



FINAL ORAL ROUNDS

Saturday, March 22, 2025

10:00 a.m. to no later than 4:30 p.m.

[This is an IN-PERSON event]

**Ventura County Office of Education
Conference & Educational Services Center
5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo, CA 93012**

[Map & Directions](#)

The top 15 to 20 highest scoring spellers from the [Preliminaries](#) will advance to the [Final Oral Rounds](#) of the Sage Ventura County Spelling Bee. Lunch is provided.

TIMELINE

- 10:00 a.m. Speller check-in and activities
- 11:00 a.m. Introductions
- 11:15 a.m. Lunch for spellers and pre-registered guests
- 11:40 a.m. Announcements
- 11:45 a.m. Spellers report to chairs
- 12:00 p.m. Announcements
- 12:15 p.m. Competition begins
- 3:45 p.m. Hard stop in competition with institution of a tiebreaker, if needed
- 4:30 p.m. Competition ends ... if not before this time.

FORMAT

This Bee will include spelling and vocabulary rounds and, if necessary, a tiebreaker. The winner of this Bee will advance directly to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

This Bee is governed by the [2025 Suggested Rules for Spelling Bees - no appeals](#) published by the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Sage reserves the right to modify these rules based on the needs of the Bee.

Words for the Final Oral Rounds will come from the 2025 Regional Competition List designed by the Scripps National Spelling Bee specifically for use in conducting the 2025 Sage Ventura County Spelling Bee. This list will offer 350 words selected from the 2025 Words of the Champions*, the official study resource for school spelling bee champions; 150 words selected from Merriam-Webster Unabridged online; and instructions, words, and materials for Sage to utilize in conducting a tiebreaker test, if necessary.

Typically, the first rounds are spelling rounds using words from the 4,000 words in the 2025 Words of the Champions. Subsequent spelling and vocabulary rounds will most likely contain words selected from Merriam-Webster Unabridged online.

For information about the 2025 Words of the Champions, please visit [Official Study Resources](#).

*Any words appearing in the 2025 Words of the Champions marked “School Spelling Bee Study List” words, will not be used in the Preliminaries or Final Oral Rounds of the 2025 Sage Ventura County Spelling Bee.