



2nd Annual Desert Foothills Community Spelling Bee

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the rules?

The rules are simple - see the next page for more detail.

2. Is there a prize?

Champions receive gold medals, a prize package and their names inscribed on the BEE trophy which will be prominently displayed in the FCF - Holland Community Center. Round winners will receive silver medals.

3. Do we have to be good spellers?

Many teams enter for fun and the chance to show their support for an important cause. Very often it is teamwork that wins the day. You only have a few seconds to agree on the correct spelling.

4. How do we prepare for the BEE?

When you register, a "Paideia", the study guide of most of the spelling words utilized in the first seven (7) rounds of competition will be given.

5. Where is the BEE being held?

The bee will be held at the Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center, 33606 N. 60th Street, Scottsdale, 85266. The Center is located on 60th Street about 1/2 mile south of Carefree Highway.

6. When does our team need to arrive?

Registration begins at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 30th, 2011 at the Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center. We will have sandwiches, drinks and dessert for competitors. Practice round and instructions begin at 5:30 PM.

7. Who else is signing up for the BEE?

Go to www.azfcf.org to keep track of the competition!

8. What does a BEE look like?

For a sneak peek of our BEE format go to "19th Annual Wellesley Bee" on YouTube for a two minute video. We are grateful to the Wellesley Education Foundation for their assistance in helping us to prepare for our First Annual Desert Foothills Community Spelling Bee.

9. Who are the judges?

Louise Rosenburgh, former President of FCF will be our pronouncer and "Chief Justice". Dr. Paul Dale, President of Paradise Valley Community College, Dr. Debbi Burdick, Superintendent of Cave Creek Unified School District, and George Scobus, President and CEO of Valley of the Sun YMCA will be the judges.

10. How do I show my team spirit?

Promote your team in creative ways. BEE original. BEE different and over the top. Come in a crazy hat or costume if you want. The point of it all is to have lots of FUN!





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Spelling Bee Rules

1. Each team will consist of three (3) members including the Team Captain, who is the designated speller.
2. Words used in the preliminary rounds of the BEE will be selected from the “Paideia”. A copy of a study guide will be provided to each team member upon registration.
3. Words will be pronounced according to the diacritical marking in the American Heritage Dictionary: Fourth College Edition and Webster’s Third New International Dictionary and its Addenda Section, the official BEE dictionaries.
4. The Pronouncer will pronounce the word, give the definition of the word, use it in a sentence and pronounce the word once more.
5. Team members may ask for one additional pronunciation for the word, but no more.
6. Team members may collaborate on the spelling of the word. Each team will print the word legibly on the slate provided. All teams must complete the writing of the word within 25 seconds and will be instructed to put down all writing implements.
7. All teams will then display their slates simultaneously as directed, and if asked by the Master of Ceremonies, the Captain will spell the word as written. If there is a discrepancy in the written and oral spelling, the written spelling will prevail.
8. Upon misspelling a word, the team will be eliminated. If all remaining teams spell the word incorrectly, no team will be eliminated, and a new word will be given.
9. The last team to spell a word correctly in a particular round is declared the winner of that round.
10. Winners of each round shall be recalled for a playoff round, and the same rules will apply.
11. The judges will make final decisions on all questions.





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Team Registration

There are three easy steps to register:

STEP 1: Get your three (3) person team together and decide if you want to sponsor yourselves or seek sponsorship from local businesses, friends or families. All sponsorships are tax-deductible.

STEP 2: Complete the team registration form below and send it to BEE-Foothills Community Foundation, 34250 N. 60th Street, Bldg. B Scottsdale, AZ 85266 *by Friday, March 18th, 2011.*

STEP 3: If sponsoring yourself, fill out the method of payment on the back of this form. If seeking sponsorship, use the attached "Sponsor a Speller" form.

Company/Organization/Group Name _____

Team Name (if different) _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Team Member Name #1 - Designated Team Captain

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Team Member Name #2

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Team Member Name #3

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____



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Method of Payment

Enclosed is Check # _____ made payable to the FCF - BEE

Charge My Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Discover _____ Am Ex _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ CCV # _____

Card Billing Address _____

Cardholder Name _____

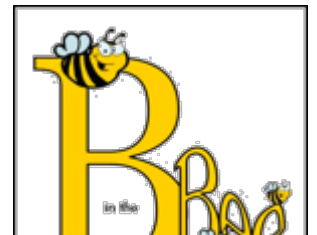
Signature _____

Please mail this form with payment to:

Foothills Community Foundation - PIE
Spelling BEE
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Sponsor a Speller Form

Yes, I would like to sponsor _____ for \$ _____
(Person/Team Name) (Minimum \$20)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Method of Payment

Enclosed is check # _____ made payable to FCF-BEE

Charge My: Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Discover _____ Am Ex _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ CCV # _____

Card Billing Address _____

Cardholder Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please mail this form with payment to:

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BEE Schedule

Team Member Check-In

Row Assignments
Light Refreshments

Meet Hosts

Practice Round

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Preliminary Competition Rounds (1 through 7)

Championship Competition Round

Awards Ceremony



