



Friends of the Haverford Township Free Library
Adult Spelling Bee
April 8, 2018
HTFL Community Room

Bee Rules

The Adult Spelling Bee is a Fundraiser for the Friends of the Haverford Township Free Library. All funds raised benefit the Library. Friends contact for Team Registration: info@friendsoftheHTFL.org

Spelling Bee Teams and Registration

1. Each Team will be composed of three Spellers.
2. There will be a maximum of fifteen (15) Teams.
3. Each Speller must be a minimum of 18 years old as of April 8, 2018.
4. Teams must register and pay the \$75 entry fee one week prior to the event, by 5:00 pm on April 1, 2018.
5. Registrations submitted after the 15 team limit is reached will be put on a waiting list. In the event of cancellations, we will contact you by the end of the next business day. We will also let you know if your registration is placed on a waiting list.
6. The Team entry fee is non refundable and non transferable with the exception of Teams on a waiting list.
7. The order in which the Teams will compete will be based on a random selection done the night before by the Planning Committee.
8. All Spellers will sign in at the registration desk in the community room no later than 1:30 pm on the day of the event. Teams not present at 1:30 pm will be disqualified without refund.

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The Competition and Spelling Words

1. The Team will 1) gather among themselves as much information as possible to spell the word correctly and 2) **clearly print** the spelling of the word on the provided whiteboard. The Team will not be able to use any printed or online resources as aids in spelling the word.
2. The difficulty of words in the competition will start at a middle school level.
3. If a word has two or more accepted spellings, according to merriam-webster.com, any correct spelling will be accepted.

The Officials

1. The Queen Bee will be the emcee for the evening and three individuals will serve as judges.
2. Three Judges decisions shall be final on all questions. All rules may be subject to modification by the Judges.
3. Merriam-Webster.com will be the dictionary of record.
4. The Judges will determine whether the Team has spelled the word correctly in the given amount of time.

The Competition

1. The competition shall be conducted in rounds. Up to three Teams will compete in each round.
2. For Each round, the Queen Bee will say the word, define it, use it in a sentence, and announce the start time. A Team may ask the Queen Bee to repeat the word, definition, and the sentence. The Queen Bee will honor each of these requests only once per word and only before the start time is announced.
3. The Queen bee and the Judges will not entertain questions regarding part of speech or root word.
4. After the Queen Bee announces the start time, each Team will have 30 seconds to complete the spelling of the word and print the word clearly on the provided white board.
5. The Judges may disqualify any Team that ignores a request to start spelling or if all three Judges are unable to read the printed word.
6. Upon missing the spelling of a word, the Team immediately drops out of the competition. If all Teams in a round misspell the given word, all Teams will remain in the competition.
7. Under no circumstances will any Team be asked to correct the misspelling of another Team.

8. The winner of each round will compete in one or more semi-final rounds until there are three teams remaining.
9. The final Round will consist of the last three Teams who will compete for first, second, and third places.
10. Prizes will be awarded to the top three Teams.

These rules may be printed and signed and returned to the Library with a check, or you may pay online through PayPal. ***Electronic payment will constitute a signature acknowledging these rules.***

Team Name: _____
has read these rules and agrees to abide by them during the competition.

By participating, Spellers grant organizers permission to use each contestant's voice, likeness, and/or image in conjunction with this event on the internet and/or in print.

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Please provide a primary contact name, email, and phone number in case of any questions:

Checks should be made payable to Friends of the HTFL. Mail the check and signed form to the address below. All forms and payment must be received by **April 1**.

The idea for the Spelling Bee originates with the Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library. These rules are adapted from their work. We thank them for their generosity and creativity!

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