

## THE NORTHSOUTH STAR

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# 2021 Online Regional Contest Registration Closing Soon!





It is bee season at NorthSouth! Registrations for the 2021 online regional contests are in full swing!

We started the educational bees over three decades ago with just the spelling bee. Today we have 9 different contest bees including Math, Science, Spelling, Vocabulary, Geography, History, Public Speaking, Essay Writing & Brain bees!

About 15,000 students from Kindergarten to High school, register at 90 chapters across the US each year!

When your child participates in the NorthSouth contests, they will learn something new, hone their skills in one or more subjects, engage in a friendly competition with their peer across the country and have fun! They will also have a opportunity to explore various fields of study & develop a passion for a particular subject which many NorthSouth alumni say paved the path to their chosen successful careers!

Did you know that several of Scripps Spelling bee, National Geographic bee, Mathcounts, Science Bowl & other reputed competition champions are NorthSouth alumni? They all got their start here by signing up and participating in one or more contests.

Look at the champions in the picture! Give your child this opportunity to discover the champion within them by signing up for the regional contests today! *Registrations closes this* weekend!

Many of your friends in the neighborhood didn't feel good about remote school...but you? You were different. You and your kids figured out the routine, and maintained a commitment to studying and learning, in spite of all of the hurdles over the last year. You maintained presence, like a champ.

Here's your kid's chance to prove that it was all worth it. Beat the looming deadline and register for a NorthSouth contest - or two, or three - today!

-Dr. Balu Natarajan, President, North South Foundation



#### New to NorthSouth?

If you are a first time parent who would like to know more about the contest(s) that you are thinking of registering your child for, start with our website. There is detailed information about each contest, the rules for the contest as well as syllabus & how to prepare.

Click here for contest information

## **Information Sessions:**

Did you get a chance to attend our free Information Session webinars? Information sessions are offered for free to anyone who wishes to learn about the contests, coaching programs and other offerings from North South Foundation.

These sessions cover a brief review of contest rules and subject topics. We have info session webinars for all the contests except Essay writing. If you missed the live webinars, you can find the recording links <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a>.

For questions about the contests, contact us at: contests@northsouth.org





## Find Your Chapter

NorthSouth has 90 chapters spread across 38 states in the US! So you are bound to find a chapter near you.

#### Find your chapter here

Here you will find the contest calendar that includes the contests offered in your chapter as well as the schedule of the contests.

If you are in a state that has **no** local chapter near you, you can choose <u>"Other Chapters"</u>. These are two chapters that offer registrations specifically for those who do not have a chapter near them.



Contests are offered on two weekends. Registrations close two weeks prior to contest date.

April 9-11, 2021 : Deadline is March 26-28 April 30, May 1-2, 2021 : Deadline is April 16-18



#### Workshops prep you for the contests

# **Workshops:**

Workshops are designed to encourage and prepare children to take part in Regional Contests. These are taught by Subject Matter Experts & NorthSouth Alumni champions.

The workshops include a review of the contest rules, tips to prepare for the competitions, fun exercises, practice mock bee, and more. The workshops provide the following benefits:

- Improves learning
- Enables students to gain confidence & overcome fear or anxiety of the contest
- Learn tips, tricks & strategies to study the material



Workshops for most of the contests were held online during the weekends of Feb & March.

If you did not get a chance to attend the workshops, you can contact us at: workshops@northsouth.org.

For a very nominal fee, you can obtain the workshop recordings.

Click here for the list of workshops conducted.

Reigster for contests today and give your child an opportunity to learn & grow!



#### **MEET THE PRO CHAMPIONS!**

### **Meet The Pros (MTPs)**

Looking at the picture of the champions on page 1 of this newsletter, did you wonder how they did it?

Well the free MTP webinars were conducted by several of the Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) & alumni champions.

Attendees got a chance to listen to the champions talk about their journey to the championship.

The MTPs shared tips & tricks they used to prepare, the resources, the time & effort they put in and what motivated them to work towards their goals.

These webinars were interactive and the Pros inspired their audience! Parents & students got a chance to ask their questions during the Q&A.



Recordings of the MTP webinars are available on our website and on the NorthSouth Youtube channel here.

Watch it with your child and be inspired!!



# 2021 NorthSouth National Finals Starts August 14, 2021

We are very pleased to announce that we will be conducting the NorthSouth National Finals for 2021 this summer.

Like many events across the globe, the pandemic forced us to cancel the 2020 National Finals that was to be held in Seattle, Washington last summer. We missed seeing many of you there.

The finals will be held online over multiple weekends starting August 14, 2021.

We will be using Zoom Video and Webbased testing platform developed by NorthSouth Foundation. Detailed schedule and announcements will be posted here after the regional contests are completed.

n 2019 at the National Finals held at MIT, we hosted over 4500 guests including the contestants and their families. It was a fun event for all!

We are looking forward to hosting the virtual National Finals this year. Don't forget to register for the regional contests, and qualify to experience the NorthSouth National Finals Online Contests!!





## We Need Volunteers!



Fill out the google form today!



# **Register NOW!**

Child development experts say that a little healthy competition can be good for kids. children who engage in competition earn critical social skills through interacting with other children, while also learning the value of hard work and developing self-esteem and selfefficacy.

Register your child for contests today & give them the opportunity to climb the ladder of success!



