



HONEYCOMB BEE FAQs

Do you spell words like synecdoche in your sleep? Join us for The Honeycomb Spelling BEE, a hilarious fundraising event for The Honeycomb Project. We'll be pulling all of the big words out of the dictionary and the winner earns a golden trophy for desktop and bragging rights.

In a twist on the usual trivia night, you will face off against other "hives" by working with a team of 4-6 adults to fly through three rounds of words!

TEAMS

Are you The Stingers? Bad*** Bumblebees? Come-up with a clever team name to intimidate your competition. If your hive arrives in coordinated outfits, you win brownie points and lots of attention from the BEE Master. Don't worry, not everyone needs to spell to participate - every winning team needs cheerleaders and hecklers too.

INDIVIDUALS

Flying solo? Swarm the competition! We'll pair you up with a few others bees with at least 2 spellers in your hive. No peer pressure - you are welcome to sit on the sidelines to cheer and heckle for your team. You may participate solo if you wish.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Doors open at 6pm, with the BEE beginning at 6:45pm.

Relax - you will not be required to spell. We promise.

Expect old-fashioned fun - no use of phones or technology.

The Judges make final decisions on all questions. There are no appeals.



ROUND 1 – A HAPPY HIVE

We know that you rely on spell check - this round is an easy warm-up! You'll work in teams of 4-6 adults to write down your answers on chalkboards. If your team misspells a word, you'll have one opportunity for redemption to help you get to Round 2. Collaboration is your secret to success.

Rules:

- All teams will spell the same word at the same time – designate a writer.
- Teams will be given 20 seconds to write down the word on a chalkboard. Do not write until time has begun and please write big and legibly.
- Once time is called, teams will display their chalkboards simultaneously as directed. Judges will then determine which teams have correctly spelled the word.
- Do not erase/change or edit your chalkboard until directed.
- Each team will have one chance for redemption during this round.

ROUND 2 – MERRIAM LOVES WEBSTER

Expect things to get a bit harder in this round! We'll select random words from the dictionary. Teams will decide who will spell each word. Let's hope you get words like "SUPER" and not "SUPERSEDE".

Rules:

- The designated speller must stand-up prior to the word being read.
- Speller must say/spell/say.
- All teammates must remain silent while the speller is spelling.
- Teams may rotate spellers or designate one speller in this round.
- The definition or sentence may be given at the discretion of BEE Master.
- Teams will have one opportunity for redemption.

ROUND 3 –QUEEN BEE TAKES ALL

Things get real in Round 3. Teams will nominate their best speller for this direct elimination round. Brains win – period. The winner takes home bragging rights and a tacky trophy for your desk or bedside table.

Rules:

- Speller must say/spell/say.
- Speller may ask nicely for a definition or sentence. You may or may not receive the correct answer.