

September 12, 2011

Dear County Superintendents/Designees:

It's a new school year and time to get your enrollment forms sent in to the National Spelling Bee office.

The enrollment fee, which is \$109.00, is to be paid to the Scripps National Bee office by every county school that participates in both the county bee and the state bee.

North Dakota has had several disasters this year so the National Spelling Bee office is going to extend our enrollment period to November 1, 2011. If your school hasn't registered by November 1, you can still register but you must pay the \$109 enrollment fee plus a \$75 late fee. The continued success of the ND State Spelling Bee will depend on the dedication, cooperation, and support from teachers, parents, county superintendent, and others in North Dakota.

The ND State Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, March 23, 2012 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck.

- From Encyclopedia Britannica, a free one-year subscription to the Britannica Online Student Edition (a \$69.95 value) for use as a prize in your spelling bee program.
- **Early Enrollment Bonus:** Enroll by September 30, and Encyclopedia Britannica will double your bonus. All schools enrolled by September 30, 2011 will receive TWO free one-year subscriptions to the Britannica Online Student edition.
- Students interested in expanding their skills may visit Merriam-Webster's Word Central website at [wordcentral.com](http://wordcentral.com)

For the coming 2012 Spelling Bee Competition NDCEL is assessing a fee of \$50.00 per school building except those with enrollment less than 15 students. For schools with enrollment under 15 students the fee will be \$5 per eligible participant. The fee is not to exceed \$50.00 for any size school.

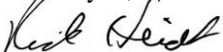
The interactive version of *2012 Spell It!* complete with audio pronunciations and definitions for each study word, is available at [myspellit.com](http://myspellit.com). See attached MEMO for details and changes. Schools that wish to pay by check should select the check payment option during Step 5 of the online enrollment process available through [spellingbee.com](http://spellingbee.com). When a school elects to pay by check, our system will email the school a custom enroll-by-check invoice. Checks should be made payable to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

If a school has a question about enrollment, the school is welcome to contact the national office via the following link and completing the short form: [www.spellingbee.com/contact](http://www.spellingbee.com/contact)

Please inform your constituents within your county about the place and date of the 2012 ND State Spelling Bee. Also before your county winners come to the state bee, please give them a copy of the rules and be sure that their schools are enrolled with the national spelling bee office.

It is our belief that spelling is an integral part of a school's curriculum and that the experiences students gain while participating in any level of the spelling bee competitions will enhance student learning. We look forward to working with you to keep the North Dakota Spelling Bee Competition alive and well!!!

Thank you,



Rick Heidt

**ENROLLMENT FORM**  
(Please copy this form as needed)

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school/schools you're paying for. Please use the same name on the enrollment form that you use when you register for the National Spelling Bee

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**Phone**

**Email** (County Superintendent/Designee/Coordinator)

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION FEE:**

School enrollment Fee – per school building  
(Greater than 15 students per building - \$50)  
(Less than 15 per building – \$5/student, not to exceed \$50)

\_\_\_\_\_ Buildings @ \$50.00 = TOTAL      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

\_\_\_\_\_ Buildings @ 5.00 per student = TOTAL      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: NDCEL

Mail checks and enrollment forms to:  
County Superintendent/Designee/County Bee Coordinator\*

“SPONSOR BEE GUIDE – BOOK I” will be mailed to county bee coordinators by December 2, 2011. The BEE STUDY BOOKLETS are available online once the school enrolls with the Scripps National Spelling Bee office.

\*The County Superintendent/Designee/County Bee Coordinator will then mail all information to NDCEL at 121 East Rosser Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501

# MEMO

Below are important details regarding this year's changes?

Enroll your school in the Scripps National Spelling Bee program at [spellingbee.com](http://spellingbee.com) and gain access to:

- Log-in ID and password for a teachers-only area of [spellingbee.com](http://spellingbee.com),
- Study materials for students,
- Study materials for your school spelling champion,
- The *Classroom Pronouncer Guide*,
- The *School Pronouncer Guide*,
- From Encyclopedia Britannica, a free one-year subscription to [kids.britannica.com](http://kids.britannica.com),
- Great American SpellCheck grade-specific word lists and study sheets for Grades 1–8,
- Great American SpellCheck pledge sheets,
- Great American SpellCheck test forms,
- Great American SpellCheck instructions,
- Great American SpellCheck communication templates,
- Award certificates, and
- Key information about your local spelling bee program.

Enrollment satisfies an important eligibility requirement for your students.

For more details, please visit [spellingbee.com](http://spellingbee.com).

**The deadline for enrollment is November 1, 2011 (For North Dakota Schools only). A \$75.00 late fee will be added to \$109 enrollment fee after November 1, 2011.**

- The pronouncer guides enrolled schools have access to, the *2011 Classroom Pronouncer Guide* and the *2011 School Pronouncer Guide*; contain a significant number of words from our 2011 Great American SpellCheck study lists. No *Spell It!* words appear in the *2011 Classroom Pronouncer Guide* or the *2011 School Pronouncer Guide*.
- *Spell It!* is now the official study resource for school spelling champions (*used only by students preparing for the county bee*). The interactive version of *2012 Spell It!* complete with audio pronunciations and definitions for each study word, is available at [myspellit.com](http://myspellit.com).
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