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**TO:** Bilingual Directors, Coordinators and Interested Parties

**FROM:** David R. Briseño  
National Spanish Spelling Bee Coordinator

**DATE:** February 10, 2026

**RE:** 2026 National Spanish Spelling Bee

Attached is all the information that you will need so that your student can represent you in the 2026 National Spanish Spelling Bee.

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this event and I look forward to meeting everyone in Albuquerque on July 10, 2026 at the orientation session which will be held at the National Hispanic Cultural Center, Roy E Disney Center for Performing Arts, the Bank of America Theatre. This packet includes a tentative schedule of events and the information you will need to make your hotel reservations. Please note that some activities and locations identified on the schedule may change.

The National Spanish Spelling Bee Organizing Committee welcomes you and thanks you for your participation in and support of this great event.

Adjunto encontrará toda la información que necesitará para que su estudiante pueda representarlo en el Concurso Nacional de Deletreo en Español de 2026.

Gracias por aceptar participar en este evento y espero conocerlos a todos en Albuquerque el 10 de julio de 2026 en la sesión de orientación que se llevará a cabo en el Centro Cultural Hispánico Nacional (Roy E Disney Center for Performing Arts, the Bank of America Theatre). Este paquete incluye un calendario tentativo de eventos y la información que necesitará para hacer sus reservas de hotel. Tenga en cuenta que algunas actividades del cronograma pueden cambiar.

El Comité Organizador del Concurso Nacional de Deletreo en Español le da la bienvenida y le agradece su participación y apoyo a este gran evento.

# Schedule of Events

## Thursday, July 9, 2026

Arrival Day – Participants, Sponsors and Spelling Bee Staff Arrive in Albuquerque. Please make sure and make your reservations at one of our selected hotels.

There are no planned activities on Thursday.

**All events will take place at the National Hispanic Cultural Center**

## Friday, July 10, 2026 Orientation Session Bank of America Theatre

9:30 am to 12:00 am Orientation Session

- Introduction of Participants, parents and sponsors
- Introduction of National Spanish Spelling Bee Staff
- Introduction of National Spanish Spelling Bee Sponsors and Special Guests
- Review of Contest Rules and Procedures
- Q & A Period
- Practice Round

**Possible Lunch at the Domenici Education Center**

## Saturday, July 11, 2026 Albuquerque Journal Theatre

8:00 am Arrive at the NHCC  
8:45 am Introduction of Judges, Pronouncer, Sponsors and Participants  
9:00 am Competition Begins  
12:00 pm **Lunch at the Pete Domenici Education Center**  
1:00 pm Competition Continues

6:30 pm National Spanish Spelling Bee Awards Dinner  
**The Pete Domenici Education Center**

## Sunday, July 12, 2026

Everyone returns home

### Spelling Bee Host

**National Hispanic Cultural  
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## Questions?? Contact

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## Hotel Reservations    Reservas de Hotel

### Host Hotel      Hotel Anfitrión

**Crowne Plaza – Albuquerque**  
**1901 University Blvd NE**  
**Albuquerque NM 87102**

Located in the heart of Albuquerque, the Crowne Plaza by IHG is within a 10 minute drive of the National Hispanic Cultural Center. Featured amenities include a 24-hour business center, express check in and check out. The Crowne features 3 restaurants. Other amenities include complimentary wireless internet and cable TV programming.

Ubicado en el corazón de Albuquerque, el Crowne Plaza by IHG se encuentra a 10 minutos en coche del Centro Cultural Hispano Nacional. Entre sus servicios se incluyen un centro de negocios abierto las 24 horas y registro de entrada y salida exprés. El Crowne cuenta con 3 restaurantes. También ofrece internet inalámbrico gratuito y programación de televisión por cable.

### **Reservations – ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026**

When making reservations make sure that you have the following information:

- Arrival and Departure Dates
- Estimated time of arrival
- Credit card type to be used for payment including number and expiration date
- Please note that the Hotel is 100% non-smoking

If you are reserving your room by phone, make sure that you identify yourself as being with the **National Spanish Spelling Bee**. You will need to call **844-356-6178** to make your reservation by phone.

### **ON-LINE RESERVATIONS**

To make your reservation on line, follow the link below:

[\*\*National Spanish Spelling Bee Booking Link\*\*](#)

**Reservas - TODAS LAS RESERVAS DEBEN REALIZARSE ANTES DEL MIÉRCOLES 17 DE JUNIO DE 2026.**

Al reservar, asegúrese de tener la siguiente información:

- Fechas de llegada y salida
- Hora estimada de llegada
- Tipo de tarjeta de crédito para el pago, incluyendo número y fecha de vencimiento
- Tenga en cuenta que el hotel es 100% libre de humo.

Si reserva su habitación por teléfono, asegúrese de identificarse como participante del **Concurso Nacional de Deletreo en Español (National Spanish Spelling Bee)**. Para reservar por teléfono, llame al **844-356-6178**.

**RESERVAS EN LÍNEA**

Para reservar en línea, siga el siguiente enlace:

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