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Corvallis Science Olympiad Team honored

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CORVALLIS - The Corvallis Middle School Science Olympiad Team won the state competition in Bozeman earlier this week.

They were honored Friday at a school pep rally as they prepare for the national championship in May.

Liking science doesn't make you a nerd at Corvallis Middle School.

"Science has always been a love of mine, I just love it," said middle school student Zoe Brower.

"I just like the labs and learning about all that stuff," added fellow middle school student Charlotte Powell.

The Science Olympiad team competed at the state championship last week, and out of

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45 schools, they won first place.

You might think the work stops there, but that's just not the case.

"We study a lot harder and then we go to nationals," explained middle school student Joel Haas.

The school held a pep rally honor the team, which is made up of just 14 students. The event showcased the various projects each student worked on for the past two months.

Preparing for nationals is no easy feat, it requires lots of studying outside of school, but these students say they like science so much they think the hard work is worth it.

"This kind of an extracurricular activity where they get to learn things that they don't learn in the normal classroom because we don't have the resources to teach 100 students of each grade level the type of stuff they learned doing this," middle school science teacher David Chimo.

The National Science Olympiad will be held at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio in May 2013 and the team needs to raise over 18,000 dollars before then to attend.



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