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What is an Agribee?

The Agribee™ is a define and spell bee, using agriculturally related words.

Who may participate?*

Fourth and fifth grade students are eligible to participate in the Agribee™.

When will it be held?

Each school site may determine its own Agribee™ schedule, with identification of school finalists completed and names of finalists submitted by Monday, October 30, 2017.

The Final Agribee™ will be held on Friday, November 17, 2017 at the Patrick Ranch on the Midway, south of Chico.

How does the Agribee™ work?

The procedure is much like the standard spelling bee, with one major difference. Each word must be defined and spelled. Each word is worth two points, one for the definition and one for correct spelling. Contestants may continue to participate in the beginning rounds as long as they are able to define, or spell, or both define and spell the word they are given. In the final round, the contestant must both define and spell the given word. (More specific and comprehensive procedures regarding rounds and scoring are available for registered participating schools.) Each participating classroom will hold a classroom Agribee™ to identify the two highest scoring students. **Each school will hold a School-Level Agribee™ to determine which two students will represent their school at the Final Agribee™ on November 17, 2017.**

What are the word/definition lists?

The basic list of words/definitions will be mailed to all participating schools in September. After the school finalists have been identified, a supplementary word list for the finalist to study will be made available to each finalist.

What if some classrooms don't want to participate?

We recognize the constraints on classroom time. Every teacher of grade fourth and fifth at any one school may not want to take part in the Agribee™, although we hope everyone will! Several classrooms should participate in the School Level Agribee™ in order to make a fair identification of two school finalists who will participate in the Finals.

What recognition will students receive for their participation in the Agribee™?

The two finalists from each school will receive certificates of achievement, an Agribee™ participation medal and a t-shirt.

In addition, the grand winner of the final Agribee™ will receive a laptop computer. Additional prizes may be available as resources are identified.

At each level, appropriate public recognition will be provide through news releases to the local media. We also anticipate that the local TV station will once again cover the Final Agribee™ as they have in the past.

How do I sign up to participate in the Agribee™?

Each school site requesting to participate will be provided with entry forms. The principal will need to complete a school entry form and submit it by Friday, September 29, 2017 to:

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