

Detailed schedule is now posted

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Dear Finalists and Parents,

We are less than a month away from the finals at MIT! The teams are working very hard to getting everything ready and welcome you to the event!

The detailed schedule is now posted on the website. There have been changes to the schedule, so please go through it carefully!

<https://www.northsouth.org/public/USContests/Finals/NationalFinals>

Please note that Spelling and Vocabulary Phase 1 for all levels is being held on Friday, August 9, 2019.

Contest Rules

It is very important that you review the contest rules with your child(ren). Going over it a few times with the younger kids will help them understand what to expect especially if it is their first trip to the finals.

All contest rules for the finals are on the website. Go to

<https://www.northsouth.org/public/USContests/Finals/nationalfinals>

and select "Contest Rules" tab on the left. Review the rules for the specific contest(s) your child is participating in. The rules are not necessarily the same as for the regional contests.

Arrivals & Departures

Please make your travel arrangements such that you will leave ample time to get to the venue on time. If you are late, your child might not be allowed to attend the contests. Avoid disappointment, arrive early.

On the same note, please make your return travel arrangements leaving room for any unexpected delays at the awards ceremony as well as the travel time to the airport. We will unfortunately not be able to make special arrangements for early or missed flights.

Meal tickets

Extra meal tickets can no longer be bought on the website. We might have some extra food boxes at the venue. Please check at the registration desk at check-in time for extra meals.

Meet The Pro(MTP)

We have a variety of MTP sessions scheduled. Please attend when you can. These are run by subject matter experts. Topics range from Parenting workshops, to Geography bee winner panelists - from MIT Students talking about the school to India scholarships and others too.

AcceptU will be conducting a workshop on IVY League college admissions. Below is their information. You can sign up for a free 30 min consultation on either Saturday or Sunday.

Saturday August 10, TIME: Mock College Application Review

This interactive workshop will take families behind the scenes of an Ivy League admissions office. Under the direction of a former Ivy League admissions officer, attendees will review mock applications, compare and contrast candidates, and make decisions on which applicants to admit. Gain an inside perspective on how Ivy League admissions officers evaluate applicants and what you can do to differentiate yourself in the process.

Presenter: Stephen Friedfeld is the co-founder of AcceptU. He received a BA from Cornell University, an MA from Columbia University Teachers College, and a PhD from Rice University. Prior to founding AcceptU, Stephen was an Assistant Dean of admissions at Cornell for four years and an Associate Dean of graduate admissions at Princeton University or six years. He also worked as an independent college consultant for four years.

1-on-1 Admissions Consultations: On Saturday, families at the NSF Finals will have the unique opportunity to schedule 1-on-1 consultations with former college admissions officers. Get advice and personalized feedback on how your family can best prepare for the college process. Available only for those with children entering grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. Space is limited and consultations must be scheduled in advance here: <http://bit.ly/AU-NSF-Consults1> or here: <http://bit.ly/AU-NSF-Consults2>.

VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

Spelling and Vocabulary Bees phase I is conducted on Friday, August 9th. Plan your travel accordingly. We WILL NOT accommodate contestants who show up on Saturday, August 10th without attending Phase 1 of the two contests.

Did you know...

In Webster, MA, there is the place in the United States with the longest name. It is Lake "Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg". This is a 45-letter alternative name for Lake Chaubunagungamaug often cited as the longest place name in the United States and one of the longest in the world.

Fun Fact sent to us by: Saketh Mukkavilli, Age 8 From: Walpole, MA

(Send in your fun facts to nationalfinalsteam@northsouth.org with subject "Fun Fact". Include name, age, grade, city, state of the kid submitting the fun fact. We might pick yours to highlight next time!)

With regards,

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