PURPOSE AND GOALS

- Motivate students to learn about the world and how it works.
- Spark students’ interest in Geography.
- Increase public awareness about geography.
WHO IS IN THE GEO-BEE?

✓ Thousands of schools in the US participate in the National Geo-Bee.

✓ Students in grades four through eight are eligible.
Three levels of competition:
  a. School
  b. State
  c. National

The winning student at each school must take the online qualifying test.

The State Bee Champion advances to the national championship in Washington, D.C.
WHAT ARE THE PRIZES?

1st Prize: $50,000 College Scholarship and $500 in Cash. Lifetime subscription in National Geographic Society.

2nd Prize: $25,000 College Scholarship and $500 in Cash.

3rd Prize: $10,000 College Scholarship and $500 in Cash.

Runner ups: $500 in Cash for 7 runner-ups.
Dead Line is Thursday, January, 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2017.

Each school is responsible for conducting its own Bee.

The school Bee coordinator:

- Conducts the school competition
- Administers the online qualifying test to the school champion
- Communicates with National Geographic about the School Champion and State Bee qualification.
The school Bee coordinator cannot be a relative or guardian of a participant in the Nat Geo Bee.

Bee materials are the property of the registered school and may not be transferred.

The School Bee must not be recorded in any form (written notes, audio, or video).

Students, parents, guardians, and relatives must not have obtained, possessed, or seen copies of the questions.
The online state qualifying test must be completed by 11:59 p.m. EST February 6, 2017.

The test will be in the school building and must be monitored by the school Bee coordinator.

The student is to work independently on the test, using no outside help or material.

The student must be granted 60 minutes of uninterrupted time and continuous Internet.
The preliminary competition at the school Bee consists of seven (7) preliminary rounds of 35 questions each.

It determines which students will advance to the final school Bee.

Teachers may accept other answers, if deemed appropriate, within 2 minutes.

Each student should be asked one (1) question per round.

Each round begins with the same student.

A student has 15 seconds to answer each question.

A question can be repeated only twice per one level.

Only the first answer given will be accepted and judged.

No points for a “Pass”.

The top ten in the school contest will advance to the next round.
FINALS

✓ Reduces the final 10 to only 2.
✓ Final Competition Map will be displayed in the room.
✓ There will be a moderator and a judge.
✓ Papers, markers, and chairs for ten students.
✓ The same rules and procedures of the preliminary round should be followed.
✓ Judges decisions are final.
✓ A series of questions will be asked, and any student who gives two (2) incorrect answers will be eliminated.
✓ A student who answers correctly through the series becomes one (1) of the 2 finalists.
✓ Continue until a 3rd place and a 2nd finalist are determined.
✓ Students must answer two (2) written questions. Spelling should not be considered.
This round is made of three (3) questions.

The same question is read twice for both finalists.

The finalists have fifteen (15) seconds to write their answers.

Both finalists shall put their markers down, hold up their answers, and read it aloud in turn.

The correct answer will only be given after both finalists have read their answers aloud.

In case of a tie, an extra question will be given, until a champion is determined.

The Champion is declared and receives a medal.
The on-line State Bee qualifying test must be completed by 11:59 pm EST February 6, 2017.

Grade, gender, birth date, parent/guardian name, home address, home phone number, and parent/guardian email address are needed in the school’s account on the Bee Registration and Resource Center at www.NatGeoBee.com.

The student has 60 minutes to complete the test in one session using no outside help or material.

The test consists of 70 multiple-choice questions and includes several visuals (photos, graphs, maps).

For the top 100 students who qualify, the school and the parents/guardians will get email notification.
State Bees will be held on Friday, March 31, 2017.

Transportation and accommodation expenses for the state competition are the responsibility of student or school.

Eligible students must appear in person to compete at the state Bee.

The state champion receives a medal, cash award, and other prizes.

The 2nd and 3rd place students receive cash awards and prizes.

All students participating in the state competition will receive T-shirts.
State Champions will compete for the National title between May 15 and May 17, 2017 in Washington DC.

The Bee will pay for the transportation and accommodation expenses for the state champion.

Contestants will be divided into groups and preliminary competition will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017.

Ten (10) finalists will compete on Tuesday, May 16 and Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

The Final competition will be televised on May 19, 2017.