



Join us for the  
Wallingford Education Foundation's  
13<sup>th</sup> Annual Adult Team Spelling Bee

**Date:** Wednesday, June 18, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 pm

(Team registration at 6:00 pm)

**Place:** Colony Hall at Choate Rosemary Hall

**Team Donation: \$199**



**Prizes for:**

Best team name - **BEE Creative!**

Best team costume - **Come in Costume!**

Best team spirit - **Bring your friends!**



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## *THE WALLINGFORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S 13th ANNUAL ADULT TEAM SPELLING BEE **RULES***

1. Relax and have FUN! We encourage a PARTY atmosphere. Anyone not having fun will be asked to sit in the hive by themselves. **Please invite friends and family to cheer on your team, it will add to the buzz!** There will be an award given to the team with the most spirit.
2. Each team will consist of three members, including a Captain who is the designated speller. Teams must have 3 members. In the event a team member can't make it, you will be responsible for finding an alternate member. Team members must be 16 years of age or older.
3. Up to 6 teams will be on stage at a time. This round of competition is referred to as a SWARM. The number of swarms will depend on the number of teams that register.
4. The announcer will pronounce the word, give the definition of the word, use it in a sentence and
5. pronounce the word one additional time only. At that point, the timer starts.
6. Team members on stage will have 25 seconds to collaborate on the spelling of the word. The Team Captain must CLEARLY PRINT the correct spelling of the word on the team whiteboard. Suggestion: The Team Captain should have good handwriting.
7. All teams must immediately stop writing when the timer sounds. Spellers will be eliminated if they continue to write, attempt to change the letters on the board, or attempt to erase the board before the judges give the okay.
8. Upon missing the spelling of one word in the preliminary swarms, a team is eliminated. As the swarm progresses, any team that misspells a word is eliminated. If all remaining teams misspell the same word, play continues. A swarm is over when all but one team is eliminated.
9. We will use the Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 10th edition, 2002 copyright as the final say for any disputes.
10. Eliminated teams are encouraged to return to the audience to cheer on the remaining competitors.
11. The winner of each swarm shall compete in the Championship Swarm, and the same rules apply. The winning team receives the "Best of Hive" trophy.
12. The judges will make the final decision on all questions, including disputes, interpretation of rules, time, and any other issue. Honey Bee Court rulings are final. There will be no appeals.
13. The date of the event is **Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 6:30 pm**. Teams are expected to arrive at Choate Rosemary Hall's Colony Hall, Christian St, Wallingford CT, at 6:00 pm for registration and review of rules and procedures.
14. **Team members are encouraged to come up with costumes that fit the theme of your team. There will be an award for best costume and best team name.**
15. **Team names cannot be changed past June 10, 2025.** Marketing materials, signage, and programs will be ordered immediately after that date.
16. Current Wallingford Public School Covid Protocol applies to all contestants and visitors.

# The 13th Annual Wallingford Education Foundation Adult Spelling Bee

## Team Registration Form



June 18, 2025

Start time: 6:30 pm

(Team Registration at 6:00 pm)

Registration Deadline: June 10, 2025

Company/Sponsor/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Don't forget to come in Costume!)

Member #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Member #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Member #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fill out this form and email it to:**

**[WallingfordEducationFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:WallingfordEducationFoundation@gmail.com)**

**You will then receive an invoice with electronic payment options.**

The Wallingford Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity.  
Your donation is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

## Purchase an ad in our Spelling Bee Program!

Purchase your ad by June 10, 2025

<u>Type</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
Half Page	5" Wide x 4" Tall	\$60
Full Page	5" Wide x 8" Tall	\$100

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Additional questions:

Please call/text: Stacey McPherson – 203-494-0455

or email **[WallingfordEducationFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:WallingfordEducationFoundation@gmail.com)**



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