

Ithaca adult spelling bee now open for registration

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ITHACA – Think you're an excellent speller? Or know you're not but still like to have fun? Either way, the IPEI adult spelling bee may be for you.

Registration for the 17th annual adult spelling bee is now under way for the popular fundraiser to support Ithaca Public Education Initiative, a school-community partnership geared towards community connections and support for students and teachers.

Here's how it works: teams of three adults square off in a tournament-style contest in a fun-filled battle of spelling prowess. The family-friendly event features a pronouncer, timekeeper, and three judges. Up to 28 teams can take part, with a \$400 minimum entry fee per team paid by local businesses and organizations or by the spellers themselves. Organizers are also looking for program advertisers and silent auction donors to raise funds for IPEI grants for teachers.

Entries are needed by Feb. 9. To register, visit <http://ipei.peaksmaker.com/> (<http://ipei.peaksmaker.com/>), or download entry forms at www.ipei.org.

The grants, according to organizers, provide innovative educational projects for students and connect the Ithaca City School District with the community. IPEI awarded over \$74,000 in grants to benefit students last year, according to the organization.

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