



Thank you for registering for the first annual LaraBee Adult Spelling Competition! This document contains important rules to the game.

Please contact Laramie.montessori@gmail.com if you have questions about these rules.

Important Dates and Times:

The LaraBEE will start @ 7pm on October 12 at the Hilton Garden Inn Ballroom. Teams can access the rooms at 6:30pm to get settled and decorate tables with team name or business logo.

LaraBEE Rules:

Teams will be assigned numbers. Teams can be no larger than ten (10) members. Each team will appoint a captain who will identify themselves to the proctor. Teams will be asked to spell words, starting with Team 1, then moving to Team 2, etc. Each team will have one minute to spell out the word on their dry-erase board. Judges will keep time. After the proctor has announced the word and used it in a sentence, the captain may ask for clarification. Clarification includes: (1) one additional pronunciation and (2) the definition (from Merriam-Webster).

The proctor may not give the part of speech or the root word. However, the team captain may ask, "Is the word a _____?" or "Is the root word _____?" The proctor may or may not answer a question.

Teams earn points for correctly spelling each assigned word in the allotted time (1 minute) and are eliminated if the captain fails to spell the word in the allowed minute, or spells the word incorrectly. Teams will be disqualified if they seek assistance from devices or other people outside their team, including members of other teams or the audience. Judges will be responsible for notifying teams of elimination or disqualification.

How to get a word pass:

There are three ways to keep your team in the game if you cannot spell your assigned word.

1. Purchase a WORD PASS for \$25 which gains a team the equivalent points as if the word was spelled correctly. The captain must inform the proctor during the allotted minute that the team will purchase a pass. The team must pay in cash or credit on the night of the event.
2. Win a WORD PASS for best decorated table or the best team name. The judges will award one pass to one team before the competition begins.
3. At some point during the LaraBEE, the Master of Ceremonies will challenge the remaining teams to complete a Montessori challenge. The first team to complete this challenge will receive a word pass. Sorry LMS teachers... you are not eligible to win this challenge.

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The final team in the spelling bee will win "The Pink Tower Championship" trophy. The team may keep this trophy at their business for 9 months. This team will be eligible to give the \$300 prize money to the 501(C)(3) non-profit of their choice. Second and third place prizes will be determined.