



FBE Youth Spelling Bee FAQ

Q: What is the 2011 Youth Spelling Bee?

A: The spelling bee is a spelling demonstration and competition to benefit the Foundation for Belmont Education (**FBE**). The Fall 2011 Youth Spelling Bee is the eleventh annual bee for Kindergarten through Sixth grade spellers. Teams are made up of three or four spellers. Kindergarten through Fourth grade swarms are non-competitive. Fifth and Sixth grade swarms are competitive.

Q: When and where is the Fall 2011 Youth Spelling Bee?

A: The spelling bee will take place on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 3:00pm at the Belmont High School Auditorium, 221 Concord Avenue, Belmont. The time that each swarm (group) of spellers will be on stage will be posted on the web site before the Bee. Please find your team and plan accordingly.

Note: Due to limited parking at the high school, we suggest that you carpool to the Bee.

Q: How do I enter the Youth Bee?

A: Assemble a team of three or four spellers. Complete the online registration including a payment of \$26/speller. Each participant will need to be registered individually by an adult and there is a space on the online form to tell us your team name.

Q: How do I register multiple siblings?

A: If you are registering siblings and wish to use one specific email address, you must register all of your children during one online session. (We apologize for this inconvenience.) After completing the registration information for your first child, you will see "Additional Sibling Registration". When you select "Add", a new registration form will appear. You may register up to five siblings. If you have already done one child's registration and do not have a second email address to use, please contact Megan Pickette, Beekeeper at beekeeper@fbe-belmont.org or 617-489-1647 for assistance registering a second child.

Q: Can I enter by myself, or do I have to have a team?

A: While we don't want to turn anyone away, it is difficult for us to make teams for the Youth Bee. Spellers have the most fun when they participate with people they know. Please find classmates, teammates or friends and make a team to enter.

Q: Can my team have members from different grades?

A: Yes, your team can have members from different grades. However, your team must study the wordlist for the speller(s) in the highest grade on your team. For example, if you have a 2nd and 3rd grader on the same team, the team will spell in a Grade 3 & 4 swarm using the Grade 3 & 4 wordlist.

Q: How do I prepare for the Spelling Bee?

A: **Wordlists** and **rules** are available online. Also, some teams may choose to dress alike or wear team-designed shirts, so have fun and be creative.

Q: What is the FBE?

A: The Foundation for Belmont Education (FBE) is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to raising money for the Belmont Public School System. For more information, visit the **FBE website**.