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**Astronomy Bowl 2010 Applications Available**

CONCORD, NH – The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center announces that New Hampshire's fourth annual Astronomy Bowl 2010 will take place on Saturday, March 27th. Applications for Astronomy Bowl participants are due by Saturday, March 6th.

The Astronomy Bowl is a statewide competition for high school students to compete by answering questions about constellations, planets, stars, and other objects projected in the Discovery Center's state-of-the-art planetarium. The top three Astronomy Bowl winners will receive silver commemorative “astronomy” bowls and scholarship prizes that can be used towards higher education.

The scholarships will be formally presented at Aerospacefest, a three day event starting Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center. The winners will also receive special recognition at the State House from Governor John Lynch and the members of the Executive Council.

Astronomy Bowl 2010 is generously sponsored by All Metals Industries, Inc., Northeast Delta Dental, Rath, Young and Pignatelli, P.C., Lincoln Financial Group, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Eastpoint Strategies and Bianco Child & Family Therapy, LLC.

The new McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center features 21st century interactive exhibits on aviation, astronomy, Earth and space sciences, a state-of-the-art planetarium and a variety of science, technology, engineering and math programs. The engaging, robust educational programs are geared towards families, teens, seniors, students, community groups, and lifelong learners. For more information, visit [www.starhop.com](http://www.starhop.com).

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