



# Geography Bee



MAESA SCHOLARS FAIR  
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## GUIDELINES

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- Number of Participants:** Two (2) participants and one (1) alternate per age group
- Age Groups:** Grades 4-6 & Grades 7-8
- Judging:** Grades 4-6 10:00 - 11:30 am  
Grades 7-8 11:30 am - 1 pm
- **Please indicate on the registration form the names of faculty members who have agreed to help with the judging of this event.**
  - Medals will be presented to the top three places in each age group.

## RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Questions for the Geography Bee will be taken from the National Geographic Geography Bee. Geography Bee questions are designed to test each student's knowledge of geography and not to confuse or trick participants. A teacher-guided student review that uses an educational approach is recommended as a way to prepare contestants. Teachers may suggest that students use the National Geographic Bee Official Study Guide, as well students can check online at [nationalgeographic.com](http://nationalgeographic.com) for additional resources.
2. Contestants will be referred to by name during the Geography Bee. A blind draw at the beginning of the Bee will determine each student's number and order in the contest.
3. Complete instructions will be read to all contestants before the Bee.
4. Each student will be asked one question in each round of the preliminary competition and has 15 seconds to answer. Contestants are allowed two requests to have the question repeated or to have a word spelled. Students who do not know an answer may say "pass". A "pass" is recorded as an incorrect answer in the student's score. **Students will compete in all seven preliminary rounds.**
5. Students should use correct geography terminology in their answers. They will be requested to give present-day names unless the question involves history and other names would be correct in the context of the question. Shortened forms of country names are acceptable. Students will not be penalized for inaccurate pronunciations as long as it can be determined that the student knows the correct answer.

6. Once the seven preliminary rounds are complete, the top five scores will move onto the Final Round. If there are any ties, the judges can use tie breaker questions to determine the final five contestants. During the Final Round a contestant is eliminated after answering two questions incorrectly. Each of the five participants will be asked the same questions simultaneously until the number of participants is reduced from five to two who remain for the Championship Round. The last person eliminated during the Final Round will be awarded a third place finish.
7. When two contestants remain, the Championship Round will begin. During this round each contestant will be asked three questions. Whoever answers the most questions in the set of three will be named champion and first place winner.
8. If there is a tie at the end of the Championship Round, the two remaining contestants will compete in a tie-breaking round using a single-elimination procedure. The first contestant who correctly answers a question that the other contestant misses will be the champion.