



SPELLING BEE

September 18, 2026

Important Things to Know:

- Please arrive at the Library Park by 5:45pm to check in; the game will start at 6:30pm.
- Do not forget to eat, drink, and check out the auction before the game starts, and between rounds. We want you to enjoy yourselves, too!
- **NO CHEATING.** Fun is fun, but cheating is not. Be respectful of the other teams and their space.
- **No cell phones allowed during gameplay.**
- Teams are encouraged to dress up - there will be a winning prize for the team with the most team spirit. This will be determined by the audience after the first round of play.
- Teams are encouraged to have a good time and engage with each other and the audience.
- Designate 1 person to write the answer before the game begins. You may want to switch it up for each round. Write clearly, though, because that's how we determine if you spelled the word correctly. Decisions are at the discretion of the judges.
- If your team is kicked out for too many wrong words in a row, have a credit card, checkbook, or cash ready to bribe your way back into the game.
- The winning team for *Most Team Spirit* and the *CHAMPION Spelling Bee Team* will receive prizes.

RULES OF PLAY

- We are using the [Unabridged Merriam Webster](#) as the official dictionary.
- The Word Caller will announce each word, give alternative definitions, and use it in a sentence before the timer begins.
- There will be 3 total rounds of game play – each round will have 10 words. Each team will have 30 seconds to write down the correct spelling.
- Teams receive 5 points for correct words in round 1, 10 points for correct words in round 2, and 15 points for correct words in round 3.
- Teams will be awarded 0 points for misspelled words.
- A team will be ejected from the game if they get 3 incorrect words in a row. **HOWEVER**, teams can bribe their way back into the game. First round bribe is \$20, second round is \$25, and third round is \$30.
- At the end of the game, if there is a tie within the top 3 scores, there will be a spelling tiebreaker up to 3 times before there will be a game of Rock-Paper-Scissors between the tied teams.