

THE NEW MEXICO GEOGRAPHIC BEE

National Geographic Society

The National Geographic Society's New Mexico Geographic Bee will be held on Friday, April 1st, 2016, at the National Dance Institute, 4800 Central Avenue SE, from 8:00 am to 12 noon. The National Geographic Society's Geographic Bee is a much-anticipated, grade school event held annually. Students throughout New Mexico from fourth through eighth grades participate in this renowned competition. The top Bee winners from each school are selected to attend the New Mexico Geographic Bee. The winner of the state Bee is awarded \$100.00 and a trip to the National Geographic Bee held in Washington, D.C. in May. The second and third place contestants also receive \$75.00 and \$50.00 awards. The National Winner is awarded a \$50,000 scholarship and a trip to the Galapagos Islands. An adventure of a lifetime!

This event provides the youth of New Mexico with an excellent opportunity for personal growth through competition with their peers while demonstrating their knowledge of geography. This is a very challenging competition that requires dedication and hard work from all the children that participate. In addition, many dedicated volunteers work hard to ensure the quality of the competition. Knowledge of geography feeds a curiosity that leads the children to solid citizenship by nurturing their deep care for our planet. This event allows us to encourage extraordinary young people who have put forth a great deal of effort to prepare for this competition.

Our challenge is to promote the GeoBee to school districts throughout New Mexico. Last year we had 75 participants where should have 100. We need help to get the information out to schools who have not participated. Please pass this on to any student, educator, or administrator and pique their interest to enter and discover the pleasure that their hard work and curiosity will bring them.

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Dear Educator,

Welcome back to a new school year! As you get your lesson plans ready, don't forget to include the exciting National Geographic Bee! Early bird registration is now open at NatGeoBee.com.

We've made even more enhancements to the Bee this year, including an **online State Bee Qualification Test** - no grading and no mailing required!

Just click on the button below and follow the steps to register your school today!

REGISTER



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On the [registration site](#), enter your **school's zip code** to find and register your school.

Enter the contact information of the **School Bee Coordinator**.

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Pay the **early bird** registration rate by check or credit card. You can download question content starting September 18.

Thank you for joining the competition of the 28th National Geographic Bee!

Sincerely,
The National Geographic Bee Team
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Please take a look a video produced by last year's New Mexico Champion Lakshay Sood the National GeoBee in Washington last May. His video got the highest score of 6 out of 6. Lakshay was the youngest student to make it to the National Bee. <http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/national-geographic-bee/150511-new-mexico-nat-geo-bee>

Lakshay is an amazing kid and I know there are more Lakshays out there with the dedication that is needed for the GeoBee. Please help by promoting this event to schools and/or volunteering your time.