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**Return this completed form to: Ms. Norma Ward
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**2018 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL®
STUDENT AND COACH TEAM COMMITMENT FORM**

_____ from _____
School City State

won the _____ 2018 Regional Science Bowl Competition.
Regional Site

As a member of the winning team, I will attend the National Science Bowl® Event held April 26 – April 30, 2018, in Washington, DC. I have read the Code of Conduct (page 3 of this form) and the eligibility portion of the 2018 National Science Bowl® Rules and agree to the following:

- In the interest of safety, continuity, and maximizing the educational value of the complete National Science Bowl experience, **students and coaches are required to take part in ALL of its events and activities.** Students, coaches, or teams who do not attend required activities will be penalized in the academic tournament and/or disqualified from future competitions.

Print Student Name

Student Signature acknowledging the bullet above

Coach Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature acknowledging the bullet above

- NO waivers will be granted or special arrangements made for students or coaches to participate in any conflicting activities or exams. If team members or coaches have such conflicts, they must decide **within 2 weeks after the regional competition, or by March 19, 2018**, whichever occurs first, whether to attend the National Science Bowl® Finals or participate in the conflicting activities. *Students who change their minds after this date will not be eligible to compete in the 2019 or 2020 National Science Bowl regional or national events.*
 - ***In addition, the student's family will be required to refund the cost of the student's airline ticket to ORISE/ORAU within two weeks of cancelling the flight. (NOTE: This is a change from prior years.)***

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Student Signature acknowledging the bullet above

Coach Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature acknowledging the bullet above

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- **All team members and the coach must travel together**, and must arrive and depart on the designated dates and be in attendance throughout the duration of the National Science Bowl®, April 26-30, 2018.

Print Student Name

Student Signature acknowledging the bullet above

Coach Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature acknowledging the bullet above

- If at least 4 students from the winning regional team are unable to participate in **all** activities, the next-highest-place team with at least four players who can attend the entire National event will be invited instead.

Print Student Name

Student Signature acknowledging the bullet above

Coach Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature acknowledging the bullet above

- Failure to completely adhere to the items above, the 2018 NSB Code of Conduct (on page 3 of this form), and the eligibility portion of the 2018 National Science Bowl rules may result in the **disqualification and expulsion of the team (students and coach) for the 2018 National Event and disqualification of the school for all 2019 Regional Events**. By signing below, you are certifying that you have read and agree to the 2018 National Science Bowl Code of Conduct on Page 3 of this form.

Date: _____

Print Student Name

Student Signature acknowledging the bullet above

Coach Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature acknowledging the bullet above

NOTE: Each team member, his or her parent/guardian, and coach must sign this form in **ALL FIVE** places above in order for the team to attend the National finals in Washington, DC.

National forms may also be faxed to this secure fax number: (865) 576-4197

2018 National Science Bowl® Code of Conduct

National 4-H Center

- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited.
- Smoking or using other tobacco products is prohibited in all buildings.
- Possession of sexually explicit material is prohibited, including downloading such information onto the computers in the National 4-H Center Recreation Room.
- To protect the safety of guests at the National 4-H Center, no fraternization is allowed in participants' lodging rooms – males and females are not allowed in each other's rooms.
- **Students and coaches are only permitted to leave the National 4-H Center campus on official NSB buses and vans. Students may not leave the campus with anyone, including parents, teachers, and coaches.** All exercise (jogging, walking) must be done on the National 4-H Center campus.
- Shirts and shoes are required inside all buildings at all times.
- Participants and coaches must respect personal and public property. Repair costs for damages incurred to property will be billed to the school responsible for such damages.
- Mattresses and other furniture will not be moved from one room to another. Do not hang anything from the sprinkler heads.
- Name badges must be worn at ALL times. This rule applies to coaches and students.

National Science Bowl®

The Department of Energy expects team members, including coaches, to attend all National Science Bowl events and to conduct themselves professionally and in a manner that will bring honor to them, their school, the competition, and the Department. There is a National Science Bowl® Rules Committee that reviews all infractions regarding the Team Commitment Form and Code of Conduct and will determine the appropriate penalty. This is a team event, and therefore one team member, by his or her conduct, could jeopardize the entire team. If complaints are received from volunteers, other teams, coordinators, the 4-H Center, etc. regarding the egregious behavior of team members, coaches, or team supporters, the team may be disqualified from the competition or receive penalty points deducted from the team's Round Robin scores.

Parents, Guardians, and other friends and family members are ONLY allowed to be on the National 4-H Center property during the times when the student they represent is competing in the academic competition – either Saturday or Sunday during the day. **Parents are NOT permitted to be on the National 4-H Center property on Thursday, April 26, 2018 or Friday, April 27, 2018 at any time.**

Curfew for middle-school students varies between 10:00 pm and 11:00 pm. Curfew for high-school students is 11:00 pm. At curfew, all outside doors will be locked.

Use of Electronic Devices

The use of electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, smart watches, etc.) is not permitted during any of the Science Bowl activities by any student, coach, or visitor. Activities include: general meetings in the auditorium or any other conference room, academic competition rounds, and during the middle school event at Trinity Washington University. If a Science Bowl staff member or an official sees or hears a participant using these devices during the prohibited-usage periods, the device will be confiscated from the individual and returned at the conclusion of the event.