

Iowa State Fair Spelling Bee 2024

It's getting close to fair time once again and we would like to announce that the Iowa State Fair is sponsoring a Spelling Bee for the elementary school children of Iowa. The Spelling Bee will be held at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines at the Penningroth Media Center in the Cattle Barn on Friday, August 9, 2024. We are contacting all school personnel who might be interested in having students from their school compete in the 2024 Iowa State Fair Spelling Bee. As shown on the enclosed entry form, three (3) classes of competition are comprised of students who have completed the first and second grades, third and fourth grades, and the fifth and sixth grades. NO other grades are eligible.

The aim of the Spelling Bee is to show children that learning fundamentals, such as spelling, can be fun. We will abide by the official rules in the National Spelling Bee held annually by the Scripps-Howard Newspapers, except for one rule: When the field has been narrowed to the top five contenders, the speller who misspells a word will be eliminated if the next person can spell the next two words correctly. A copy of the rules is included.

An entry form is enclosed. Feel free to make additional copies if more than one student from your school is interested. Entries must be received by **June 3rd, 2024**. The number of participants will be limited to seventy (70) in each age group. All students who are registered will be mailed instructions, a map and a State Fair ticket for the day of the competition. Students will also receive a list of words similar in difficulty to those used in the Spelling Bee.

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation, a participant's ribbon, and assorted prizes. The place winners in each level bee will receive additional prizes. We request your assistance in distributing the enclosed entry form to interested students and/or teachers. You may want to have a spelling bee in your own school to determine the person(s) representing your school for the 2024 Iowa State Fair Spelling Bee, but it is not required.

If you have questions concerning the Bee, please contact Tonya Cook at the Iowa State Fair, P.O. Box 57130, Des Moines, Iowa 50317, e-mail at tcook@iowastatefair.org or by phone 515-401-1515.

Thanks for your support and alerting students and teachers to this opportunity.
Keep in mind; entries are limited to seventy (70) participants per bee level.