

Canaan Community Spelling Bee 2013

Rules:

- 1. The Spelling Bee will be held on Monday, March 11th, at the Canaan Elementary School. Teams should arrive at 6:30 p.m. to sign in and review rules. Spelling will start at 7 p.m.**
- 2. Each team will consist of 3 members, high-school age and up.**
- 3. Words used in the first rounds of the Bee will be selected from the word study list provided to the team upon receipt of registration.**
- 4. Words will be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in the Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary: Tenth Edition.**
- 5. The Masters of Ceremonies will pronounce the word, give the definition of the word, use it in a sentence, and pronounce the word once more. Team members may ask for ONE additional pronunciation of the word.**
- 6. Team members may collaborate on the spelling of the word; scrap paper and pencils will be provided. Each team will print the word legibly in upper-case letters on a provided wipe-off board, and indicate that they've finished writing by holding up their board back-to-front.**
- 7. All teams will have a maximum time of 30 seconds to write each word. Time starts when the Masters of Ceremonies finish the presentation of the word. Time will be called when all boards are up, or at the end of 30 seconds, whichever comes first.**
- 8. When time is called, one person from each team will stand and display the front of the board.**
- 9. In each of the first rounds there will be a 1-word preliminary during which a misspelling is allowed; after that, 5 words will be given, and teams will receive a point for each correct spelling. The team with the most points at the end of each round will participate in the final championship round.**
- 10. If two or more teams tie for the most points, additional words will be given. When a team misspells a word during this part of the competition, it is automatically eliminated.**
- 11. The winning team from each of the first rounds will participate in a final championship round. In this round, when a team misspells a word, that team is out. At the discretion of the judges, some words used in the final round may not have been included on the provided word study list.**
- 12. No cell phones or other electronic devices will be allowed on stage.**
- 13. All decisions of the judges will be final.**