



Success is just a Word away!

28th Annual Spelling Bee of Canada B.C. Richmond Region Competition

Registration

Register online at www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca
Fee: \$38.50 including materials and coaching

Deadline: **February 28, 2015**

Eligibility

Open to children whose ages as of Dec 31, 2014 are:
Primary 6-8 (born in 2006 through 2008)
Junior 9-11 (born in 2003 through 2005)
Intermediate 12-14 (born in 2000 through 2002)

Students 15+ are invited to be mentors and volunteers to younger students, while earning credited community service hours. Training is provided.

Coaching

March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5 of 2015
Location: IWE Study & Consulting Inc.
#130-5611 Cooney Road, Richmond, BC, Canada V6X 3J6

Region Competition

April 12, 2015
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Contact

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Spelling Bee of Canada was established in the greater Toronto area in 1987 and is now unifying all the provinces for a National Spelling Bee. To date over 50,000 children have participated in the program. The SBOC is a registered charity.

Regional Contest Prizes

	Primary	Junior	Intermediate
1st	\$200	\$300	\$400
2nd	\$150	\$175	\$200
3rd	\$100	\$125	\$150

National Contest Prizes

	Primary	Junior	Intermediate
1st	\$950	\$1000	\$1200
2nd	\$850	\$900	\$1100
3rd	\$750	\$850	\$1000

Additional prizes: computers, assorted books, gift sets, trophies, dictionaries, medallions



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January 29, 2015

Sample Letter for Parents from B.C. Richmond Chapter:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As an extension of the regular literacy programme, students are invited to participate in the B.C. Richmond Spelling Bee. It will be hosted by Spelling Bee of Canada which started in 1987. This programme will help to develop your child’s vocabulary, learn new word definitions, be able to research and learn sentence structure, improve their reading comprehension, reasoning and public speaking skills. Participation is voluntary and extracurricular. Students who join will be supported by their teachers and mentors, we will need a commitment from home to encourage some study time on a regular basis and attend after church coaching.

The cost for participation is \$38.50 per package; this covers the cost of the Primary, Junior or Intermediate official e-spelling manual & Spelling Bee Pronunciation online Coaching CD. Volunteer coaches will help students practice to prepare for their competition. All participants will compete in the B.C. Richmond Spelling Bee which will take place **at IWE Study & Consulting Inc., #130-5611 Cooney Road, Richmond, BC, V6X 3J6 on Sunday April 12, 2015**; every child will receive participation certificates and other consolation prizes. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each age categories will receive cash prizes and trophies, and the 1st place per category will travel to Toronto to compete at the Championship Final on **May 3, 2015**.

The Spelling Bee programme has three age-related categories – Primary (ages 6 – 8 born 2006 - 2008), Junior (ages 9 to 11 born 2003-2005) and Intermediate (ages 12 – 14 born 2000-2002). Your child will be placed in one of the three categories based on his or her age as of December 31, 2014.

Yours in Education

Teacher’s Name _____ Class _____

Please return the tear off portion below by _____

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Student’s Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher’s name: _____

I give _____ permission to participate in the Annual B.C. Richmond Spelling Bee.

Parent’s signature: _____



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2015 Volunteer Application Spelling Bee of Canada B.C. Region

Last name / First name	
Address	
Home phone	
Cell phone	
Best time to call?	
Email	
School	

Which days are you available? March 8 March 15 March 22 March 29 April 5

Are you available for the regional competition on April 12? Yes No
 (If not, you are only eligible to be a Participant Mentor/Coach)

Please describe any related experience in other volunteer organizations:

Please let us know if you are a teacher or a student: Student Teacher

How would you like to contribute to our event? Please circle all that apply.

- Participant Mentor/Coach Registration Sing National Anthem
- Stage Manager MC Name announcer Pronouncer Judge
- Wordkeeper Resource Person Arbiter Certificate giver
- Volunteer at Winners' Table Official Photographer Videographer

Please note:

- All volunteers must be present for training on **March 1, 2015**.
- Participant Mentor/Coaches must be available between **March 8 - April 5, 2015**.
- All other volunteers only need to be available for the B.C. Richmond Regional Competition on **April 12, 2015**.

Volunteer Roles

Participant Mentor/Coach	Help age 6 – 14 spelling bee participants with word list memorization. Encourage them and assist them with pronunciation. Remind them of the contest rules during practice.
Registration	Check names of attendees against SBOC list of registered participants. Cross off names of no-shows and share before bee start time with other officials so they can cross off names on their lists. Use pencil to cross off. Give a program to each family.
National Anthem	Opens first segment of the day. Ensure someone is in charge i.e. an iPod setup or AV tech.
Stage Manager	Arrange contestants in the order they are spelling, by using the registration list. At the end of a round, the contestants spelling their word incorrectly will go back to the audience, while those spelling their word correctly will advance to the next round.
MC	Scripted – from Spelling Bee of Canada
Name Announcer	Calls out the name and registration number of each participant.
Pronouncer	Pronounces the word for the contestant to spell. During tiebreaker, they also provide definitions and/or use in a sentence if requested.
Wordkeeper	Record each letter of the participant word as it is being spelt and their status.
Judge	Rules whether the word spelt is correct or incorrect. Check for post-it pad in folder.
Resource Person	Rules on contestant judgement (final judgement) (can be Arbiter/decide before Bee)
Arbiter	Rules on contestant judgement. (<i>final judgement</i>) (can be Resource Person/decide before Bee)
Certificate giver	Organizes the certificates by division, cross off name when participant receives certificate. Retrieve participants' name tags.
Winners' Table (Photos, Bios)	Take Photos- <u>2 head shots of each winner</u> -one with sign to indicate division and winning rank.(i.e. Primary, 2 nd) and one with trophy and no sign. Ensure each winner completes and gives you a bio sheet.
Official Photographer	Take photograph of the children during competition and at awards presentation
Videographer/AV	Records and set up microphones for officials and participants