

WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNOWLEDGE CONTEST

MATHEMATICS – SPELLING



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GENERAL INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY: ALL students in grades 5 through 8 are eligible to compete in the Knowledge Contest.

Parochial, (including religious education classes) private and public schools are encouraged to participate. Home-schooled children are also eligible.

PROMOTION: Appoint a Knowledge Contest Chairman to work with the Youth Director and/or Grand Knight. Send an explanatory letter (preferably on Council stationery) to area schools in late August or early September to lay the groundwork for possible participation.

SAMPLE LETTER:

The Knights of Columbus Council # _____ invites all boys and girls in grades 5 - 8 to participate in our annual mathematics and spelling contests which are held from early January through mid-February. Students in parochial, private and public schools are welcome to participate.

Because most families have very busy schedules the "tests" are usually administered by the teachers in each school. (Both math & spelling have a 30 minute time limit.)

ALL "TESTS" WILL BE CORRECTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

The local winners at each grade level will receive awards and are eligible to participate in Diocesan competition. They could possibly qualify for statewide competition in late March.

Please call me to setup a mutually convenient time to discuss the Knowledge Contest in greater detail. I look forward to meeting you soon.

My phone number is _____ and the best time to call is _____.

Yours truly,

(Grand Knight/Contest Chairman)

FOLLOW-UP: Meet with your Principals and/or Directors of Religious Education several months in advance of the contest which is scheduled from early January to mid-February. Showing them a copy of a math and a spelling "test" is recommended. Assure them that the Knowledge Contest is meant to foster the students' academic achievement and that it will not be used for any type of formal evaluation!

Publicize the contest in church bulletins, home & school newsletters and community newspapers.

LEVELS OF COMPETITION/AWARDS

COUNCIL: At the local level contestants may enter BOTH the MATH and SPELLING CONTESTS.

Only the four (4) FIRST PLACE winners in each subject are eligible for diocesan competition. The ALTERNATE (second place finisher) becomes eligible IF the winner waives his right to compete.

Council winners/alternates must have the proper YOUTH TRAVEL CARD in order to register for the diocesan contest! (These are available from your District Deputy.)

Individual councils are responsible for AWARDS (trophies, medallions or certificates) at the local level. Recognizing FIRST, SECOND & THIRD PLACE finishers would be appropriate.

If possible present the awards at a K of C meeting, school or parish function.

The use of Participation Certificates is encouraged.

Publicize winners' names in local newspapers, church bulletins or home & school flyers.

DIOCESAN: The times, dates and locations of these contests will be published in the STATE NEWSLETTER.

It is imperative that these important details are accurately recorded on all YOUTH TRAVEL CARDS by the Grand Knight/Contest Chairman!

Supply a MAP showing the Diocesan Contest location if at all possible.

Participants who finished FIRST in more than ONE contest (math, spelling or free throw) at the Council Level may compete in ONLY ONE event at the Diocesan Level!

The State Council will provide First, Second & Third Place Awards.

STATE: The time, date and location will be published in the STATE NEWSLETTER.

The FIRST and SECOND PLACE finishers in the Diocesan Contests are eligible for the State Knowledge Contest. THIRD and FOURTH PLACE finishers are ALTERNATES and will become eligible IF the first and/or second finalists waive their right to compete.

Each diocese may qualify up to sixteen (16) contestants for state competition. All diocesan finalists must have the proper YOUTH TRAVELING CARD in order to register for the state contest!

The State Council will provide First, Second and Third Place Awards.

CONTEST MATERIALS

COUNCIL LEVEL: District Deputies will receive packs of MASTER COPIES of the math and spelling "tests" at their December meeting.

They in turn will either deliver or mail these contest packs to their participating councils.

Each council is responsible for printing its own "test" booklets. Fill in your Council and district numbers and Diocese BEFORE you start printing the first page of each "test"!

Remove the master copies of the revised REPORT FORMS from the Knowledge Contest section of your WISCONSIN BOOK.

