

Literacy Society

 of the North Okanagan

Adult Spelling Bee Challenge – April 29, 2020



How many people does the Literacy Society serve or support in a year?

- About 400 children and youth receive direct services through literacy support programs
- 200+ trained adult volunteers read with elementary school children throughout the school year
- 80+ Seniors will receive computer support from volunteers

How many people attend the Spelling Bee?

28 tables of (8), or 224 people participated in the 2018 Spelling Bee. Our goal is for 30 tables (240 participants).

Who attends the Spelling Bee?

For example, teams have come from School District #22, Okanagan College, local business, book clubs, and of course our sponsors - Kal Tire, Sunfm, and the Vernon Morning Star.

What if I'm not a good speller?

No one is put on the spot. It is a team effort. You may want to have at least one good speller on your team, but it's all for fun and a good cause!

How are profits used?

The proceeds support programs and services of the Literacy Society.

Charitable Tax Receipt

For every \$125 ticket purchased, we are able to provide a **charitable tax receipt for \$100**. Receipts will be provided at the event for prepaid participants. Otherwise you can pick them up post-event by dropping into our office. Please pay in advance of the event if at all possible. Or have your team captain collect your fee and pay all at once. Cheque or cash is preferred. If you can't participate, donations are always welcome!

How does the Spelling Bee operate?

The Spelling Bee is a team event. Words are given in 3 rounds with 5 words in each round. Time is given for the teams to discuss each word and write them down. At the end of the round, response sheets are collected and scored while (amidst moans and groans) the correct spellings are provided. If there is a tie at the end of 3 rounds, all tables compete in a 3-word spell off.

The Bee is an early morning event. Breakfast will be a hot buffet that will be available starting at 7:15 am. Participants are in their seats by 7:30 am. After breakfast we have a short update on the Literacy Society programs and services before the Bee begins. We promise people will be out by 9:30am and we have successfully met that time line each year.

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