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NMS Wins Jimmy Carter Academic Bowl; MCMS places 2nd



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Northside Middle School won the 2010 Jimmy Carter National Historical Site Academic Bowl held in February in Plains, Ga. The students competed against seven teams from other middle schools at the Plains High School Museum. Houston County’s Mossy Creek Middle School won second place.

The eight teams competed in rounds by answering 20 questions in the categories of history, geography and economics. Northside Middle academic team members were: (pictured from left, front row) Arlie Weber, Matt Preston, Tyler Odom, and Chris Walds, (back row) Daniel Underwood, Jasmine West, Hunter Craft, Peyton Raley, and Lee Thompson. They were accompanied by their team coaches, teachers Kelly Munn and Melissa Shiver.

Northside won their first two games against Staley Middle (14-0) and Sumter County Middle (12-7). Game three was lost to Mossy Creek Middle (7 – 11), but Northside came back with wins over Warner Robins Middle (14 – 3), Perry Middle (11 – 7) and Staley Middle (13 – 5). In game seven, the championship round, Northside Middle defeated Mossy Creek Middle 12 to 6. Because this is a double-elimination tournament, another round was played, with Northside Middle winning 12 to 5 over Mossy Creek to emerge the victor.

“This win was very special for us,” remarked Munn. “Several of our 8th-graders have been on our Academic Team since they were 6th-graders, and it was nice to see them get a win for their last middle school competition. All of our team members worked very hard and we are proud of them.”

The event is sponsored by the National Park Service. Northside Middle School is located at 500 Johnson Road in Warner Robins; Jan Melnick serves as principal. For more information, please call (478) 929-7845.

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