

Introducing Our Inaugural Adult Spelling Bee!



Date: Thursday, March 8th, 2012 7 – 11 pm
Location: Murphy's the Cable Wharf Restaurant

Join the Hive...Bee a team \$400
Registration opens Feb. 6th, 2012

Gather four pals to represent your business or organization; **three spellers and a team captain**. Entry fee includes team admission, team play, food, and a chance at the championship! **Only 30 teams will be accepted** so register early.

Your organization can pay the entire fee or you may want to host activities or take pledges to raise the team registration – host a spelling bee at your office for a toonie a word, have a bake sale with items made with honey, have your friends and colleagues make pledges, the possibilities are endless. Tax receipts will be issued for pledge amounts of \$25 or more. Pledge sheets are available by request. Contact Halifax@thewordonthestreet.ca

The Spelling Bee is an initiative of The Word On The Street Canada, in co-operation with The Word On The Street Halifax. Participants' donations will go to support the festival's mission to celebrate Canadian reading and writing and advocate literacy.

Bee a Sponsor

Sponsor an event component and be recognized! Have your name or company logo associated with the Pronouncer's Table, Judges' Table, Word List, Prizes, or other parts of the event. Sponsorships start at \$500.

For a detailed sponsorship package contact Colleen Ritchie, Executive Director at 471-6044 or halifax@thewordonthestreet.ca

We are searching for the perfect presenting sponsor. If you know of an organization that supports literacy and fun let us know!

Bee a Spectator! \$30 per ticket

Cheer on your favorite team! Ticket includes delicious food and a chance to win a door prize.

___ Tables @ \$210/each (seat 8)

___ Tickets @ \$30/each

Make cheques payable to:

The Word On The Street Canada
1480 Carlton St., Halifax, NS, B3H

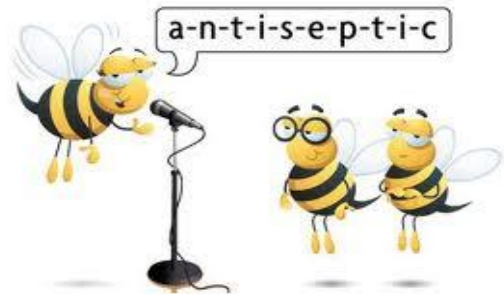


This fundraiser ensures that The Word On The Street Halifax festival remains a FREE COMMUNITY EVENT.

Each year we play host to over 12,000 people on the Halifax Waterfront. We promote and encourage a passion for reading and a love of words. Supporting this Bee is the perfect way to have fun and contribute to the literacy of your community.

GENERAL COMPETITION GAME RULES

1. Each team consists of 3 spellers and a team captain.
2. No more than 3 teams will compete on stage at the same time.
3. The Pronouncer will pronounce the word, define it, and pronounce the word again. Participants may ask the Pronouncer to pronounce the word one additional time.
4. Team members have *up to 45* seconds to collaborate on the spelling of the word and write it on the dry erase board.
5. Upon misspelling **one** word, the team is eliminated (but see 'buzzagain' rule).
6. If all teams spell a word incorrectly (a tie), the Pronouncer will give another word to spell until one team wins.
7. The winning teams from the First Round advance to the Second Round. The winning teams from the Second Round go on to the Semi-Final Round.
8. The 2 winning teams from the Semi Final Round move on to the Championship Round.
9. An audience member can purchase one Buzzagain (as explained in Bee Procedures) for a team. The Buzzagain can be used in any round, excluding the Championship Round.



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TEAM REGISTRATION:

\$400 cheque enclosed _____ PAYABLE TO: THE WORD ON THE STREET CANADA

Company/Organization/Group Name: _____

Team Name (if different): _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ **ONLY THREE SPELLERS PER TEAM**

Team Members: Name: (Team Captain) _____

Email: _____ Phone : _____

Name _____ Email: _____

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Team registrations must be accompanied by payment and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Team registration deadline is February 28, 2012.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Each team consists of three spellers and a team captain. Each team has a dry erase board, a marker & eraser. All teams should have a designated speller who will write the team's response on the dry erase board. ***Team members are encouraged to wear costumes or matching t-shirts. There will be prizes for best costume, best entourage and best name.***

2. Team members collaborate on the spelling of a word. Each team will have **UP TO 45** seconds to spell the word and write it on the white board. Any team that does not display the board when the judges call "TIME" will be eliminated.

3. When the judges call time, all markers must be put down and the white boards held up and revealed. Any team continuing to write after time is called or attempting to change or re-write the word written on the board will be disqualified. If the word is illegible or letters are ambiguous, the word will be treated as misspelled. The official dictionary used for this competition is Random House *Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*.

4. **'Buzzagains' (one free misspelled word)** may be purchased by audience members for the team on the night of the Bee. Free words cost \$100 for the first and second rounds and \$150 for the Semifinals round. Buzzagains can only be used once per team and are not redeemable during the Championship Round.

5. Teams should not erase their board until they have been told to do so by the judges. If a team erases too soon, it may be disqualified.

6. Regardless of whether a word is spelled correctly or incorrectly, teams should prepare for the next word. If a team misspells one word it is eliminated (unless a 'buzzagain' is purchased for the team) A game is complete when all but one team is eliminated.

7. **The judges will make the final decision on all questions and may resort to whatever remedies are necessary. There will be no appeals.**

Bee a part of this fun-filled evening. It is a great team building exercise and it supports literacy and a love of reading. This soon-to-be annual event is one-of-a-kind and we look forward to seeing it grow!