

Literacy Society

of the North Okanagan



Adult Spelling Bee Challenge

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

- Up to 400 children and youth receive direct services through literacy support programs
- Up to 150 trained adult volunteers read with elementary school children throughout the school year
- 200+ Seniors will receive digital support from volunteers
- Many others benefit from community initiatives like Books for Babies; our popular Family Literacy Week Story Walks and financial literacy workshops.

How many people attend the Spelling Bee?

Typically between 25 and 28 teams of 8 participate in the Spelling Bee.

Who attends the Spelling Bee?

Teams have come from: School District #22, Okanagan College, banks, local business, City of Vernon, book clubs, medical and law professionals, and of course our sponsors - Kal Tire, Beach Radio 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 the operations of the Literacy Society of the North Okanagan who is a registered charity.

What does the Champion team win?

The winning team members will receive a nominal gift, their name on the Spelling Bee plaque, and the honour of holding the title for the year!

Charitable Tax Receipt

For every \$125 ticket purchased, we are able to provide a **charitable tax receipt for \$100**. Receipts will be provided for individual paying participants upon request and must include a mailing address. Corporate sponsored teams are eligible for a total of \$800 per team. Payments can be made by e-transfer to admin@literacysociety.ca; cheque, cash or debit at our office between 9am and 4pm Mon-Thurs.

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 and the correct spellings are provided (amidst moans and groans). If there is a tie at the end of 3 rounds, all teams 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 between 7:15 – 7:30 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 at 8am. We aim to be done by 9:30am for those who need to get back to work.

Photos

Photos will be taken at the event and used for promotional purposes, both by the Literacy Society and/or the media sponsors. Please let the photographer know if you do not want to be included in the photos.

For more information, please feel free to call us at: 250-275-3117 or email outreach@literacysociety.ca
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