2010 National Geographic Bee – State level

Format: Contestants who qualified for the state level will be divided into groups for preliminary rounds. It is an oral competition with each student receiving questions in the practice round and eight preliminary rounds. The students with the top ten scores from the preliminary rounds will advance to the final competition. There may be a need for a tiebreaker to determine the top ten scorers. The Final Competition consists of the Final Round and the Championship Round. The Final Round is for the most part oral. There are two questions that require all students to write their answers. The Final Round determines the two finalists who will then compete in the Championship Round. The two finalists start the Championship Round with a clean slate.

Eligibility: Students invited to compete at the state level must be physically present at the state Bee on Friday, April 9 and on-time. Student participants must be from the proper grade levels of four through eight and must have participated in and won a school-level Bee held at a registered school that involved at least six students. Contestants may not be over the age of 15 at the time of the national finals – May 26, 2010. Students may not be enrolled in more than three academic courses at the high school and/or college level. We reserve the right to disqualify a student at any time if we believe the rules have not been followed.

General Guidelines: (also read over information from state Bee Coordinator, as they may have specific guidelines regarding your state Bee, site limitations, etc.)

1. All competing students follow the same rules and procedures at the Bee. There is no extended time, no exceptions to any rule, save for students with physical challenges involving sight and hearing. These had to have been brought to the attention of the National Geographic Bee headquarters two weeks before April 9.

2. Video cameras, recording devices of any kind, computers, etc. are not allowed at the Preliminary Competition, the Tiebreaker Round, or the Final Competition. Anyone identified with such a device will be escorted from the competition.

3. Once the contest has started, a contestant may not leave a competition room and will be disqualified if he/she does, unless given permission to leave by the moderator/judge for a bathroom break.

4. If a contestant causes a disruption during any part of the contest, at the discretion of the judge and moderator, the student may be disqualified and escorted from the competition room.

5. If a child/parent/adult in the audience causes a disruption during any part of the contest, he/she/they will be asked to leave. If such a request is refused, the contestant with that accompanying adult will be disqualified.

6. Decisions of the judges are final.