

U.S. Army's eCYBERMISSION Program Announces National First-Place Winners

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Army's eCYBERMISSION program, a free, web-based, science, math and technology competition, announced its four national winning teams on Thursday, July 2.

The four national winners for grades six through nine, respectively, are: the "Dragonface" team from Charlotte, N.C., the "BabyBots" team from Melbourne, Fla., the "Super Sports Squad" team from Bellaire, Texas and the "Catch a Breath" team from Manahawkin, N.J.

National winners for eCYBERMISSION will receive \$5,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds, in addition to the \$3,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds awarded to all regional first-place winners. The members of the 12 other finalist teams will receive an additional \$3,500 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds for competing at the National Judging and Educational Event (NJ&EE), a free week of educational enrichment activities and events for national finalists held in Washington, D.C.

"We congratulate our national winners and all of the students who submitted eCYBERMISSION projects this year," said Dr. Michael Doyle, U.S. Army eCYBERMISSION Program Manager. "It is vital to our nation's future that we place emphasis on the importance of science, technology, math and engineering (STEM) education for our youth. "

The national winners presented their projects to a panel of National Judges, who have varying backgrounds in science, math and technology. The national first-place winning teams projects included the following topics:

- **Sixth grade:** The "Dragonface" team experimented with using a Borax solution to make children's Halloween costumes less flammable.
- **Seventh grade:** The "BabyBots" team conducted research to investigate flood water contamination and created an inexpensive floodwater testing kit.
- **Eighth grade:** The "Super Sports Squad" team introduced a program that included students with disabilities in its schools sports programs and extracurricular sports activities.
- **Ninth grade:** The "Catch a Breath" team used an indoor air quality monitor and tested the carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, humidity, temperature and dew point levels in public places and its school.

This year, more than 12,000 students registered for eCYBERMISSION and 2,005 teams submitted their research for scoring. Now in its seventh year, eCYBERMISSION has awarded more than \$6.7 million in U.S. EE Savings Bonds in support of the science, math and technology leaders of tomorrow. Since its inception, more than 58,000 students from across the country, in U.S. territories and Department of Defense Education Activity schools worldwide have participated in the competition.

Registration for next the 2009-2010 eCYBERMISSION competition opens on Aug. 1, 2009. For a complete listing of the 2008-2009 regional winners or for more information, please visit www.ecybermission.com.

About eCYBERMISSION

eCYBERMISSION is a free, web-based, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) competition for students in grades six through nine. Sponsored by the U.S. Army and managed by RDECOM, eCYBERMISSION is designed to share the importance of STEM education with the leaders of tomorrow and encourage them to understand the real-life applications of these subjects. Students compete for state and national awards by working in teams to identify a problem in their community and using scientific inquiry to propose a solution. eCYBERMISSION is an Army Educational Outreach Program (www.usaeop.com).

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