VISION
To know God's Word and make Him known.

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To engage young people in the memorization and study of God’s Word and provide opportunities to proclaim it through local, national and broadcast competitions.
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GENERAL INFORMATION

National Bible Bee Statement of Faith
While participants and family members participating in any National Bible Bee (NBB) program are not required to agree with every doctrinal point contained in the NBB Statement of Faith (found on biblebee.org), they must agree as part of registration not to dispute, challenge or debate the Statement of Faith.

National Bible Bee History
The Shelby Kennedy Foundation is the parent organization of NBB. Shelby Kennedy always said she wanted her life to be like a pebble that hits a pond creating a ripple effect. We are all given the opportunity to make an impact on others. She wanted her love for God and His Word to impact those around her. Though Shelby went home to be with the Lord after an intense struggle with cancer, the Word that she loved endures forever. It is the Foundation’s hope that God’s Word will dwell richly in the hearts of young people of this generation and transform the generations to come. The vision for NBB is “to know God’s Word and make Him known.”

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SUMMER STUDY

Overview
Using the Discovery Journal resource, the Summer Study takes the participants on a journey through the Scriptures asking questions designed to help the participants learn tools to discover the Bible for themselves.

At the end of the Summer Study is NBB Proclaim! Day. This event provides an opportunity for all participants who have memorized God’s Word to make Him known through the public recitation of their Scripture passages. NBB Proclaim! Day is also the initial step toward qualifying for the National Bible Bee Competition (NBBC).

Also at the conclusion of the Summer Study, participants may take the NBBC Qualifying Test. This test will let the participant see how they ranked nationally with other participants who participated in the Summer Study.

If the participant scores within the top 120 of their age division and scores 50% at NBB Proclaim! Day, they will be invited to be a contestant at the National Bible Bee Competition. If a participant declines an invitation to compete, NBB will open the opportunity to the alternates.

Age Divisions
Beginner: 5 - 6 yrs
Primary: 7 - 10 yrs
Junior: 11 - 14 yrs
Senior: 15 - 18 yrs

The participant’s division is determined by the age the contestant will be on November 13 of the current competition year. Beginners are not eligible for competition.

Age Division Rule for First Place Winners
First place winners of the National Bible Bee Competition (NBBC) are unable to compete in the same age division that they won and are required to participate in the next age division, irrespective of their age.
Register Under a Host Group
During registration, participants have the option to sign up for a host group. Being a part of a host group gives participants the wonderful opportunity to connect with others in their local community who are doing the Summer Study and to participate in their group’s Proclaim! Day. Hosts of these groups offer encouragement, answer questions and host the NBB Proclaim! Day. At NBB Proclaim! Day, participants will have the opportunity to proclaim God’s Word and be recognized for all their hard work during the Summer Study.

Participants who do not connect with a host during registration and would like to join a group can email info@biblebee.org to join a host near them.
SUMMER STUDY RESOURCES

Discovery Journal
A PDF version of the Discovery Journal is provided with registration and can be found on the dashboard after its release. Digital resources will be taken down once the year is over and inaccessible regardless of prior purchases. This resource is an eight week study that prepares and encourages participants to memorize and study Scripture in 20 minutes a day with the option of a deeper study. The Discovery Journal is published in 4 editions - Beginner, Primary, Junior and Senior, and is not specific to Bible version.

If you choose a registration package with printed materials, they will ship according to the release date on the calendar.

NBB Memory Passage Cards
The National Bible Bee Memory Passage Cards (from the Summer Study and NBBC) are the only approved contest material for memory passage recitation and should be used for recitation throughout the NBB. Those that wish to qualify for the NBBC, memorizing all passages is recommended (see calendar for release dates). Memory Passage Cards will be available to print from the family dashboard. Digital resources will be taken down once the year is over and inaccessible regardless of prior purchases.

NBB PROCLAIM! DAY

NBB Proclaim! Day is the culmination of the Summer Study. It is planned by local hosts or parents and provides an opportunity for registered participants to gather for a competition that proclaims God’s Word and to celebrate the completion of the Summer Study. Because of the variety among host groups and participants outside of host groups, each Proclaim! Day will look a little different.

