



Frequently Asked Questions

1. **When is The Bee and where?**

The Bee will take place at The Pavilion at The Four Points by Sheraton San Diego in Serra Mesa:

8110 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123

Thursday, February 23, 2012, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

There will also be a reception beforehand beginning at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Who sponsors The Bee?**

The Bee's major sponsors are U.S. Bank, Bridgepoint Education, Petco, Kaiser Permanente, Luce Forward Hamilton & Scripps, LLP, and The San Diego Union-Tribune along with a host of other corporate supporters.

3. **If my company sponsors the event or a team, what are the benefits of doing so?**

The benefits depend on the sponsorship level. However, most levels allow you to enter or sponsor a team, have your company's name and logo in the Union-Tribune, receive drink tickets for the bar, and have your company's logo prominently displayed at the event.

4. **How can my company or group become a sponsor?**

If you're interested in becoming a sponsor, contact Cody Morris at the San Diego Council on Literacy at (619) 574-1641 x 105 or cmorris@literacysandiego.org.

5. **Whom does The Bee benefit?**

The Bee benefits the San Diego Council on Literacy and its 25 affiliated literacy programs.

6. **How does The Bee work?**

The Bee is a spelling bee that consists of teams of three competing against teams from other companies, schools, and non-profit organizations from San Diego County.

7. Does The Bee follow the format of the National Spelling Bee?

Not exactly. The Bee rules are included in the team registration packets and are available online at www.literacysandiego.org

8. How can my company or group enter The Bee as a contestant?

If you're interested in entering a team of three, you can print out a registration form online at www.literacysandiego.org under the "Special Events" tab and mail to:

San Diego Council on Literacy
2515 Camino del Rio South, Ste. 125
San Diego, CA 92108

Or fax to:
619-491-9242

9. What is the registration fee?

The fee to enter a team of three in the contest is \$500. Included are hors d'oeuvres and desserts, exciting prize giveaways, and a cash bar.

10. What are word passes and Expert Spellers? How much are they?

Word passes and Expert Spellers are optional for participating teams and may be purchased for \$35 in advance at the time of registration or for \$50 the night of the event. Word passes are used to allow a team to pass on a difficult word. Expert Speller passes are used to acquire the services of an expert speller to spell a difficult word for your team. Word passes and Expert Spellers can be used only once in rounds 1, 2, and 3.

11. How many teams will be competing?

We are expecting about 25 teams to compete at the event.

12. What is the registration deadline for teams to enter?

Deadline for team registration is February 10, 2012.

13. What is the team attire?

Teams are highly encouraged to wear clothing bearing their company logos and create an identity for their team, but dress comfortably!

14. Is there a spelling word list to study from?

Yes!

<http://www.myspellit.com/>

<http://www.myspellit.com/spellingbee.html>

<http://merriam-webster.com/word-of-the-day/>

<http://wordsmith.org/>

<http://wordsmith.org/words/today.html> (See archives)

<http://dictionary.reference.com/wordoftheday>

15. Is there a cost for spectators at The Bee?

Tickets for spectators are only \$10 and this includes hors d'oeuvres, prize giveaways, and cash bar.

16. Are volunteers needed?

Yes, volunteers are needed for various event positions. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Beverly at banderson@literacysandiego.org or (619) 574-1641 x 101.