



2018 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE
Cortland City School District's Local Competition
Wednesday, January 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the LGI



To participate, permission slips should be signed and returned to:

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 For more information visit: www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee

What is the GEOGRAPHY BEE? It is a nationwide contest designed to test knowledge of geography.

Questions might be based on knowledge of:

- names and locations of physical and cultural features
- distribution and patterns of language, religions, economic activities, populations and political systems
- physical phenomenon such as landform, climate, tectonic activity, bodies of water, soils, flora, and fauna
- changes in places over time, including how people have modified the environment
- tools geographers use including maps, instruments, charts, graphs, and statistics

Who can participate?

Students in grades 4 through 8.

The contest is not by individual grade level. All contestants, grades 4 through 8, compete together.

When is it?

Wednesday, January 24th at 5:00 p.m.

In the LGI (Large Group Instruction) room at **Cortland High School** close to the Main Office

You will need to arrange your own transportation.

Parents are encouraged to come and watch to show support for the participants.

How does it work?

Preliminary Competition - All contestants participate in the preliminary competition. It consists of seven rounds, each student being asked one question per round. The top 10 contestants from the preliminaries go on to the Final Competition.

Final Competition immediately follows the preliminary rounds. In the final competition, contestants are eliminated after two incorrect answers. The Final Competition continues until only two of the ten finalists remain. These two advance to the School Championship Round.

School Championship immediately follows the Final Rounds. The two remaining contestants compete against each other to determine the winner of the Cortland Enlarged City Schools Geography Bee.

State Qualifying Exam - Cortland's Geography Bee Champion will take a written qualifying test the following week. This test is mailed to the National Geographic Society for scoring.

The highest scores in the state will be invited to the National competition to compete for a \$50,000 scholarship from National Geographic Society.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE

NAME _____

Grade _____ **Homeroom Teacher** _____

Parent/Guardian Permission:(signature) _____

I am aware the event will take place at the High School & my child will need transportation to & from the event.



The National Geographic Bee



Sample Quiz

1. Which state borders the Canadian province of Quebec – Vermont or Missouri?
2. Which state includes Rocky Mountain National Park – Kansas or Colorado?
3. The Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park, is located in which state – Montana or Alaska?
4. Which state borders Tennessee – Mississippi or New York?
5. The oyster industry is important along the coastal region of which state – Idaho or Connecticut?
6. Which state is closer to Mexico – Arizona or North Dakota?
7. Which state is farther west – New Mexico or Mississippi?
8. Which state borders New York – Pennsylvania or Michigan?
9. Which state is known as the Sooner State because some people arrived before, or sooner than, the land was officially opened for settlement – Oklahoma or Tennessee?
10. Which state is known as the Last Frontier because much of the state has not been settled – Colorado or Alaska?
11. Which state is known as the Garden State because its many farms provide fruits and vegetables for nearby cities – New Jersey or North Carolina?
12. Which state is known as the Great Lakes State because it is bordered by four of the five Great Lakes – North Dakota or Michigan?
13. The Tigris and Euphrates Rivers are located on which continent?
14. About 90 percent of the world's ice can be found on which continent?
15. Munich and Kiev are major cities on which continent?

If you get 10 to 12 of these questions right, you are a perfect candidate for the National Geographic Bee! You can grade your quiz with the answers below.

Answers: (1) Vermont; (2) Colorado; (3) Alaska; (4) Mississippi; (5) Connecticut; (6) Arizona; (7) New Mexico; (8) Pennsylvania; (9) Oklahoma; (10) Alaska; (11) New Jersey; (12) Michigan; (13) Asia; (14) Antarctica; (15) Europe