

Prepare for this Spelling Bee Competition

Zeta's Youth preparation and entry in the Spelling Bee Contest will be the responsibility of the Youth Leader/Advisor, who is responsible for the youth group of their prospective chapter. Each contestant should enlist the aid of their Youth Leader/Advisor, teacher, family member or classmate to act as a spelling coach to help them master the spelling words and to prepare for the contest.

Zeta Youth Conference Spelling Bee Competition General Rules and Procedures:

1. The Spelling Bee will be presented in 1 to 10 Rounds in each Division. The number of spelling rounds will be determined by the number of contestants who remain in the competition until a Spelling Bee Winner(s) is declared.
2. In the first 5 Rounds, the contestant will have (2) chances to spell the word before the pronouncer moves to the next contestant. Beginning with the 6th round, Contestants will have only (1) chance to spell the word before the pronouncer moves on to the next contestant. The number of rounds in each division may be changed at the discretion of the Spelling Bee Coordinator, if needed.
3. The spelling words are age and grade level appropriate, taken from **The Dolch- Most Used Word List.(Grs. K – 8th)** These words will be used from various grade levels below and one or two grades levels above the students' identified grade level. Therefore, it is recommended that the contestant study these words on grade levels as indicated. *(A list of these word lists may be google on the internet)*
(See page #5 for further instructions for preparing for the different competition levels)
4. Each spelling contestant will be issued and identified by a **Number Card**, worn around their neck. When the pronouncer addresses the contestant, she will use the number on the contestant's card.

Spelling Bee Scores

Scoring of spelling words will be based on the number of words spelled correctly by each of the contestants. Results will be recorded by the judges for each contestant of each division.

SPELLING BEE COMPETITION DIVISIONS

PEARLETTES:

The competition for all Pearlette contestants, 5 – 8 years of age, and grades K – 3rd, will compete with each other in **Division # I**.

The spelling words for **Division # I Competition** will be used from **the Primer through 3rd grade Dolch Word Lists** for qualifying Pearlette contestants.

There will be one to two Judges, one Round Keeper and a Spelling Bee Pronouncer for this division.

AMICETTES:

The competition for all Amicettes will be divided into **Division # I and Division # II**. **Division # I** will consist of Amicette contestants, 9 -11 years of age and grades 4th – 6th. The spelling words for the **Division # I Competition** will be used from **the 3rd through 7th grade Dolch Word Lists** for qualifying Amicette contestants for this division.

Division # II will consist of Amicette contestants, 12 and 13 years of age and grades 7th – 8th. The spelling words for the **Division # II Competition** will be used from **the 6th through 7th grade Dolch Word Lists** and **other 8th grade** appropriate words from the **8th grade reading level** for qualifying Amicette contestants.

There will be two Judges, one Round Keeper and one Spelling Bee Pronouncer used for each of these divisions.

General Procedures for Audience

1. Talking will not be permitted among the contestants or the members of the audience, once the competition starts. Interruption is to remain at a minimum, if one need to leave the room.
2. Sportsmanship and respect for each other are expected from all ! 5

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
State of Florida

SPELLING BEE COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

_____ *Amicette* _____ *Pearlette*

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Chapter: _____

Location: _____

Advisor(s): _____

Check One of the Following Qualifying Divisions Below

2011 Florida State Conference Spelling Bee Competition Division Winner(s)

_____ *Pearlette: Division I* _____ *Pearlettes: Division II*

_____ *Amicette: Division I* _____ *Amicette: Division II*

In order for you to participate in the Spelling Bee Competition, you must return this form on or before Monday, January 16, 2012 to:

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