

November 8, 2006

Dear Parents:

This year our school has registered to participate in the 19th annual National Geographic Bee, a nationwide contest for schools in the United States. This is a valuable activity that promotes the learning of geography, sponsored by the National Geographic Society. The following highlights the event:

- Any student in grades 4 and 5 may participate.
- There will be three levels of competition: School, State and National.
- The School level Bee will take place on Tuesday, December 19, 2006.
- One winning student from our school will then take a written, multiple choice qualifying test to advance to the State level.

I encourage all interested participants and their parents to review the following website, **www.nationalgeographic.com/geographybee**, which has additional information about the Bee, Frequently Asked Questions and a “Study Corner” including samples questions, Bee resources and a GeoBee Quiz Game.

We are looking forward to this exciting event. To ensure participation, please sign the attached consent form and return it to the Library by **Wednesday, November 15, 2006**.

Sincerely,

Kevin Fittinghoff
Principal

BLIND BROOK-RYE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BRUNO M. PONTERIO RIDGE STREET SCHOOL
RYE BROOK, NEW YORK 10573

CONSENT FORM

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by Wednesday, November 15, 2006.**

I acknowledge that there will be three levels of Geography Bees: a school level, a state level and a national level. There may be television and press coverage. I further acknowledge that I have read and understand the conditions of the attached memo as well as the information on the website www.nationalgeographic.com/geographybee.

I give my child permission to participate.

Student's Name _____

Teacher _____

Grade _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____