



## **26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE TAKES PLACE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 19-21**

**WHAT:** 2014 National Geographic Bee

Top prize: \$50,000 college scholarship, lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society and an all-expenses-paid trip to the Galápagos Islands. The final and championship rounds will air in prime time on the National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo WILD on Thursday, May 22, at 7 p.m. ET/PT. Google is the sponsor of this year's contest.

**WHO:** 54 state-level winners, ages 10-14, representing all 50 states, District of Columbia, Atlantic Territories, Pacific Territories and Department of Defense Dependents Schools

### **WHEN/WHERE:**

#### **Preliminary rounds**

Monday, May 19, 10 a.m.

Preliminaries held in five different rooms; doors open for media at 9 a.m.; contest begins at 10 a.m.

Washington Plaza Hotel, lobby level

10 Thomas Circle NW

(near 14<sup>th</sup> St. & Massachusetts Ave. NW)

#### **Final and championship rounds**

Moderated by Soledad O'Brien

Wednesday, May 21

Doors open to media at 8:30 a.m. and close at 9:30 a.m.; mult-box provided

National Geographic Society, 1145 17<sup>th</sup> St NW

*Both the preliminary and the final/championship rounds last approximately 60-90 minutes. Contestants as well as National Geographic spokespersons will be available for interviews directly after each competition.*

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