Timeline: Questions and judging materials will be provided by the end of July in time for NBB Proclaim! Day to be held in August (please refer to calendar for specific dates).
Guidelines/Rules:
The competition will include multiple choice questions and oral recitations. The questions and answers will be provided on the dashboard in July. Please do not share this information with your participants ahead of time, as it is contest material. In order to have the opportunity to qualify for the National Bible Bee Competition, participants must score a minimum of 50% (6,000 points) on the NBB Proclaim! Day recitations and questions. The point system is as follows:

2 Recitation Passages = 2,000 points each = 4,000 total
8 Multiple Choice Questions = 1,000 points each = 8,000 points total

Recitation Portion: Although the desire is to publicly proclaim God's Word, the host/parent can administer this portion however they deem best for their participants.

- Host/parent chooses one of the seven passages out of the Navigate portion of the Summer Study memory passages.
- Participant chooses one of the seven passages to recite from the Explore portion of the Summer Study memory passages.
- Score sheets will be provided on the dashboard (biblebee.org/dashboard) in July.
- Guidelines for scoring can be found on the dashboard.
- Memory passages will be scored with 250 point deduction being subtracted for each error.
- At least one judge will need to be familiar with the scoring guidelines in order to score the recitation portion (Host/Parent may act as the judge).

Questions Portion: This is a separate document found on the dashboard in July.

- Eight multiple choice questions will be pulled from the Discovery Journal and will vary between divisions.
- These questions can be administered in a variety of ways. Hosts/parents can allow for participants to answer privately or publicly, written or verbally.
Once the participants finish the NBB Summer Study, they have the opportunity to take the NBBC Qualifying Test. This online, multiple choice test quizzes participants on what they have learned throughout the summer and ranks them with other participants across the nation. In order to qualify for the National Bible Bee Competition (NBBC), participants must take this test and rank as one of the top scoring 120 in their age division as well as score 50% on NBB Proclaim! Day. The NBBC Qualifying Test is taken online through ClassMarker (not available for Beginner Division).

How to Prepare for the NBBC Qualifying Test
- The participant should complete the Discovery Journal (both NAVIGATE and EXPLORE).
- The participant should study and memorize the Summer Study memory passages in their context.
- The participant should study and memorize the Greek/Hebrew words in the Discovery Journal.
- The participant should study the cross references in context (outside their use in the Discovery Journal) from the provided Cross-Reference list.

NBBC Qualifying Test Cancellation Policy
When the test cannot be taken by particular participants; because of a condition(s) affecting the general public in the local area, alternate accommodations may be made at the sole discretion of NBB.
- If the test cannot be taken on the scheduled dates:
  1. A postponement date within 4 days may be arranged by NBB. All regular test rules and procedures must be followed.
  2. Participant families agree that no communications of any type (written, oral or electronic) regarding the testing content will be or have been made with anyone associated with NBB, including, but not limited to, other participants, participant families, hosts, volunteers, proctors, etc., or relatives of the same.
- Since there is increased opportunity for individuals in these situations to receive input about the content of the test, participants ranking in the top-scoring 120 in their division nationwide may or may not qualify for the NBBC at the discretion of NBB

NBBC Qualifying Test Ranking Release
Rankings will be released on the dashboard within the dates given for the current calendar year.
General Information
- It is recommended that participants take the test between 8:00am and 5:00pm CST, in case technical assistance is needed from NBB.
- Participants will NOT be able to login before or after the date and time window specified by NBB. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- If multiple testers are using the same computer, take turns and start early to give enough time for all participant test takers to test before test window closes.
- There are no written test alternatives to the test.
- There are no appeals available. Emailing or contacting NBB will not be considered an appeal. However, please feel free to email contest@biblebee.org with questions or concerns.
- Each participant will take a test based on their respective division.

