



# Camp Lejeune

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### **Student wins local level National Geographic Spelling Bee**

**CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** –Ellis O’Day, a fifth grade student at Bitz Intermediate School, won the school level National Geographic Spelling Bee, Jan. 9 and a chance to win a \$25,000 college scholarship.

During the first round of the 21st annual Bee, students answered oral questions about geography. Ellis and the other winners from around the country will take a written test and the 100 top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their respective state Bee April 3.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for state champions with their teachers to participate in the national championship May 19 and 20. The first place national winner will receive the \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership to the Society.

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