

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

BGCT Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament

Children's State Finals, Youth/High School Regionals

Dates and Locations

April 7-8, 2017

Allen – First Baptist Church
Houston – Tallowood Baptist Church

April 21-22, 2017

Grand Prairie – First Baptist Church
Lubbock – Calvary Baptist Church
Tyler – Colonial Hills Baptist Church

General Information

1. Please review the BGCT participation guidelines on page 2 before registration.
2. For the state Discipleship Team to have ample time to inform groups of assigned time for competition, registration must be completed **no later than Thursday, March 30, 2017 for all locations.**
3. **All registration will be online.** Go to www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill to register. NOTE: Registration link will be live the week of March 20th.
4. Competition times will be assigned as registrations are received in state Discipleship Office. **Assignments for drills and speeches are on a first-come, first-served basis.** Group sponsors will be notified as soon as schedules are available.
5. Sponsors must check in at the registration desk upon arrival at the competition site you choose to attend. All participants need to be in their assigned ready room 15 minutes prior to their assigned drill time. The registration desk will remain open throughout the duration of the competition.
6. **Multiple Bible versions may be used in drills where necessary** to maximize schedules and balance drills. The Caller and Ready Room Assistant will prepare the children prior to the drill whenever this happens, and the Caller will explain this modification to everyone present at the beginning of the drill.
7. In the event a concern arises at one of the regional competition sites, the church sponsor is welcome to meet with the event coordinator at the Regional/State event. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in these matters. Our desire is to not only help and assist our churches but to also minister to the needs of our children. If you have any questions, please contact: Sheryl Page at 214-828-5286 or sheryl.page@texasbaptists.org.

Tentative Schedule

Friday Evening*

5:00 p.m. – Registration Begins
6:00 p.m. – CH Drill #1 & Youth/HS Drill #1
6:30 p.m. – CH Drill #2
6:45 p.m. – Youth/HS Drill #2
7:00 p.m. – CH Drill #3
7:30 p.m. – CH Drill #4 & Youth/HS Drill #3
8:00 p.m. – CH Drill #5
8:15 p.m. – Youth/HS Drill #4
9:00 p.m. – (approximately) Closing Session

Saturday Morning*

8:00 a.m. – Registration Begins
8:30 a.m. – CH Drill #1 & Youth/HS Drill #1
9:00 a.m. – CH Drill #2
9:15 a.m. – Youth/HS Drill #2
9:30 a.m. – CH Drill #3
10:00 a.m. – CH Drill #4 & Youth/HS Drill #3
10:30 a.m. – CH Drill #5
10:45 a.m. – Youth/HS Drill #4
11:30 a.m. – (approximately) Closing Session**

***Speakers** will begin speaking at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and will be scheduled approximately every 10-12 minutes.

Qualifiers for Youth and High School **state finals event will be announced at **Saturday's** Closing Session. From each regional competition, the six Youth (grades 7-9) and six High School drillers (grades 10-12) with the highest scores will advance to the state finals. From each regional semifinal competition, the top 6 speakers (with a score of 75 or more) will advance to the state finals. The state finals will be held at Dallas Baptist University in Dallas on April 29, 2017.

Important Reminders

ATTENTION SPONSORS OF ALL 12TH GRADE PARTICIPANTS

The Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award is given to a student who has participated for 9 consecutive years at the regional level in BGCT Bible Drill/Speaker's Tournament events. New this year these awards will be distributed during either our regional or state events based on qualifying students who have registered and who are present to receive them.

To register online to receive your Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award in the year you qualify, go to www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill and mark the blank on your regional registration form (available online March 20, 2017).

BGCT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN BIBLE DRILL & SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT

In an effort to encourage as many children and youth as possible to be involved in the Bible Drill/Youth Speakers' Tournament program, there are four options for participation:

1. Children's Bible Drillers, Youth and High School Bible Drillers and Youth Speakers' Tournament participants who are members of BGCT churches **are eligible** to participate in all BGCT competitions and receive appropriate recognition. The Youth Bible Drill Winner, High School Bible Drill Winner, and Youth Speaker Winner **will be eligible** to represent the BGCT at the National Invitational Tournament. Eligibility for Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament scholarships from participating Texas Baptist universities is subject to the guidelines of each university.
2. Participants who are members of Baptist churches that are dually aligned with the BGCT and another convention may participate in all BGCT competitions and **will be eligible** to receive appropriate recognition. If a regional youth participant earns the right to advance to the state finals, they **will be eligible** to represent the BGCT at the National Invitational Tournament. Eligibility for Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament scholarships from participating Texas Baptist universities is subject to the guidelines of each university.
3. Participants who are members of churches not aligned with the BGCT may choose to participate in BGCT competitions **under the sponsorship** of a cooperative giving BGCT church. However, if a regional youth participant earns the right to advance to the state finals, they **will not be eligible** to represent the BGCT at the National Invitational Tournament. Eligibility for Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament scholarships from participating Texas Baptist universities is subject to the guidelines of each university.
4. A school (private or Christian) or Home School Association is welcome to participate in BGCT Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament program. There are two different ways for their students to participate:
 - a. The school or association may participate under the sponsorship of a cooperative giving BGCT church. Their children may participate at all levels of competition and **will be eligible** for appropriate recognition. The youth, however, may participate in all levels of competition, but **will not be eligible** to represent the BGCT at the National Invitational Tournament. Eligibility for Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament scholarships from participating Texas Baptist universities is subject to the guidelines of each university.
 - b. The school or association may participate on their own, but will be required to pay a \$500 participation fee. Their children may participate at all levels of competition and **will be eligible** for appropriate recognition. The youth, however, may participate in all levels of competition, but **will not be eligible** to represent the BGCT at the National Invitational Tournament. Eligibility for Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament scholarships from participating Texas Baptist universities is subject to the guidelines of each university.