

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE NORTH IDAHO HOMESCHOOL DISTRICT SPELLING BEE!

Register by December 1, 2017 for the Spelling Bee held Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 10am-12pm at Grace Bible Church in Hayden, ID

AWARDS:

To encourage all 4th through 8th graders to be the best homeschooled spellers they can be, the Idaho Character Foundation will provide **\$500.00 of scholarship cash prizes** for the furthering of each winner's educational goals. The scholarships will be distributed as follows:

North Idaho Homeschool District Spelling Bee winners and runner-ups will receive scholarship cash prizes in each of the 5 grades from 4th through 8th. The cash awards will be:

- A) \$50 for each first place spelling bee winner (5 winners),**
- B) \$30 for each grade's 2nd place spelling bee runner-up (5 winners),**
- C) \$20 for each grade's 3rd place spelling bee runner-up (5 winners).**

That's a total of 15 SCHOLARSHIP CASH PRIZES, as well as 5 trophies for the 5 first-place winners!

ELIGIBILITY RULES:

We are encouraging all North Idaho home-schooled 4th thru 8th graders to sign up through your local homeschool association. North Idaho College oversees the North Idaho Spelling Bees, and according to NIC rules, to be eligible to compete in the homeschool district bee, each participant:

- 1) Must be a member of a participating North Idaho homeschool association that has signed up with the National Spelling Bee; INCH and NIHEA currently are the only two registered associations
- 2) Must be a resident in any of the 5 northern counties of North Idaho
- 3) Cannot be an Idaho Virtual Academy participant (they compete with the public schools)
- 4) Must be in the 4th through 8th grades, and **not** reached the age of 15 by 8/31/17

COMPETITION DATES (MARK YOUR CALENDARS):

1) **The Homeschool Mock (Practice) spelling bee** will be held at 10am-12pm on Saturday, January 20th, 2018 at Grace Bible Church at 152 W. Prairie between Hwy 95 & Gov't Way;

2) **The North Idaho Homeschool District Spelling Bee is 10am-12pm, Saturday, January 28th, 2017**

also at Grace Bible Church at 152 W. Prairie between Hwy 95 & Gov't Way.

The five winners from each grade will proceed to the **North Idaho Regional Spelling Bee** and compete against the approximately 60 winners from the participating North Idaho schools at:

Location: North Idaho College, Boswell Hall/Schuler Auditorium, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Date & Time: Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 9 a.m.

The winner of the Regional Bee will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. with a family member courtesy of the Coeur d'Alene Press, and will be competing for up to \$40,000 in prizes at the end of May, 2018.

SPELLING LISTS:

We are very happy to announce that Pamela Grinnell, last year's Homeschool Spelling Bee Pronouncer is back by popular demand! Mrs. Grinnell will be the only one determining which words our students will

be spelling from the attached lists provided by the National Spelling Bee for Rounds 1 to 20:

1) THE FIRST 4 ROUNDS OF WORDS IN THE HOMESCHOOL DISTRICT SPELLING BEE WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE ATTACHED Grade Level List (attached as a PDF document), which has 100 words specific to the grade level that your student is competing in.

2) MRS. GRINNELL WILL ONLY USE WORDS IN ROUNDS 5 THROUGH 20 IN THE HOMESCHOOL DISTRICT SPELLING BEE FROM THE ATTACHED 2017 SPELL IT! BOOK.

3) ONLY IF THE STUDENTS IN A SPECIFIC GRADE LEVEL REACH THE 21ST ROUND AND BEYOND WILL MRS. GRINNELL BE ABLE TO CHOOSE ANY WORD FROM THE WEBSTER'S THIRD INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY.

**YOU MUST RESPOND TO YOUR PARTICIPATING
HOMESCHOOL ASSOCIATION BY DECEMBER 1, 2016 TO SIGN
UP FOR THE NORTH IDAHO HOMESCHOOL DISTRICT
SPELLING BEE WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

- 1) Student's Name:**
- 2) Student's grade level (4th-8th):**
- 3) Parent or Guardian's Name:**
- 4) Mailing Address:**
- 5) Phone number:**
- 6) Email Address:**
- 7) Name of their Participating Home School Association:**
- 8) If they'll attend the Mock Spelling Bee Saturday, Jan. 14th, 2017**

We believe that by committing early on by your December 1 deadline, you will have the time to study the attached Spelling Bee lists and be prepared to do your best.

I look forward to seeing you at the Bee. Remember, your future employer may give you a spelling test. Therefore becoming a great speller may not only improve your ability to obtain that ideal job, it can also improve your ability to communicate effectively and provide you scholarship cash awards in the meantime!

Sincerely,
Dan Pinkerton
North Idaho Homeschool District Spelling Bee Coordinator
Trustee of the Idaho Character Foundation