

Adult spelling bee returns to Ithaca

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Spelling for a good cause returns to Ithaca in March at Ithaca Public Education Initiative's 18th annual Adult Spelling Bee.

Teams of spellers will vie for the Fuzzy Bee trophy at the event, set for 2 p.m. March 6 at Ithaca High School Wellness Center Gym. A total of 28 teams, made up of three spellers each, will compete in what is the IPEI's signature fundraising event for the Ithaca City School District.

This year, each team will be given the same word to spell at the same time, which is expected to make for a fast-paced bee, according to a news release from IPEI.

Team costumes and cheering sections are encouraged, the release stated.

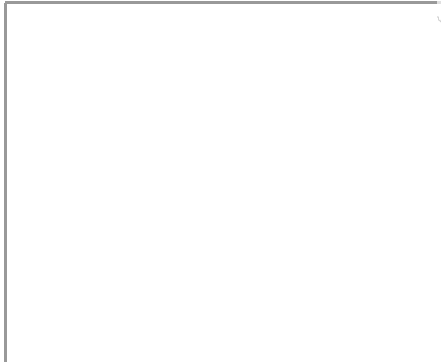
Team entry fees (minimum \$400 each) are paid by local businesses and organizations or by the spellers themselves, who can use the GiveGab peer-to-peer fundraising format set up by IPEI. Online registration is on the "Spelling Bee Events" page at www.IPEI.org (<http://www.IPEI.org>).

Additionally, a quilt raffle will be held at the March 6 event to aid in fundraising efforts. Tickets may be purchased at: PTA meetings; Cat's Pajamas; Boynton Middle, DeWitt Middle and Ithaca High School winter music concerts, and the IPEI office.

Spelling bee sponsors are Chemung Canal Trust Company, Wells Fargo Financial Advisors, Sciarabba Walker and Cayuga Radio Group.

For more information, contact the spelling bee committee, ipei@ipei.org. The chair is Jennifer Biloski, jbiloski@twcnr.com, 607-227-1905.

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