

Geography Bee

I. General Information

- Grades 6th-8th allowed
- Region Competitions-The GICAA will determine regions and state based on participation
- Answer boxes that will be required at GICAA Geography Bees:
<http://www.nph.com/nphweb/html/nph/itempage.jsp?itemId=CD-682&nid=src&catalogId=NA&catSecCd=NA&subCatSecCd=NA&subSubCatSecCd=NA>
- Each Region Host will be given the following supplies
 - The Official GICAA Questions
 - Geography Bee Score Sheets
- Each Region Host will need to secure all of the Moderators, Scorekeepers & Room Monitors for their region
- Each Region will have a maximum of Six schools
- Each School will send a maximum of Six students for a maximum of 36 students in one region
- Each Region will have the following breakdown:
 - Three rooms with a maximum of 12 students in each
 - One Moderator per room
 - One Room Monitor per room
 - One Scorekeeper per room
 - Three rounds of 15 questions each will be played for a total of 45 questions in the preliminary rounds presented simultaneously
 - The questions will be broken down as follows:
 - 15 American Geography
 - 15 World Geography
 - 15 Bible Geography
 - Each question will have four answers to choose from of which only one answer is correct (no “all of the above” or “none of the above” questions)
 - Each answer is numbered 1-4 and the each student will need to hold up the coordinating number for the judge to view. The judge will mark the score sheet for each student with either “C” for correct or “I” for incorrect and then let the contestants know when to put their number back in the answer box
 - The answer boxes that will be used at Region and State can be purchased by the schools for practicing/match purposes at:
<http://www.nph.com/nphweb/html/nph/itempage.jsp?itemId=ACSI-100&nid=srch&catalogId=NA&catSecCd=NA&subCatSecCd=NA&subSubCatSecCd=NA>
 - The top 12 students with the highest scores will proceed to the semi-finals. If there are ties in the top 12, then more than 12 can proceed to the semi-finals.
 - Semi-Final questions will consist of 15 questions broken down equally between American Geography, World Geography and Bible Geography

- o The top Six students with the highest scores will proceed to the Final region championship round as well as the Championship for MS Geography Bee in the State. No ties are allowed in the top six, therefore a single elimination round will be played to decide the positions for the tied spots.
- o The Final Round will be in 2 stages: In stage 1, 9 questions will be asked. Students will be placed according to their correct answers. Ties will move on to the “Process of Elimination” round within position. For example, students tied for 2nd will be competing against each other for 2nd and 3rd respectively.
The top six scorers of the Region Competition will receive a medals.

II. Geography Bee Flow

The **Host School**

- o The Host School will need three separate rooms set up for region competition
- o Each room must tables and chairs for the 12 contestants and a moderator’s table with three chairs.
- o The Host School is encouraged to ask the participating schools in their region to be the moderator’s for each of the rooms as well as the scorekeepers
- o The Host School may use people from their school’s administration to act as moderator and scorekeeper. Either is acceptable.

The **Moderator**-there will be one Moderator for each room

- o The Moderator will Introduce the teams and explain the flow of geography bee
- o Read aloud the questions in the order in which they have been presented
- o Read the question two times
- o Once the moderator is finished reading the question two times, he/she will give say “ANSWER” and they students will pull their answer card for the scorekeeper to see
- o Once the scorekeeper is finished recording answers, the moderator will then give the correct answer to the students and let them know to return their answers to the answer box
- o Then the Moderator will proceed with the next question until the end of the round
- o There will be a 3-5 minute break between rounds to make sure the scorekeepers scores match

The **Scorekeeper**-there will be one Scorekeeper for each room.

- o The Scorekeeper will sit directly in front of the 12 students with the Official GICAA Score Sheet and a copy of the answer key.
- o Once the students are seated, the Scorekeeper will enter in each student's name and school on the score sheet
- o As the questions are asked and the students hold up their answer, the Scorekeeper will mark down each student's answers as they come up. C = correct and I = incorrect.
- o At the end of each round, the scorekeeper will add up how many C's/correct answers each student answered in the total column.
- o Once the scores are tallied, the game can proceed

The **Room Monitor**-there will be one Room Monitor for each room.

- o The Room Monitor is responsible for welcoming the students/observers in the room in an orderly fashion and seat the students at their tables with an answer box
- o The Room Monitor will have a copy of the questions with the answer key
- o They will assist the Moderator with any questions that may arise.
- o The Room Monitor will also keep track of scores
- o The Scorekeeper and Room Monitor will compare scores after every five questions asked to insure accuracy. If there is a discrepancy, it will be double checked with the Moderator and coaches at that time, resolved, then the game can proceed

III. Championship

The Championship will be hosted by the GICAA. It will be comprised of each region's top six scorers. How the numbers in the competition rooms are broken down will depend on how many regions there are from year to year. There will be no more than 12 contestants in each room and competition will be played out the same way as in region. The top six places will receive a championship medal.