

# **GEOGRAPHY BEE**

## **2017 - 2018**

Williams Geography Club would like to offer a program for your child and invite them to join weekly geography classes leading to National Geographic School Bee and if qualified, leading to participation in the National Geographic Bee. The classes will be held every Wednesday's from 8:00 am to 8:45 am, starting early September 2017.

The **National Geographic Bee** ( <http://nationalgeographic.org/bee>) is an annual national competition organized by the National Geographic Society, designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. The **School Bee** will be held end of Jan 2018 (final date TBD) per rules and regulations set up by National Geographic Society. <http://nationalgeographic.org/bee/school-rules/>

This GeoBee program and school contest is sponsored by WINS Foundation and is offered to all 4th and 5th grade students at Williams to instill and promote their interest about geography as well as those who are passionate about the subject and would like to share their excitement about it with other Williams Whales.

We would appreciate parent participation and commitment without which this program cannot take off. The club is actively looking for parents who can coach one or two classes and help run this program as successfully as last year. If you can give 1 or 2 hours of your time and would like to coach a class or help in the class, pls. contact ASAP:

Archana Zarabi on email : [geobee4whales@gmail.com](mailto:geobee4whales@gmail.com)

**Pls. register your child latest by August 28th, 2017 on the following link**  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19OawHxvlhU624S3Pui77RVLW9r40ehEh-Z97jROzoh00/edit>

There is limited space available, registration is not a confirmation to the program. A separate confirmation email will be sent prior to start of classes.

Attached is a FAQ for your reference. If you have any further questions, pls feel free to contact the Geography Club Coordinator: Archana Zarabi at [geobee4whales@gmail.com](mailto:geobee4whales@gmail.com))

Thanks,  
Williams Geography Club

## Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What is Williams Geography Club?

A: Williams Geography Club is a program run by a group of parent volunteers. Our main objective is to get your child interested and excited about geography through weekly coaching classes and National Geographic School Bee - a nationally and internationally recognized contest.

Q: Is there a registration fee for School Geo Bee contest?

A: No, the contest is funded by Williams WINS Foundation.

Q: What are the dates for the contests?

A: The School Bee will be held mid / end Jan 2018. Final date TBD

Q: Where will the School Bee be held?

A: At our school.

Q: Who will conduct the School Bee contest?

A: The school GeoBee contest will be held per rules and regulations set up by National Geographic Bee and will be proctored by an experienced Williams teacher.

Q: Where can I find more information about the National Geographic Bee?

A: <http://nationalgeographic.org/bee>

Q: How can the students participate in the National Geographic Bee ?

A: The winner of the school contest will be able to take an online qualifying exam and if qualified, can then participate in the State Bee held in Fresno in the month of March. The winners at the StateBee go on to participate in National Geographic Bee held in May at Washington DC every year.

Q: Can my child not participate in School Bee but only in the GeoBee coaching class?

A: All 4th and 5th graders attending GeoBee coaching classes are strongly encouraged to participate in the School GeoBee contest. The contest provides an incentive for students to intensify their study of Geography and have fun.

Q: When will the classes be held?

A: The classes will be held weekly on Wednesday's from 8:00 to 8:45 am, starting early in September 2017 thru January 2018.

Q: Is there a tuition fee for the GeoBee Coaching classes?

A: No. Parent volunteers are giving their time and resources to provide these classes free to your children. However, if you want to donate or loan out any materials viz. globes, maps, atlases, geography books, etc. the club would really appreciate them.

Q: Will the class use any particular book ?

A: There is no recommended book to study but here is a list of some of the topics that a student can prepare

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/study-corner/>

Once your child registers, besides coaching class, a list of resources would also be provided that can be used for self-study.

Parents can choose to buy some books for their students , if they want.

Q: Can students in lower grades join the program?

A: Only 4th and 5th grade students are eligible to participate in GeoBee.

Q: Who can I contact if I want to volunteer or to get more information ?

A: Pls. contact Archana Zarabi : [geobee4whales@gmail.com](mailto:geobee4whales@gmail.com)