

Star-Telegram 2009-2010 Regional Spelling Bee Information

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Enrollment:

Spelling bee enrollment will take place at The Scripps National Spelling Bee website- www.spellingbee.com
An enrollment fee of \$99.00 will be involved at any level of the bee. This fee will cover all study material expenses.
Enrollment will begin *August 17 through October 15*. Late enrollment is *October 16 through December 18*
A penalty of \$75 will be implemented for all late enrollments.

Enrollment with Scripps National Spelling Bee will serve as each school's registration with the Star-Telegram.
Schools will no longer need to enroll with the Star-Telegram in order to participate in the program.

Age & Eligibility Requirements:

Eligible students include those who have not passed beyond the 8th grade, on or before February 1, 2010.
The speller must not have reached his/her 15th birthday, on or before September 1, 2009.

***Please note:** Although there is no minimum age requirement, students of all ages and grades (up to 8th grade) compete against each other at the "district/area", regional, and national bee.

Spellers, parents, educators, relatives, or acquaintances may **not** have a copy of the 2010 Pronouncer's Guide for use as a study tool.

The Star-Telegram Region:

The Star-Telegram spelling bee region is divided into 33 "AREAS" categorized according to location, county, or district.

Each area will be assigned an Area Spelling Bee Coordinator, who is responsible for communication between all schools in his/her respective area, regarding dates, times, and locations of the "district/area" bee.

Please direct all questions regarding the "district/area" bees to the area coordinator designated for your area.

Area Coordinator contact information will be posted by *October 25, 2009* at: www.star-telegram.com

Click: "Services"

Click: "Spelling bee"

Star-Telegram Area Locations:

Area's 1-6:	FWISD
Area's 7&8:	AISD
Area 9:	HEB ISD
Area 10:	BIRDVILLE ISD
Area 11:	BURLESON, CROWLEY, KENNEDALE
Area 12:	AZLE, CASTLEBERRY, EAGLE MOUNTAIN/SAGINAW, LAKE WORTH, WHITE SETTLEMENT ISD'S
Area 13:	KELLER, SUMMERFIELD ISD'S, NORTHWEST ISD
Area 14:	COLLEYVILLE, GRAPEVINE, SOUTHLAKE ISD'S
Area 15:	PRIVATE SCHOOLS EAST OF I-35 (except Arlington)
Area 16:	PRIVATE SCHOOLS WEST OF I-35 (except Arlington)
Area 17:	ARLINGTON PRIVATE SCHOOLS
Area 18:	WISE COUNTY
Area 19:	HOOD COUNTY
Area 20:	MANSFIELD ISD
Area 21:	PALO PINTO COUNTY
Area 22:	ERATH COUNTY
Area 23:	PARKER COUNTY
Area 24:	YOUNG COUNTY
Area 25:	JACK COUNTY
Area 26:	STEPHENS COUNTY
Area 27:	EASTLAND COUNTY
Area 28:	COMANCHE COUNTY
Area 29:	BROWN COUNTY
Area 30:	HAMILTON COUNTY
Area 31:	BOSQUE COUNTY
Area 32:	JOHNSON COUNTY (all schools within except Burleson ISD)
Area 33:	HOME SCHOOLS

Advancement Procedure: (progressing from the individual/classroom level to the regional level)

- Each school conducts a spelling bee, determining a champion
- School bee champions advance to their respective “district/area” bee competition
- “District/area” bee champions advance to compete at The Star-Telegram Regional Bee
- The regional bee champion will advance to compete at The 2010 Scripps National Bee in Washington D.C.

Advancement Rules:

One winner from each school may advance to compete at their respective “district/area” bee- this is the first place winner.

The first place winners of the “district/area” bees may advance to compete at The Star-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee.

Runner-Ups are not eligible to compete at the “district/area”, or Regional Bee.

Home Schools:

Home school associations follow the same advancement procedures as both public and private schools.

Each association conducts a bee determining a champion, who will compete at the Area 33 spelling bee.

Home school students that are not affiliated with an organization, and represent themselves as their own entity, may compete at the Area 33 spelling bee.

Guides & Study Materials:

In exchange for the \$99.00 registration fee, schools receive unlimited online access to all of Scripps National Spelling Bee study materials- which include:

- Merriam-Webster’s *Spell-It!* - The official study guide booklet- Accessible at: www.myspellit.com
- Three grade-specific versions of the Classroom Pronouncer’s Guide- Accessible at: www.spellingbee.com
- The School Pronouncer’s Guide- Accessible at: www.spellingbee.com

Each school that enrolls with the bee this summer and fall will receive 25 *Spell It!* Books (2010 version), by way of U.S. bulk mail.

Go to www.myspellit.com to access the 2010 *Spell It!*

The 2010 Classroom Pronouncer Guide: There are three grade-specific editions of this guide; one for third and fourth-grade students, one for fifth- and sixth grade students and one for seventh-and eighth grade students. Each guide contains a total of 100 words – 25 *Spell It!* words, 50 words from grade-level appropriate spelling curricula, and 25 words from the “Words You Need to Know” section of *Spell It!* These guides are designed for use by teachers or school officials conducting classroom-level bees or practice bees. **These guides are not intended for use as study guides.** Schools that enroll at the \$99 level and individual home school families that enroll at the \$10 level have access to these three guides through the School Log-in section of spellingbee.com. The words presented in these guides **do not** appear in any other 2010 pronouncer guides published by the Bee.

2010 School Pronouncer Guide: This guide contains 300 words- 100 *Spell It!* words and 200 additional words. Additional words do not appear in *Spell It!* but they do appear in the Bee’s official reference, *Webster’s Third New International Dictionary, Unabridged*, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster, Inc. This guide is designed for use in conducting a school-wide spelling bee. **This guide is not intended for use as a study guide.**

Schools that enroll at the \$99 level have access to this guide through the School Log-in section of spellingbee.com. The words presented in this guide **do not** appear in any other 2010 pronouncer guides published by the Bee.

2010 District Pronouncer Guide: This guide contains 325 words- 75 *Spell It!* words and 250 additional words. Additional words do not appear in *Spell It!* but they do appear in the Bee's official reference, *Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Unabridged*, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster, Inc. This guide is designed for use in conducting "District/Area" level bees. **This guide is not intended for use as a study guide.** A "District/Area" level bee is one that takes place after a school bee, but before the regional spelling bee. This guide is available exclusively through the Sponsor Log-in section of spellingbee.com. The words presented in this guide **do not** appear in any other 2010 pronouncer guides published by the Bee.

*Students should note that the online *Spell It!* is not the only source of words used in the "district/area", and regional bees. Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Unabridged, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster, Inc. serves as an official source, as well.

2009-2010 Spelling Bee Timeline:

August 17- October 15

Enrollment with Scripps National Spelling Bee

October 25

Area Coordinator contact information posted at: www.star-telegram.com

Click: "*SERVICES*"

Click: "*SPELLING BEE*"

October 16-December 18

Late enrollment with Scripps National Spelling Bee

February 1, 2010

School bees conducted and champions determined.

February 1, 2010

School champion registration with respective area coordinator

February 1, 2010

Home school bees conducted and champions determined

February 1, 2010

Home schools and home school affiliation champions register with respective area coordinator

February 16, 2010

Home school area bee

March 15, 2010

Area Bees Completed

March 15, 2010

Area coordinators submit area spelling bee champion

Information to Star-Telegram Event Coordinator:

Jennifer Sagstetter Wright

March 23, 2010

Star-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee

9:00 A.M. Speller check-in

9:30 A.M. Spelling bee begins