



## For the Media

### What:

Scripps National Spelling Bee (92nd year)

### Who:

Spellers compete from all 50 U.S. states, several territories and other countries including the Bahamas, Canada, Ghana, Jamaica, Japan and South Korea. For the second year, spellers invited through the RSVBee program also will compete alongside spellers from sponsored regions.

### Where:

[Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center](#) located at 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, Maryland 20745

#### Bee Week onsite resources

- Media Desk
- Media Avail on Wednesday to interview Paige Kimble, executive director of the Bee, Dr. Jacques Bailly, pronouncer, and Dr. Brian Sietsema, assistant pronouncer
- Designated Media seating in Maryland Ballroom
- Media Work Room
- Media beverage/snack station
- Parking validation
- Designated Media Wi-Fi

### When:

Bee Week – May 26-31 (Competition is May 27-30)

## Competition Schedule (subject to change):

- Monday, May 27 – Preliminaries multiple-choice test in the morning.
- Tuesday, May 28 – Onstage spelling all day for Round Two.
- Wednesday, May 29 – Onstage spelling all day for Round Three. Fans can see every word through the Watch ESPN App. At the end of Round Three, we will announce no more than 50 spellers who will advance to the Thursday Finals.
- Thursday, May 30 – Thursday finalists will spell onstage beginning at 10 a.m. They will continue spelling until we have about a dozen or so spellers remaining in the competition. This portion of the competition will be broadcast live on ESPN2. The dozen or so spellers will advance to the Finals on Thursday night, broadcast live on ESPN.

## Media Credentials:

Apply for media credentials in early May at [spellingbee.com](http://spellingbee.com). Look for the media tab on the home page.

## Resources:

- To obtain contact information and biographical information for the spellers you plan to cover – reach out directly to [Valerie Miller](#).
- During Bee Week, use [spellingbee.com](http://spellingbee.com) for round-by-round reports.
- The Bee Week app will be available again beginning in May.
- The Bee posts thousands of photos on our [Flickr](#) page that you can use during Bee Week – give photo credit to: Mark Bowen/Scripps National Spelling Bee.
- Media contact for the Bee is Valerie Miller – [Valerie.Miller@scripps.com](mailto:Valerie.Miller@scripps.com) | 513-545-6474 – reach out directly to arrange pre-Bee Week or Bee Week interviews with Paige Kimble, Dr. Jacques Bailly, Mary Brooks, past Champions and eventual 2019 Champion.
- For access to FAQs or for other Bee questions, please submit your request through our [Contact Us](#) feature on [spellingbee.com](http://spellingbee.com).