



## DAANS 2009 Geography Bee

### INSTRUCTIONS and RULES and REGISTRATION

#### 1. TEAMS

- ◆ Each team consists of 5 members and an alternate.
- ◆ The five team members play at a time.
- ◆ Changes in the team personnel may take place only between rounds.
- ◆ If a team gives an answer that is not complete or specific enough, it may be asked to clarify or expand its answer to receive the point. Only the team captain gives the official answer to each question.
- ◆ When a team is discussing its answer the other team must be silent. The audience must also be quiet.
- ◆ Round Robin format will be used.

#### 2. QUESTIONS

- ◆ All questions have been prepared and confirmed by Social Studies Teachers.
- ◆ Teams will receive the same number of original questions.
- ◆ Questions will be asked alternating between the two teams; only the team captain answers the questions.
- ◆ The team receiving the first question will be determined by coin toss.
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- ◆ If Team (A) misses a question when it is its turn, the other team will be given a chance to answer the same question. Team B will receive a point if it answers correctly. Team B will then receive the next original question. If Team B misses its original question, Team A will get a chance to answer the same question. Team A then gets the next original question.
- ◆ Some questions may require more than one answer.
- ◆ The questions each team receives depend on the "luck of the draw."
- ◆ A question will be read twice for the team receiving the original question.
- ◆ If the team misses the question, the question will then be read only once for the other team.
- ◆ Teams must receive the same number of original questions.

#### 3. ROUNDS

- ◆ Teams continue to play through a twenty minute round.
- ◆ Each rounds will be twenty minutes long.
- ◆ If two teams are still competing when the time is up, the team that is ahead will win the game as long as both teams have had the same number of original questions. Timekeepers should keep track of how many original questions are asked of each team. The moderator can determine who received the original question by placing the coin tossed at the beginning of the round near the team who received the first original question. The other team must then receive the last original question of the round.

#### 4. BREAKS - LUNCH

- ◆ Breaks will take place in between rounds although they may be only a few minutes in length.
- ◆ The Elks Club requires that all participants and coaches (except those requiring kosher lunches) pre-purchase lunch from them which will be provided during the event.

#### 5. MATERIALS.

- ◆ **Absolutely nothing** may be written down during the competition.
- ◆ Reference materials may not be brought to the competition.
- ◆ A school bringing in study materials runs the risk of being disqualified. This includes bringing materials to study outside the competition area.

## 6. CELL PHONES

- ◆ No cell phones, I-pods, laptops or any other electronic equipment may be used by students during the hours of the Geography Bee, even while on break, or during a bye round. Coaches are responsible to hold cell phones for participants until the completion of the Bee. Use of cell phones by participants may result in the disqualification of the team.

## 7. CHALLENGES.

- ◆ Each team is allowed only one challenge during a round.
- ◆ If a team has answered a question and been told that the answer is wrong and it really feels the answer is correct or for any other reason, it may tell the moderator that it challenges the question.
- ◆ Teams do not need to give a reason. The moderator will mark on the scorecard that the team has used its challenge and it cannot challenge another question during that round.
- ◆ A team may use a challenge only when it is that team's turn. It may not challenge the other team's answer, even if it feels an incorrect answer was accepted.
- ◆ Disputes will be resolved by the Director of the Geography Bee and will be final and binding.

## 8. GUESTS

- ◆ Due to the need to eliminate noise and distractions, observers will not be allowed in the ballroom during the Bee.
- ◆ All Parents, Teachers, Counselors and Guests will be provided a room at the Elks Club by the Ballroom where the Geography Bee is taking place.
- ◆ Guests will receive updates during breaks and will be invited to the Ballroom at the end for the Award Presentation.

## 9. APPROPRIATE CONDUCT.

- ◆ All students, as well as guests, are expected to behave appropriately at all times.
- ◆ DAANS reserves the right to ask any observer or participant of the Bee to leave the room if they are deemed to be causing a disturbance.
- ◆ Use of a cell phone by a team member during the competition may result in the disqualification of the entire team.

### AGREEMENT

I have read and understand all the DAANS Geography Bee Rules and agree to abide by them. I have explained these rules to my school's student participants and their Parents. I understand I am responsible for the transportation of the student participants to/from the Elks Club . I understand that I am responsible to ensure that no team members use cell phones, or any electronic devices during the Bee, or my team may be disqualified. I understand that I am to remain with my team members at the Elks Club until all have been picked up after the event. I have informed all parents and relatives that no observers will be allowed into the ballroom this year during the Bee. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that all rules are followed by the members of my school team and any guests associated with my school.

SCHOOL

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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Printed Name of Geography Bee Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form with the Registration form and check postmarked by Feb. 6, 2009 to:  
Teri Logan, DAANS Exec. Director; 200 NW 109 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172**

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# NINTH ANNUAL DAANS GEOGRAPHY BEE

**DATES:** High School – March 4, 2009 Middle School – March 18, 2009

**LOCATION:** Elks Club  
10301 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Miami, FL 33173

**TIME:** Registration – 8:30 a.m. (Door opens at 8:15 a.m.)

**A maximum of two teams per school division is permitted.** Please complete the form and attach it in an e-mail to [daansdirector@gmail.com](mailto:daansdirector@gmail.com) or fax it to: Teri at **305.221.7783**. Mail a copy of your registration forms with your check to: **Teri Logan, DAANS Executive Director, 200 NW 109 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172**

The cost of each team is **\$90 Early Bird Registration** - the rental of the Elks Club includes lunch for all contestants (5 team members, 1 alternate per team and the coach) and the awards, certificates, etc. Additional guests who wish to have lunch will have to pay \$7.50 per person.

**ANY TEAMS WHO HAVE NOT SENT IN THEIR TEAM REGISTRATION AND RULES FORMS, POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 6 WILL HAVE TO PAY \$100 PER TEAM (LATE REGISTRATION FEE OF \$10 extra)**

**Each team must provide two adults to participate in the administration of the Bee – one timekeeper who can run a stop watch, and one moderator who can read questions to teams. These volunteers will assist in the Bee with teams other than the one with which they are associated.**

**Team A** \_\_\_\_\_ H.S. \_\_\_\_\_ M.S

Name of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Time Keeper: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Moderator: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Team Members –

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Team B**

Name of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Time Keeper: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Moderator: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Team Members – Team B

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

Early Bird Registration Fee (Before 2/6) - \$90.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration Fee (After 2/6) - \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Others Needing Lunch - \$7.50 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Check Amount** \_\_\_\_\_

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