Test Security
- Only the test taker(s) and proctor may be in the room during the test. No one else should be in the testing area.
- If testing in a public library, only the proctor should be in close proximity. Please make necessary arrangements.
- No PDF cards, Bibles, websites or any study materials other than ClassMarker.com may be used during the test.
- During testing window: content, questions and answers of test are confidential and may not be shared or discussed.
- Questions cannot be read aloud to the student.

Computer and Internet Requirements
- The test can be taken on a computer, tablet or smartphone with a solid internet connection and ability to access ClassMarker.
- To avoid the battery dying on computer/tablet/smartphone, it is recommended to be plugged into a power source.
- If technical issues arise, contact NBB at contest@biblebee.org.
Specific Details
- The test will not allow participants to pause and leave the computer.
- The test has a built-in timer. There is no need to have a separate own timer.
- Participants will be able to skip questions and return to them later. They may have a sheet of paper and pen to write down test question #’s to return to later. Please do not write down questions or answers.
- Each wrong answer and each question left unanswered will be counted as 0 points.
- The test will have a 1 hour time limit.

Accidentally Exited the Test:
- The testing site automatically documents (time-stamps) the participant’s exit, and provides NBB with a report.
- Participants have 20 minutes to re-enter the test, or be locked out. Please re-enter as fast as possible, as the 1 hour time limit continues to count down. Every minute that elapses while logged off will continue to count down the timer.
- The time lost during the participant’s exit will not be regained.
- Participant must use the same password to re-enter.
- Previous answers will have been saved and participants may continue where they left off.
- If participants do not re-enter within 20 minutes, the test will automatically submit the current answers.

Proctor Requirement
The Shelby Kennedy Foundation, through National Bible Bee (NBB), places high value on integrity. One way that NBB encourages integrity locally is to require the presence of a proctor during the administration of the NBBC Qualifying Test for each participant. A parent may be a proctor for their child/children or they may secure an eligible proctor. See Proctor Agreement on page 11.

Special Testing Accommodations
SKF/NBB has the discretion to amend oral and/or written contest requirements on a case-by-case basis for participants with diagnosed medical conditions involving sight, hearing, speech or movement.
Accommodations for any participant with medical documentation:

   If a participant qualifies for NBBC and will require special accommodations at NBBC, the parent/guardian must email NBB, contest@biblebee.org requesting special accommodations. Accommodations are provided at discretion of NBB.
   1. Explain the type of accommodation (large print texts, allowing sign language interpretation, etc.)
   2. Must provide NBB with a letter within the current calendar year from a medical professional validating the need for special accommodation at time of NBB Qualifying Test.

NOTE: In order to compete at the NBBC, the contestant MUST be able to read the test on their own.

How to Access the NBBC Qualifying Test
   • Sign in to the family dashboard
   • Next to the participant name will be the following:
     1. NBB ID (write this number down - needed during test)
     2. Link to the test - Once the participant clicks on the link, they will be directed to a ClassMarker page where they will be prompted to enter their NBB ID

How the NBBC Qualifying Test is Set Up

PRE-TEST QUESTIONS (Test has NOT started)
For Participant (can get help from Proctor):
   • Participant First Name
   • Participant Last Name
   • Parent Email Address
   • Did the participant score 50% or higher on NBB Proclaim! Day recitations and questions. This required for the participant to be eligible to qualify for NBBC. (Please type “Yes” or “No”)
   • The participant has read and understands the NBBC Qualifying Test Rules and Procedures. (Please type “Yes” or “No”)

For Proctor: by providing this information, the proctor is stating they have read the NBBC Qualifying Test Rules and Procedures and the Proctor Agreement and hereby agree (Proctor must be the one to type this):
- Proctor Last Name, First Name, Phone Number (no dashes) (Example: Smith, John, 123456789)
- Proctor Driver’s License Number or State-Issued ID Number (Example 3456787654)
- Special accommodation given without medical documentation DISQUALIFIES participants to compete. This includes reading questions to the participant, giving definitions, etc. Please see NBBC Rulebook for more information.

