

2019 Gallatin County Spelling Bee Information

The 2019 Gallatin County Spelling Bee will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2019, at 9:00 AM at the Hager Auditorium at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman. The bee is open to students in grades 4-8 from the public and non-public schools in the county, representing a field of over 6,000 contestants. The table below lists the number of participants that each school may enter, which is determined by calculating each school's percentage of the total enrollment in grades 4-8 in the county and multiplying that percent by the number of participants in the county bee, which is currently set at 60.

School	Participants	School	Participants
Amsterdam School	1	Longfellow School	1
Anderson School	1	Manhattan Christian School	1
Belgrade Middle School	9	Manhattan School	2
Big Sky School	1	Meadowlark Elementary	2
Chief Joseph Middle School	7	Monforton School	2
Emily Dickinson School	2	Morning Star School	2
Gallatin County Homeschool	3	Petra Academy	1
County Rural Schools	1	Ridge View Elementary	1
Gallatin Gateway School	1	Sacajawea Middle School	7
Hawthorne School	1	Saddle Peak Elementary	1
Heck/Quaw Elementary	1	Small Private Schools	1
Heritage Christian School	1	Three Forks School	3
Hyalite Elementary	1	West Yellowstone School	1
Irving School	1	Whittier School	1
LaMotte School	1	Willow Creek School	1

Each school determines its finalists through classroom or school-wide bees using words of their choice or pronouncer's guides available through Scripps. Once a school has determined its finalist(s), a typed list of the students' names and grades must be submitted to the county superintendent by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 15. Finalists can prepare for the county spelling bee by studying words found in the "2019 School Spelling Bee Study List," which can be accessed by logging in to <http://spellingbee.com/> and selecting "School Spelling Bee" from the left menu and choosing "Study Lists."

On the day of the county bee, spellers should arrive at the Hager Auditorium at 600 W. Kagy Boulevard in Bozeman by 8:30 A.M. for registration. Sixty students from over 40 public, private, and home schools will compete for the top three places and a chance to represent Gallatin County at the Treasure State Spelling Bee to be held on March 16 in Billings. Local radio and newspaper columnist Chrysti "The Wordsmith" Smith will be pronouncing and numerous prizes will be awarded. Parents, teachers, and the public are invited to attend.

The top three finishers at the county bee advance to the 2019 Treasure State Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 16, at 9:00 AM at the Fortin Center at Rocky Mountain College in Billings. The winner of the state bee will travel to Washington, D.C. in May to compete at the Scripps National Spelling Bee and a chance to win \$40,000.00 cash and other prizes on national television.

The 2019 Gallatin County Spelling Bee is sponsored by Bozeman Bowl, Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Dairy Queen, Edible Arrangements, MacKenzie River Pizza, and U-Swirl. For more information, please contact Gallatin County Superintendent of Schools Matthew Henry at (406) 582-3090 or by email at: superintendentofschools@gallatin.mt.gov.