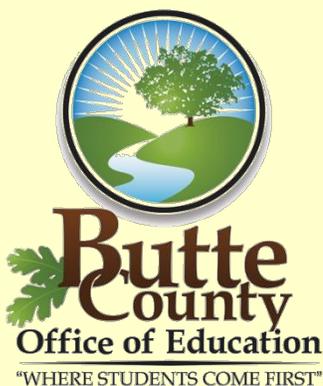


# PARTICIPATION PACKET



**2019 Butte County  
Spelling Bee**

**Friday, March 29, 2019**

# **THE 2019 BUTTE COUNTY SPELLING BEE**

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It is time to begin preparing for the 2019 Butte County Spelling Bees. The Butte County Spelling Bees will be held on Friday, March 29, 2019 at Southside Community Center in Oroville, CA.

The Elementary Spelling Bee for students in grades 4-6 will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the Junior High Spelling Bee for students in grades 7-9 will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Each School is entitled to send only two [2] Spellers to represent their School. There are no alternate positions.

There is a \$30.00 registration fee for each School, unless the School participates in both the Elementary Spelling Bee and the Jr. High Spelling Bee, and in that case the registration fee is \$45.00. **Registrations are due Friday, March 1, 2019. We will complete an S- Transfer to collect payment from your school once you register.**

The Elementary Spelling Bee is an oral competition, and the Junior Spelling Bee is a written competition; please refer to the 2019 Butte County Spelling Bee Rules for each Bee for additional instructions. Two [2] winners from each Spelling Bee will advance to the appropriate California State Competition.

The Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee is a separate competition from the Butte County Office of Education competition and advancement process. For more information on the [Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee](http://www.spellingbee.com) competition, use this link: [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com).

Participation medals will be given to all participants. Spellers placing first and second in each Bee will advance to their respective California State Spelling Bee, and receive trophies

Butte County Office of Education has no authority over the conduct of any School Site Spelling Bee, therefore rendering no judgments relating to any School Bee. Decisions of the School Officials are final.

Once having been disqualified at any level of any School Spelling Bee in any California County, a Speller remains disqualified from participating in the 2019 Butte County Elementary or Junior High Spelling Bee.

We hope you will join us for the 2019 Butte County Elementary and Junior High Spelling Bees.



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**2019 BUTTE COUNTY SPELLING BEE**  
**SCHOOL REGISTRATION**  
***TO REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE!***

*Please complete this form online by February 1 at*  
<https://goo.gl/forms/VqsvBpXflOnfzbCl1>

*or find links to all forms under spelling bee tab at [www.bcoe.org/student-events](http://www.bcoe.org/student-events)*

This is an oral competition. Paper and pencil are available on the table for the spellers to write the word, but the speller must then spell the word orally for competition. Paper and pencil are not allowed except as provided on the table.

A study word list is provided, however, the words used in the competition are chosen randomly prior to the competition from many sources deemed appropriate by the Spell Master and Judges. During the competition, words used in each successive round will increase in difficulty.

During the competition, spellers may pronounce words before spelling, after spelling, or not at all. However, you are encouraged to pronounce the word BEFORE spelling to ensure that you heard the word correctly.

Once you begin to spell a word, you will not have a chance to change letters once pronounced. A speller may repeat the word orally, provided letters and their sequence are not changed. The speller must indicate words with apostrophes, capitals, and other punctuation and any accent marks either over the letter or at the end of the word.

At any time, a speller may request that a word be re-pronounced, defined, or used in a sentence. The Spell Master shall grant the request(s) until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the speller.

Judges may disqualify any speller who ignores a request to start spelling the word within a reasonable time period.

If, no definition of a homonym is given, the correct spelling of either word shall be accepted as correct. When a speller is given the definition of a homonym, he or she must spell the word defined.

There is an element of chance in this competition. Spellers will be eliminated in the order in which they misspell words. That is, when a speller fails to spell a word correctly, he or she must drop out of the competition. The Spell Master may or may not announce the correct spelling of the word. The competition will continue with another word being given to the next speller in line. The last speller standing will be the winner.

When only two spellers remain, the elimination procedures change. At that point, as soon as one speller misspells a word, the other speller will be given the opportunity to spell the same word.

If the second speller spells the word correctly PLUS the next word on the Spell Master's list, the second speller will be declared the champion.

If one of the last two spellers misses a word and the other, after correcting the error, misspells the new word submitted, then both spellers will continue in the contest with a new word.

If both misspell the same word, both will continue in the contest and a new word will be given.

