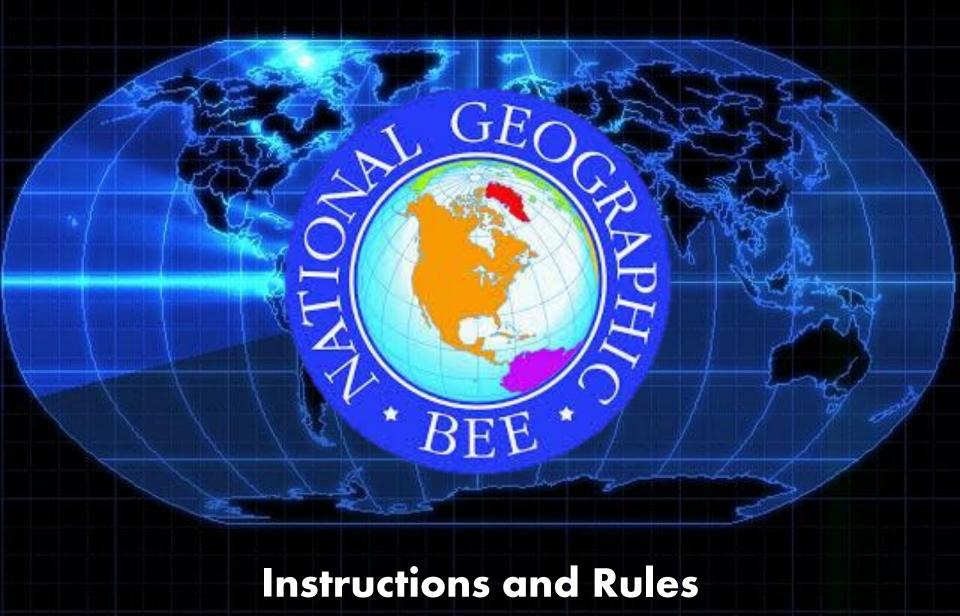
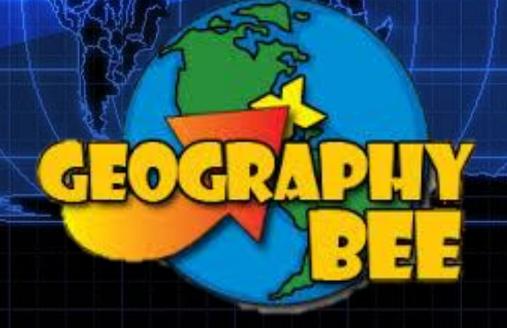
THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE CONTEST



PURPOSE AND GOALS

- ✓ Motivate students to learn about the world and how it works.
- ✓ Spark students' interest in Geography.
- ✓ Increase public awareness about geography.



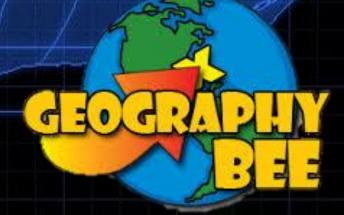
WHO IS IN THE GEO-BEE?



- ✓ Thousands of schools in the US participate in the National Geo-Bee.
- ✓ Students in grades four through eight are eligible.

LEVELS OF COMPETITION

- **✓** Three levels of competition:
 - a. School
 - b. State
 - c. National
- ✓ The winning student at each school must take the online qualifying test.
- ✓ The State Bee Champion advances to the national championship in Washington, D.C.



WHAT ARE THE PRIZES?



1st Prize:

\$50,000 College Scholarship and \$500 in Cash. Lifetime subscription in National Geographic Society.

2nd Prize:

\$25,000 College Scholarship and \$500 in Cash.

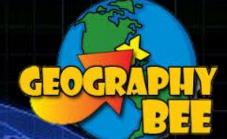
3rd Prize:

\$10,000 College Scholarship and \$500 in Cash.

Runner ups:

\$500 in Cash for 7 runner-ups.





Dead Line is Thursday, January, 20th, 2017.

Each school is responsible for conducting its own Bee.

