

2013 YOUTH SUMMERCRAZE SPELLING BEE

Prior to event

1. Face painting (bee, ABC and/or book)
2. Show “Akellah and the Bee” in sanctuary about 30 min prior to event and during intervals

Participants

1. Check-in for all participants is from 9:30-9:45am, promptly.
2. Participants will be assigned numbers (elementary, middle, high school) to determine order prior to entering sanctuary
3. A number is put on each participant prior to entering sanctuary
4. Rules and examples will be announced prior to entering sanctuary

Order of Event

1. MC- introduces self, purpose of event, introduces judges (allow for comments)
2. MC introduces the 30 participants of each Division. They will come in from the side, state their name, age, school they attend, grade, and affiliated church and take a seat on the stage
3. MC announces the rules of the game which includes the following:
 - a. Participant can ask to repeat the word up to 3 times and 1 time usage in a sentence.
 - b. Participant must spell the word within 1 minute.
 - c. Audience is to be completely quiet until after the caller confirms the words. Only encouraging remarks will be allowed.
 - d. If the word is spelled correctly, the pronouncer will follow by saying “that is correct”, If the word is misspelled, the pronouncer will say “that is incorrect”
 - e. No blurts or help from the audience or they will be asked to leave immediately.
 - f. If anyone is caught assisting a participant, the participant will be automatically disqualified.
4. MC gives an example by spelling an easy word given by a pronouncer.
5. MC encourages the participants and pumps up the crowd as the first participant comes forth.

*Winner of each age group stays put for pictures afterwards. Group pictures of all participants will be taken prior to actual event.

Eligibility

A speller qualifying to participate in the 2013 Mt. Zion Spelling Bee (The Bee) must meet these requirements:

1. The speller must be in the appropriate Division determined by last grade completed
 - a. Division 1(elementary) – 3rd through 5th grade
 - b. Division 2(middle) – 6th through 8th grade
 - c. Division 3 (high)– 9th through 12th grade
2. The speller/legal guardian must complete a registration form on-line or in person by 9am on Tuesday, July 30, 2013.
3. The Bee may disqualify prior to or during competition any speller who is not in compliance with any of the above eligibility requirements to forfeit any prizes and other benefits accorded to the speller as a result of participation in the 2013 Mt. Zion Spelling Bee.

Preliminaries Format

1. Rules, directions, release form and a list of words will be given to each participant when the registration form is submitted to study. These words may or may not help you in the Bee. In addition, please review other sources.
2. The speller will meet downstairs in the choir room of Mt. Zion (a map will also be provided when the registration form is submitted) between 9:30am-9:45am promptly. Volunteers will be available to sign each speller in and assign him/her a number. Please place the number on the front of your shirt/blouse. Parents are asked to enjoy the Education Day classes held upstairs after signing in. Group pictures will be taken.
3. Please be prepared prior to the start of the event to state your name, age, grade, school you attend and affiliated church (if applicable).
4. The rules of the game will also be reminded prior to entering the sanctuary.

Contest Rules

1. The Bee consists of rounds of oral spelling beginning with Division 1. Upon incorrectly spelling a word, the speller is eliminated from the competition. At the beginning of each round of the same division the pronouncer will move to challenging words.
2. In the event all spellers in a round misspell, all remain in the competition and a new round begins.
3. The contest will continue until two spellers remain. These 2 contestants will return after Division 2 & Division 3 has gotten down to 2 finalists.
4. A brief intermission will be given before the next Division comes as well as the finals.
5. Time begins when the announcer first pronounces the word. The speller is given up to 3 times to ask the pronunciation of a word and 1 time to use the word in a sentence. The speller is given 1

min to spell the complete word. The judges/pronouncer will not communicate with the speller for the final 30 seconds. The speller will be disqualified if the speller does not provide a complete spelling before the expiration of time.

6. The monitor will show the time clock as it counts down to the 30 second mark. At the 30 second mark, the screen will also turn red.
7. In oral completion, the pronouncer responds only to the speller's requests for repetition of the word's pronunciation or sentence
8. All finalists of each Division will face off until a winner is declared/Division.