



28th ANNUAL NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE TO TAKE PLACE IN
WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 23-25

WHAT: 2016 National Geographic Bee

Top prize: \$50,000 college scholarship, lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society and an all-expenses-paid trip to southeast Alaska and Glacier Bay National Park. The final and championship rounds will air on the National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo WILD at 8 p.m. ET/PT on Friday, May 27.

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 23, 9 a.m.

Preliminaries held in five different rooms; doors open for media at 8:30 a.m.; contest begins at 9 a.m.

Washington Plaza Hotel, lobby level

10 Thomas Circle NW

(near 14th St. & Massachusetts Ave. NW)

Final and championship rounds

Moderated by Mo Rocca

Wednesday, May 25, 10 a.m.

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

*All cameras must pull bugged HD feed from mult-box for final round/question

National Geographic Society, 1145 17th 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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