CLICK “START TEST”: Read Instructions (Test has NOT started)

CLICK “CONTINUE”: Read Final Instructions (Test has NOT started)

CLICK “START TEST”: (Test HAS started, 1 hour time limit)

TEST QUESTIONS: Primary - 100, Junior - 150, Senior - 200

CLICK “FINISH TEST”

CLICK “CONFIRM FINISH”: If time expires before the test is completed, all answers will be saved and recorded.
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**Eligibility Requirements**
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have a valid Driver License or State Issued ID
- Oversee no more than 10 students at one time (lab facilities only)
- Be a host, parent/guardian, church leader (deacon, pastor, elder or teacher), or an adult authorized by parent/guardian

**Responsibilities**
The proctor agrees to be present within the designated participant household or computer lab for the duration of the test. This includes, but is not limited to:
- Being present in the testing room for the duration of the test(s) taken in a home or lab, and supervising the participants as they take the test
- Overseeing the pre-test registration of participants
- Following the NBBC Qualifying Test Rules and Procedures
- Ensuring that, if a household contains more than one participant, participants who have completed the test do not have access to participants who have not completed the test
- Acting as the liaison between the participant family and NBB on test day, including contacting NBB with any technical or other questions that arise
- Maintaining the security of the test at all times

Proctors may NOT provide any assistance (this includes pronouncing words and giving definitions) during the test. This disqualifies the participant from qualifying for the National Bible Bee Competition.

**Day of the Test**
Before the test:
- Make sure to arrive at the testing location with the proctor’s Driver’s License or State Issued ID as this will be required information during the test.
During the test:
- Assist participant with the pre-test questions if necessary.
- Before the participant can start the test, proctor will need to provide their First and Last Name, phone number, and Driver’s License or ID.
- By providing the above information, the proctor agrees to uphold:
  1. The NBBC Qualifying Online Test Proctor Agreement
  2. The NBBC Online Test Rules and Procedures

**NOTE:** Should participant qualify for NBBC, a copy of the Proctor’s Driver’s License or ID will be needed to register for the National Bible Bee Competition.

**NATIONAL BIBLE BEE COMPETITION**

The National Bible Bee Competition (NBBC) is a continuation of the memorization and study of God’s Word. Participants who qualify to become contestants at the NBBC are given an additional study passage and approximately 500-900 additional memory verses. NBB will NOT provide an additional resource for the study passage. Contestants should take tools learned from the Summer Study and apply it in their own study.

**How to Qualify as an NBBC Contestant**
- Must be registered in Summer Study
- Participants must score a minimum of 50% on the NBB Proclaim! Day recitations and questions
- Score in the top 120 of the participant’s division on the NBBC Qualifying Test or be the next alternate qualifier if a qualifier elects not to compete
- Register as a contestant for NBBC
- Verify age and U.S. citizenship (Contestant’s birth certificate or U.S. passport)
- Complete the contestant enrollment and registration process

**NBBC Rulebook**
Rules and detailed information about NBBC may be found in the NBBC Rulebook.
DISQUALIFICATION

NBB may disqualify, prior to or at any point during the Summer Study (or subsequent NBBC), any participants not in compliance with the eligibility requirements or other requirements outlined in the National Bible Bee Participant Guidebook and Competition Rulebook.

Participants and parents/legal guardians are expected to treat each other, volunteers, hosts and NBB staff with honor and courtesy. Appropriate communication between these parties is a standing expectation. Inappropriate communication is not permitted; including, but not limited to, obscene language, immoral innuendos, disrespectful or diminishing remarks, and/or speaking about the NBB or the NBB staff or any NBB parents/hosts/participants in a diminishing or disrespectful manner. Such inappropriate communication on the part of any participant or parent/legal guardian will be grounds for participant disqualification from participation in any part of NBB. This rule applies to all forms of communication including, but not limited to, personal contact, written correspondence, e-mail and social media.

Cheating at any level of NBB will be grounds for disqualification. If a participant is suspected of or is observed to be cheating during the NBBC Qualifying Test and/or at any point during the competition, NBB staff will investigate the incident and have discretion to make a determination and disqualify the contestant if warranted.