

SCAPA team focuses on environment

Congratulations to the Skomajoma Team at SCAPA at Bluegrass, a group of eighth-graders competing in the Lexus Environmental Challenge. They won a \$3,000 prize and qualified for the next round of the contest.

The main focus of their initiative is carbon dioxide emissions from cars.

The SCAPA group is one of eight teams in the nation to win the first stage of the Lexus challenge, which aims to make schools aware of small changes people can make to benefit the environment.

The Skomajoma Team, led by science teacher Ashlie Beals, includes Beth Bollinger, Brodie Craig, Jamie Harvener, Annie Wang, Stella Sharpe, Ben Rogers and Alex DeMoll.

The students found that simply properly inflating a vehicle's tires can reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 250 pounds per year and improve gas mileage by 3.3 percent. Another easy way to increase a car's efficiency is to keep the engine properly tuned. Such efforts not only help the environment but also help people save money.