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WVWD Sponsors Diamond Bar High School in Solar Cup

The Walnut Valley Water District sponsored Diamond Bar High School in a race to ride a stream of sunshine for the 3rd annual Solar Cup held May 13-15.

The competition, located at Lake Skinner near Temecula, brought seven Diamond Bar High School students together to construct and compete a solar-powered boat against 29 other Southern California High Schools, acquiring knowledge of alternative energy sources, engineering, and physics along the way. "It was really interesting and fun learning about solar energy through this event," said Emily Chen, 17.

Donald Nettles, member of the District's Board of Directors, was happy to know the students learned things previously unknown to them. "I hope they can keep all the components they have learned, so when they get sponsored next year, they will be able to have a more sophisticated experience," said Nettles.

The weekend festivities began with qualifying rounds on Friday, two 200-meter heats on Saturday, and two 90-minute endurance heats around a 2-kilometer course, followed by an awards ceremony on Sunday.

David Hong, instructional dean for math and science at Diamond Bar High School and solar cup team advisor, said the students' efforts should not go unnoticed. "These kids deserve a lot of credit for persevering," said Hong. "It was a lot more work than any of them expected, including myself."

The District acknowledged such efforts. "These students were very busy, but managed to do an excellent job," said Dr. Allen Wu, member of the District's Board of Directors. "The District is proud of them."

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