The school Bee coordinator:

- **✓** Conducts the school competition
- ✓ Administers the online qualifying test to the school champion
- ✓ Communicates with National Geographic about the School Champion and State Bee qualification.

SCHOOL BEE RULES (CONTINUED)

- ✓ The school Bee coordinator cannot be a relative or guardian of a participant in the Nat Geo Bee.
- ✓ Bee materials are the property of the registered school and may not be transferred.



- ✓ The School Bee must not recorded in any form (written notes, audio, or video)
- ✓ Students, parents, guardians, and relatives must not have obtained, possessed, or seen copies of the questions.

STATE QUALIFYING TEST GENERAL RULES

- ✓ The online state qualifying test must be completed by 11:59 p.m. EST February 6, 2017.
- ✓ The test will be in the school building and must be monitored by the school Bee coordinator.
- ✓ The student is to work independently on the test, using no outside help or material.
- ✓ The student must be granted 60 minutes of uninterrupted time and continuous Internet.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

- ✓ The preliminary competition at the school Bee consists of seven (7) preliminary rounds of 35 questions each.
- ✓ It determines which students will advance to the final school Bee.
- ✓ Teachers may accept other answers, if deemed appropriate, within 2 minutes.
- ✓ Each student should be asked one (1) question per round.
- ✓ Each round begins with the same student.
- ✓ A student has 15 seconds to answer each question.
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- ✓ A question can be repeated only twice per one level.
- ✓ Only the first answer given will be accepted and judged.
- ✓ No points for a "Pass".
- ✓ The top ten in the school contest will advance to the next round.

FINALS

GEOGRAPHY

- ✓ Reduces the final 10 to only 2.
- ✓ Final Competition Map will be displayed in the room.
- ✓ There will be a moderator and a judge.
- ✓ Papers, markers, and chairs for ten students.
- ✓ The same rules and procedures of the preliminary round should be followed.
- ✓ Judges decisions are final.
- A series of questions will be asked, and any student who gives two (2) incorrect answers will be eliminated.
- ✓ A student who answers correctly through the series becomes one (1) of the 2 finalists.
- ✓ Continue until a 3rd place and a 2nd finalist are determined.
- ✓ Students must answer two (2) written questions. Spelling should not be considered.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

- ✓ This round is made of three (3) questions.
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- ✓ The same question is read twice for both finalists.
- ✓ The finalists have fifteen (15) seconds to write their answers.
- ✓ Both finalists shall put their markers down, hold up their answers, and read it aloud in turn.
- ✓ The correct answer will only be given after both finalists have read their answers aloud.
- ✓ In case of a tie, an extra question will be given, until a champion is determined.
- ✓ The Champion is declared and receives a medal.

STATE BEE QUALIFYING

- ✓ The on-line State Bee qualifying test must be completed by 11:59 pm EST February 6, 2017.
- ✓ Grade, gender, birth date, paren/guardian name, home address, home phone number, and parent/guardian email address are needed in the school's account on the Bee Registration and Resource Center at www.NatGeoBee.com.
- ✓ The student has 60 minutes to complete the test in one session using no outside help or material.
- ✓ The test consists of 70 multiple-choice questions and includes several visuals (photos, graphs, maps).
- ✓ For the top 100 studentss who qualify, the school and the parents/guardians will get email notification.

STATE BEE

- ✓ State Bees will be held on Friday, March 31, 2017.
- ✓ Transportation and accommodation expenses for the state competition are the responsibility of student or school.
- ✓ Eligible students must appear in person to compete at the state Bee.
- The state champion receives a medal, cash award, and other prizes.
- ✓ The 2nd and 3rd place students receive cash awards and prizes.
- ✓ All students participating in the state competition will receive T-shirts.

NATIONAL BEE

- ✓ State Champions will compete for the National title between May 15 and May 17, 2017 in Washington DC.
- ✓ The Bee will pay for the transportation and accommodation expenses for the state champion.
- ✓ Contestants will be divided into groups and preliminary competition will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017.
- Ten (10) finalists will compete on Tuesday, May 16 and Wednesday, May 17, 2017.
- ✓ The Final competition will be televised on May 19, 2017





