bound, Milwaukee, WI
West Allis Central High School – West Allis, WI
Whitefish Bay High School – Whitefish Bay, WI

Fourteen teams represent other Wisconsin high schools:

Appleton West High School – Appleton, WI
Kenosha eSchool – Kenosha, WI
Luxemburg-Casco High School – Luxemburg, WI
Marshfield Senior High School – Marshfield, WI
Mukwonago High School – Mukwonago, WI
Parker High School – Janesville, WI
Port Washington High School – Port Washington, WI
Racine Education Alternative Learning – Racine, WI
Regis High School (two teams), Eau Claire, WI
Spring Valley High School – Spring Valley, WI
Stevens Point Area Senior High School – Stevens Point, WI
St. Mary’s Central High School – Spring Valley, WI
Waterford Union High School – Waterford, WI

About the School of Continuing Education

As one of 12 schools and colleges that comprise the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, SCE meets the needs of participants through an assortment of courses, programs and workshops. With 19,000 participants each year, SCE is the largest provider of noncredit continuing education in Southeastern Wisconsin. Its mission is to generate knowledge and learning opportunities for individuals who are interested in developing professional skills in business, technology, and human services, enriching their lives with classes in the arts and humanities, and/or simply looking for a new intellectual challenge.

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