The decision of the Judges and Spell Master will be final in all questions. Any problem relating to the spelling of a word must be referred to the Judges immediately and before the beginning of the next round. No protest will be entertained after the contest has ended.

In the event of a protest or dispute, decisions will be based on Merriam Webster Online Dictionary, the official contest dictionary. **No other sources will be allowed.**

Once the competition begins, spellers must remain in the competition area until excused by the Judges or Spell Master. Breaks will be called during the competition.

This is a written competition. Paper and pencil are available for the spellers to write the word. No personal materials will be allowed in the competition area.

A study word list is provided, however, the words used in the competition are chosen randomly prior to the competition from many sources deemed appropriate by the Spell Master and Judges. During the competition, words used in each successive round will increase in difficulty.

The Spell Master will read the word, may use it in a sentence, and may read the word again. This will be followed by a pause to make sure the word is clearly understood. The Spelling Bee Coordinator will then say BEGIN and students may write the pronounced word.

During the pause, a student may raise his hand and request that a word be re-pronounced, defined, or used in a sentence before the start signal is given. The Spell Master shall grant the request until he/she feels that the word has been made reasonably clear to the students.

Students may begin spelling the word at any time, and may write the word as many times as needed before a 15-second STOP signal is given. However, all words except the one to be corrected must be crossed out at the time the STOP signal is given.

Proctors may disqualify any speller who ignores the request to start or stop the spelling of any word within the announced time period.

If, no definition of a homonym is given, the correct spelling of either word shall be accepted as correct. When a speller is given the definition of a homonym, he or she must spell the word defined.

All capitals, spaces, apostrophes or other accent marks included in the normal English spelling of the word must be included.

During the competition, proctors will check each word and note whether the word is spelled correctly or not. Words will be marked with a "C" if they are correct and an "X" if they are incorrect. The student may not tell the Proctor any questionable letters. Words should be printed clearly!

When a student fails to spell two words correctly, he/she must drop out of the contest. It is the responsibility of the STUDENT to signal any discrepancies to the Spell Master immediately, before the next word is given. In such cases, the Spell Master, in consultation with the Proctor and Student, will make the final ruling. No protest will be entertained after the contest has ended.

When only two spellers remain, the elimination procedures change. At that point, if one speller misspells a word, and the other speller spells the word correctly, the speller who correctly spelled the word will be given an additional word from the Spell Master's list. If the speller correctly spells the additional word, they will be declared the champion. If the speller misspells the additional word, then both spellers will continue in the contest with a new word until one of the two spellers has been declared the champion.

In the event of a protest or dispute, decisions will be based on Merriam Webster Online Dictionary, the official contest dictionary. **No other sources will be allowed.**

Once the competition begins, spellers must remain in the competition area until excused by the Judges or Spell Master. Breaks will be called during the competition.

**2019 BUTTE COUNTY SPELLING BEE SCHOOL**  
**PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION**  
*Friday, March 29, 2019 at Southside Community Center*

*Please complete this form online by **March 1** at*

*To register a student in the Elementary Bee:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/IZpjS3eF8H2uol3u2>*

*To register a student in the Jr. High Bee:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/KMfFWgEKpFNbVNxG3>*

*Do not forget to complete and return a signed copy of the Parent Authorization  
Form*

*or find link to all forms under spelling bee tab at [www.bcoe.org/student-events](http://www.bcoe.org/student-events)*

## PARENT AUTHORIZATION FORM

(Complete one form for each Student competing in the Butte County Elementary or Junior High Spelling Bees)

*This form must be returned by March 1, 2019*

The Butte County Spelling Bee is a time to recognize students and their work in a public forum. Butte County Office of Education is committed to protecting the privacy and safety of all Students in Butte County. In order to publicly promote your Student's academic achievements, we need your permission for the following:

YES	NO	Butte County Office of Education may disclose my child's Spelling Bee accomplishments with name and/or photograph/videotape
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Student's Full Name	Student's Grade
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Student's School	Parent's Signature	Date
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In Case of Emergency/Contact Name	Relationship	Daytime Phone Number
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### SPELLING BEE INFORMATION

Friday~ March 29, 2019      Southside Community Center  
2959 Lower Wyandotte Rd, Oroville, CA 95966

*Elementary Spelling Bee:*

4th - 6th Grade Students  
Begin promptly at: 8:00 a.m.  
(Students should arrive by 7:45 a.m.)

