

Friends of Queen Anne's County Library  
Adult Spelling Bee  
October 20, 2016  
Wye River Upper School

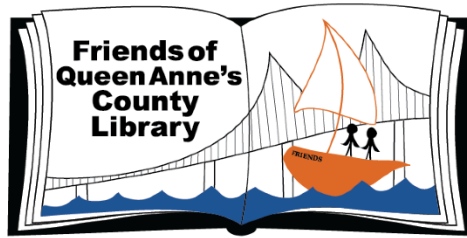
### **Bee Rules**

The Adult Spelling Bee is a fundraiser for the Friends of Queen Anne's County Library. All funds raised benefit the Queen Anne's County Library. Friends Contact for Team Registration:  
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#### **Spelling Teams and Registration**

1. Each Team will be composed of three Spellers.
2. There will be a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of fifteen (15) Teams.
3. Each Speller must be a minimum of 18 years old as of Oct 20, 2016.
4. Teams must register and pay the \$200 entry fee two weeks prior to the event, or by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2016.
5. Registrations submitted after the 15 team limit is reached will be put on a waiting list. In the event of cancellations, *we will personally contact you by the end of the next business day if your Team has been placed on a waiting list.*
6. The Team entry fee is nonrefundable and nontransferable with the exception of Teams on a waiting list.
7. The order in which the Teams will compete will be based on a random selection done the night before by the Planning Committee.
8. All Spellers will sign-in at the registration desk no later than 6:30 PM on the night of the event. Teams not present at 06:30 PM will be disqualified without refund.
9. The Team will (1) gather among themselves as much information as possible to help spell the word correctly and (2) clearly print the spelling of the word on the provided white board. The Team will not be able to use any printed or online resources as aids in spelling the word.

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### **The Competition and Spelling Words**

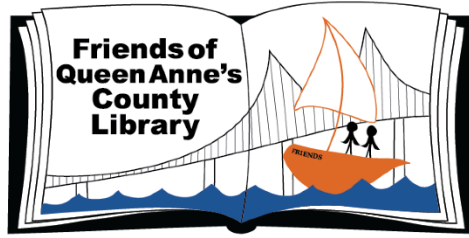
1. The difficulty of words in the competition will start at a middle school level.
2. Teams will have online access to a suggested study list. Many (but not necessarily all words) will appear on the suggested study list.
3. If a word has two or more accepted spellings, any correct spelling will be accepted.

### **The Officials**

1. The Bee Keeper will be the emcee for the evening and three individuals will serve as Judges.
2. Three Judges are in complete control of the competition, and their decision shall be final on all questions. All rules may be subject to modification by the Judges. The dictionary provided by the Judges shall serve as the final authority for the spelling of words.
3. The Bee Keeper will say the word, define it, use it in a sentence, and announce the start time.
4. The Judges will determine whether the Team has spelled the word correctly in the given amount of time.

### **The Competition**

1. The competition shall be conducted in rounds. Up to three Teams will compete in each round.
2. For each round, the Bee Keeper will say the word, define it, and use it in a sentence. A Team may ask the Bee Keeper to repeat the word, definition, and the sentence. The Bee Keeper will honor each of these requests only once per word and only before the start time is announced.
3. The Bee Keeper and Judges will not entertain questions regarding part of speech or root word.
4. After the announced start time by the Bee Keeper, each Team will have 30 seconds to complete the spelling of the word and print the word clearly on the provided white board.
5. The Judges may disqualify any Team that ignores a request to start spelling or if all three Judges are unable to read the printed word.



6. Upon missing the spelling of a word, the Team immediately drops out of the competition. If all Teams in a round misspell the given word, all Teams will remain in the competition.
7. Under no circumstance will any Team be asked to correct the misspelling of another Team.
8. The winner of each round will compete in one or more semi-final rounds until there are three teams remaining.
9. The Final Round will consist of the last three Teams who will compete for first, second, and third places.
10. Prizes will be awarded to the top three Teams.

Team Name (bee creative): \_\_\_\_\_  
has read these rules and agrees to abide by them during the competition.

By participating/attending, Spellers grant organizers permission to use each contestant's voice, likeness and/or image in conjunction with this event on television, radio, Internet, and/or in print.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a primary contact name, email, and phone number in case of any questions:

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Checks should be made payable to: *Friends of Queen Anne's County Library*  
Mail the check and signed form to the address below. All forms and payment must be received by **October 6, 2016**.

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