

Washington State National Geographic GeoBee Judge

The National Geographic GeoBee is an annual competition for students in grades 4-8 designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. The GeoBee includes three levels of competition: school, state, and national. Schools across the United States conduct a GeoBee and name a school champion. The school champion takes a proctored online qualifying test and the top-100-ranked students in each state qualify to represent their school at the state GeoBee competition. Fifty-four state and territory champions then compete in the national championship.

The Washington State judges will serve as the preliminary or final competition judges for the National Geographic GeoBee state-level competition in Washington State. In 2020, the state-level event will be held **Friday, March 27** at Alder Hall Commons, 1315 NE Campus Pkwy, Seattle, WA 98105 from 8 am to 2 pm. On state GeoBee day, there will be five (5) Preliminary Competition judges and two (2) Final Competition judges.

The state GeoBee judges will be expected to:

- Review all GeoBee content and provide feedback ahead of state GeoBees on March 27 (physical copies of content will be provided prior to competition)
- Be familiar with geography—preferably with a degree in geography or related field, or a graduate geography student
- Be responsible for ensuring a fair competition, including speaking up if the correct procedures are not being followed by the moderator or coordinator
- Make final decisions on acceptance of answers in a timely fashion
- Speak up when there is a problem with moderator's pronunciation or student's answer
- Consult reference materials (e.g., atlas/dictionary) if necessary
- Ensure a fair environment for the competition by asking a disruptive student or parent to leave the room, if necessary
- In extremely rare cases, disqualify a student if the rules are not followed (e.g., keeping their eyes on their own paper during written answers to questions)