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B&W Pantex to Conduct Solar Car Race Saturday

Just how fast can a solar powered car go?

This question will be answered at the B&W Pantex Middle School Solar Car Race beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 10. Nineteen teams from nine area middle schools will race their solar cars at the Austin Tennis Center, 2501 Elmwood. The public is welcome to watch the action.

The solar car race challenges students to design and build a vehicle to complete the race in the shortest possible time. The car is powered by a solar cell. The small cars will race down a 10-meter track.

“The race is a fun way for students to use their science and engineering skills by designing and building a solar car,” said Debra Halliday, B&W Pantex race coordinator. “This project gives students a chance to learn about science or engineering education opportunities.”

Schools competing are:

Arbor Christian Academy
Canyon Junior High
Clarendon Junior High
Fannin Middle School
Hereford Junior High

Lefors ISD
Panhandle Junior High
St. Andrew's Episcopal School
Silverton Schools

Note: The competition will be complete around 1 p.m. Media are welcome to cover the competition and interview participating students with approval from their coach. In the event of inclement weather, the race will be held in the Austin Middle School gym.

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