

# Welcome to the 30th Annual BizBee!

## Team Information

This is a team spelling bee consisting of THREE people and a cheering squad! Teams are highly encouraged to lean into the theme: costumes, company swag, table decorations, etc. A FREE \$50 word-pass will be awarded to the team with the best-decorated spectator table. Bring your team or company banner, sign, poster to hang in front of your team table (maximum size 2.5 feet x 5 feet).

The event will be held at Westmark Fairbanks Hotel and Convention Center, Gold Room, 813 Noble Street. Table decoration may start as early as 5:00PM. **All teams must arrive by 6PM for dinner and rules briefing.** Instructions to participants will be given approximately at 6:45 in the Gold Room this year. *Want to purchase word passes, word throw outs, round buybacks?* You may do so on your registration or at the event.

Raffle tickets are available at the Literacy Council or to buy online. If you want to sell tickets to friends and family LCA will give you a packet with tickets! All tickets are due back on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. **QUESTIONS?** Heidi Shepard, 456-6212, [heidi@literacycouncilak.org](mailto:heidi@literacycouncilak.org)

## Agenda - Friday, April 15th, 2022

- 5:00 PM - Representatives from teams may arrive to decorate their team and supporter tables.
- 6:00 PM - Table decoration judges will judge tables at this time. Team members are free to take a break until 6:45 p.m.
- 6:00 PM - Food is served!
- 6:45 PM - Judges, timekeeper, scorekeepers and team spellers will meet. We will go over Biz Bee rules, ask if there are any team substitutions, and answer any questions.
- 7:00 PM - Master of Ceremonies/Pronouncer ready to begin. MC announces which team won the table decoration contest and awards a word pass.

## BEGIN THE BEE!

- 8:30 -8:45 PM (approximately) - Intermission

## ON WITH THE BIZ BEE ... until, a winner!

The Master of Ceremonies awards final prizes to first, second, and third place teams

# 2022 Rules for the BizBee

## The Basics:

- Each team will consist of three members. All three members must be employees/members of the participating organization. A business may choose to sponsor a team from a nonprofit or educational agency. Exceptions must be brought to the BizBee Committee for review.
- Words used in the BizBee will be selected from the Webster's Third New International Dictionary (year TBD). Study guides are available online at [www.myspellit.com](http://www.myspellit.com).
- Team members may collaborate on the spelling of the word. The designated speller must begin spelling within 20 seconds, and completely spell the word in 60 seconds.
- Any question relating to the spelling of a word shall be referred to the judges immediately. The deadline for making a protest is before the team affected would have received their next word had they stayed in the competition. The judges are in complete control of the Biz Bee. Their decisions shall be final on all questions.

## The Order:

- Team members will be identified as 1, 2, 3; the designated speller will rotate. Team member #1 will be the designated speller in the first round; team member #2 will be the designated speller the second round; team member #3 will be the designated speller in the third round, etc. Team members can collaborate and use paper to write words down.
- The pronouncer will pronounce the word, give the definition of the word, the MC will use it in a sentence, and the pronouncer will pronounce the word once more. Team members may ask for one additional pronunciation of the word, but no more. Team members may ask for the language of origin.
- Having started to spell a word, the designated speller may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning, but in the retracing, there can be no changes of letters in the sequence from the first spelling. If letters, or their sequence, are changed in the respelling, the team will be eliminated.

If a team does not know how to spell the word, it may either,

*(a) remove the word from circulation and get a new one (each team has the opportunity to throw out three words during the evening: \$100 the first time, \$200 the second time and*

\$300 the third time), or

(b) pass the word to another designated team and get a new word for the cost of \$50.

Only one pass can be purchased per team.

The decision to pass or throw out a word must be made prior to any attempt to spell the word.

- Upon missing the spelling of a word, the team immediately drops out of the competition. However, during the first round only, upon missing a word, a team may buy back into the competition for \$100. This entitles them to compete in the second round.

## The Showdown:

- **When the teams are reduced to two**, the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when one team misspells a word, the other team shall be given an opportunity to spell that same word. If the second team spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list, that team shall be declared the winner.
- If one of the last two teams misspells a word and the other team, after correcting the error, misspells the new word, then the misspelled new word shall be referred to the first team. If that team succeeds in correcting the error and then correctly spells the next word on the pronouncer's list, that team shall be declared the winner.
- If both teams misspell the same word, both shall continue in the contest, and the team that first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell. The competition shall then continue under rules 11 and 12. *\*This rule only applies to the final two teams. The third place team at no point re-enters the contest after misspelling.*
- Any question relating to the spelling of a word shall be referred to the judges immediately. The deadline for making a protest is before the team affected would have received their next word had they stayed in the competition. When only two teams remain, a protest must be made immediately before the second team has started to spell the word given them, or if both have missed the same word, before the correct spelling is announced to the audience.
- No "passes" or word "throw outs" may be used during the final rounds, when only two teams remain.

And remember ... A \$2,000 donation to the Literacy Council of Alaska will be assessed on any team using, or having, a printed or electronic dictionary during the spelling competition :)