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Vancouver's ExCEL Homeschoolers to Compete at Orca Bowl Feb. 7

What's the difference between zooplankton and phytoplankton?

On Saturday, Feb. 7, students from Excel Home School will answer this and other challenging questions about the biology, chemistry, geology, physics, history and economics of the ocean at Orca Bowl '09.

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 Washington, D.C., and the chance to compete in the national competition held in April. Competitors can also qualify for scholarships and internships.

Join us in cheering on the Excel students at this year's Orca Bowl!

When: Saturday, Feb. 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: South Campus Center, University of Washington, Seattle

More Orca Bowl information: wsg.washington.edu/education/events/orca.html

The National Ocean Sciences Bowl 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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