*Junior High Spelling Bee:*

7th -9th Grade Students  
Begin promptly at: 1:00 p.m.  
(Students should arrive by 12:45 p.m.)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Your child should use the practice spelling word list provided to his/her School Spelling Bee Coordinator to study for the County Spelling Bee. The practice list is also posted on the Butte County Office of Education website at: [www.bcoe.org/student\\_events](http://www.bcoe.org/student_events)
2. Words for Rounds 1 and 2 will be taken from the list provided.
3. Round 3 through the end of the Spelling Bee will be the Spell Master's Choice.
4. There is an element of chance in this competition.
5. Spell Master's lists are randomly generated by computer and students randomly choose their seating assignments.
6. If you have questions, or need additional information, or your student has any special needs regarding the competition, please contact:

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**



### **2019 BUTTE COUNTY SPELLING BEES**

**SEPTEMBER, 2018**

through

**MARCH 1, 2019**

**HOLD SCHOOL LEVEL SPELLING BEE**

See Checklist for School Spelling Bee Organizers

**FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM DUE**

Online School Registration forms must be received by March 1, 2019. Form can be found under spelling bee tab at [www.bcoe.org/student-events](http://www.bcoe.org/student-events)

**MARCH 1, 2019**

**SCHOOL/STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM DUE**

Online Participant Registration forms must be received by March 1, 2019. Form can be found under spelling bee tab at [www.bcoe.org/student-events](http://www.bcoe.org/student-events)

**MARCH 1, 2019**

**PARENT AUTHORIZATION FORM DUE**

Form must be completed by Parent and submitted in addition to and separately from online registration form

One form must be completed for each participant.

Email form to: Mary Ellen Garrahy, [mgarrahy@bcoe.org](mailto:mgarrahy@bcoe.org) or fax to 530-532-5699, Attention Mary Ellen Garrahy

**MARCH 29, 2019**

**COUNTY SPELLING BEE**

Southside Community Center

530-693-4305

2959 Lower Wyandotte Rd, Oroville, CA 95966

*Elementary Spelling Bee:*

4th - 6th Grade Students

Begin promptly at: 8:00 a.m.

(Students should arrive by 7:45 a.m.)

*Junior High Spelling Bee:*

7th -9th Grade Students

Begin promptly at: 1:00 p.m.

(Students should arrive by 12:45 p.m.)

### **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

**MAY 11, 2019**

**CALIFORNIA STATE ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE**

Saturday, May 11, 2019

San Joaquin County Office of Education

Wentworth Education Center

2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA 8:30 a.m.

**MAY 4, 2019**

**CALIFORNIA STATE JUNIOR HIGH SPELLING BEE**

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Miller Creek Middle School

2255 Las Gallinas Avenue San Rafael, CA 9:00 a.m.

# **CHECK LIST FOR SCHOOL SPELLING BEE ORGANIZERS**

## **PICKING THE DATE FOR YOUR SPELLING BEE**

Keep this date in mind when picking the date for your Spelling Bee:

For the **Butte County Spelling Bee** you must complete all registration paperwork by March 1, 2019.

## **PRONOUNCER**

One person should be used to announce all the words. It is important that the pronouncer have excellent diction and know how to pronounce all of the words. Make sure your pronouncer is aware that spellers are allowed to make these requests:

Request that a word be re-pronounced; and/or

Define a word; and/or

Use the word in a sentence

## **JUDGES**

Judges may be Teachers, Principals or any other adult deemed to be qualified. It may help to have more than one Judge. As the students spell the words, the Judge(s) should write down the letters the Speller says and check them against the correct spelling. The Judge(s) has the final say on whether the Speller is correct and should deal with any disputes.

## **WORD LIST**

You may use the word list provided on our website at [www.bcoe.org/student\\_events](http://www.bcoe.org/student_events), or create your own word list using these optional guidelines:

Begin with simple words;

Take care not to mix easier words in with more difficult ones; and

Do not backtrack after progressing in difficulty.

## **MICROPHONE**

If you are going to have the competition in an open area (ie: a gym) and invite parents and other students to attend, it is recommended that you have one microphone for the Spellers and one for the Pronouncer. Try to ensure that the microphones are clear.

## **TIMER**

In an oral Spelling Bee, Judges may disqualify any speller who ignores a request to start spelling the word within a reasonable time period.

In a written Spelling Bee Spellers may begin spelling the word at any time, but must complete the word before a 15-second STOP signal is given and pencils are raised. A Timer with a stopwatch is helpful in calling the time.

## **WINNERS**

All participants are winners and should be celebrated at the end of your Bee. At the end of your competition, complete the registration forms and submit to the Butte County Office of Education Spelling Bee Coordinator no later than March 1, 2019.