DIOCESAN LEVEL: Materials for the Diocesan Knowledge Contest will be sent directly to each Diocesan Coordinator.

CONDUCTING THE "TESTS"

Conduct the Knowledge Contest in a classroom environment if possible.

Remind contestants that they must remain QUIETLY in their assigned seats for the entire testing period.

Have enough PENCILS and SCRATCH PAPER available.

Allow time for the contestants to fill in the FRONT PAGE of the booklets NEATLY AND COMPLETELY!

Limit the test period to 30 minutes!

Supervisors are not allowed to give hints or to pronounce any spelling words. Their job is to maintain order and encourage honesty!

* EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO SAFEGUARD YOUR CONTEST MATERIALS. Don't give COPIES to anyone except teachers or KC members authorized to administer the "tests".

Collect ALL contest materials including TEST BOOKLETS and SCRATCH PAPER before any contestants are dismissed.

ALL "tests" must be corrected by K of C members and/or authorized adults!

DO NOT reveal any scores to participants or parents!

Grand Knights must sign the completed Knowledge Contest Report Forms and send them PROMPTLY to the Diocesan Coordinator.

Be sure to thank the participating schools for their cooperation.

STRUCTURE/GUIDELINES

MATHEMATICS

There are SEPARATE “tests” for grades 5, 6, 7, and 8.

There is a 30 minute time limit.

Students must use a PENCIL and be provided with scratch paper.

NO CALCULATORS are allowed!

Each CORRECT answer to question 1 – 30 is worth ONE point. Each correct answer to questions 31 – 40 is worth TWO points, IF the correct unit of measure is included whenever it’s required. The absence of the correct unit results in ONE point penalty. - NO credit for unanswered questions!

The FIRST tie breaker is the number of correct answers to questions 31 - 40.

The SECOND tie breaker is the number of correct answers for questions 21 -30.

SPELLING

There are SEPARATE “tests” for grades 5, 6, 7, and 8.

There is a 30 minute time limit.

Students must use a PENCIL.

NO DICTIONARIES or other reference books are allowed.

Contestants must proofread each group of four words. There is either ONE misspelling or ALL words are correct.

The misspelled word must be corrected in the answer space. NONE must be used if NO correction is needed.

Each correct answer is worth ONE point - NO credit for unanswered questions!

The FIRST tie breaker is the number of correct answers to questions 41 - 50.

The SECOND tie breaker is the number of correct answers to questions 31 - 40.

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
KNOWLEDGE CONTEST REPORT FORM
MATHEMATICS - COUNCIL LEVEL**

COUNCIL # _____ **DISTRICT** _____ **DIOCESE** _____

NOTE PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE WHEN COMPLETING THIS FORM

GRADE FIVE

TOTAL NO. OF CONTESTANTS _____

FIRST PLACE

NAME _____

SCHOOL _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (_____) _____

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SECOND PLACE (ALTERNATE)

NAME _____

SCHOOL _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (_____) _____

(OVER)

MATHEMATICS

GRADE SIX

TOTAL NO. OF CONTESTANTS _____

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CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (_____) _____

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PHONE (_____) _____

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DATE _____ TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS _____

PREPARED BY _____
GRAND KNIGHT or CONTEST CHAIRMAN

COUNCIL # _____ DISTRICT _____ DIOCESE _____

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
KNOWLEDGE CONTEST REPORT FORM
SPELLING - COUNCIL LEVEL**

COUNCIL # _____ **DISTRICT** _____ **DIOCESE** _____

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DATE _____ TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS _____

PREPARED BY _____
GRAND KNIGHT or CONTEST CHAIRMAN

COUNCIL # _____ DISTRICT _____ DIOCESE _____

Wisconsin State Council

MATH CONTEST



NAME _____

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE MATH CONTEST

COUNCIL _____

GRAND KNIGHT _____

DATE _____

Wisconsin State Council

SPELLING CONTEST



NAME _____

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SPELLING CONTEST

COUNCIL _____

GRAND KNIGHT _____

DATE _____