



Santa Cruz County

Spelling Bee Championship

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- The spelling championships are open to all schools (public and private) in Santa Cruz County.
- The top two spellers, determined by a site spelling bee, are registered for the County Spelling Championship by the Site Coordinator (Bee Advisor).
- There are two divisions: grades 4-6 and grades 7-9.
- The event will be staged at UCSC on Saturday, February 25, 2012 in Classroom Unit #1 and #2 from 12:00 to 3:30p.m. **Check-in** is at **12:00** and testing starts at **1:00pm**.
- **It is a written exercise.** Pen and paper are furnished.
- Once the spell master has given the word, and used it in a sentence, and, the spell master senses that everyone understands the word, he/she will say "START". The contestants will then have 15 seconds to write the word.
- When the timer says "Stop", contestants must put their pens down and the correct spelling of the word will be shown on the screen. Proctors will then mark each paper.
- All spellers will remain in the contest until the end of the contest.
- Approximately 60 – 75 words will be used in the contest.
- The winners will be established at the end of the contest.
- Judges will use Webster's New World Dictionary to answer any question posed by the spellers regarding any contested word. To contest a word, a speller must voice his/her objection before the next word is offered by the spell master.
- There will be a 30 minute recess starting at 2:15p.m.
- Free refreshments for participants: Apple Juice, courtesy of S. Martinelli & Co.
Cookies, courtesy of The Pacific Cookie Co.
- The State Competitions for the top two Santa Cruz County spellers from each division will be:
 - Grades 4-6 - April 21, 2012: An oral competition in Stockton
 - Grades 7-9 - May 12, 2012: A written competition in San Rafael