

Washington State National Geographic GeoBee Moderator

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 moderators will serve as the preliminary or final competition moderators 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 moderators and one final competition moderator. In the preliminary competition, there are nine rounds of questions, with each student receiving a different question. There will be approximately 20 students per room. In the final competition, there will be 10 finalists, and a mix of individual and common questions. There is also often a large audience for the final competition.

The state GeoBee moderators will be expected to:

- Be poised and comfortable reading clearly and audibly aloud in front of a crowd
- Be familiar with U.S. and world geography
- Be comfortable working with students and parents, and make students feel comfortable
- Review all GeoBee content ahead of state GeoBees on March 27 (physical copies of content will be provided prior to competition)
- Practice reading content aloud multiple times ahead of competition—this is key to a successful competition for moderators and students
 - **Proper pronunciation is critical in the competition**, so reviewing the questions ahead of time and practicing unfamiliar place-names and words that is extremely important
- Attend a National Geographic pronunciation webinar prior to state GeoBee day
- Understand and follow all GeoBee guidelines, procedures, and rules
- Rely on judges & state coordinator to assist when there is a procedural issue or an issue with a student's answer