

THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE CONTEST



Instructions and Rules

PURPOSE AND GOALS

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



**GEOGRAPHY
BEE**

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.



SCHOOL BEE RULES



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 be 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.
- ✓ 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



- ✓ 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**.
- ✓ 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, parent/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**.

