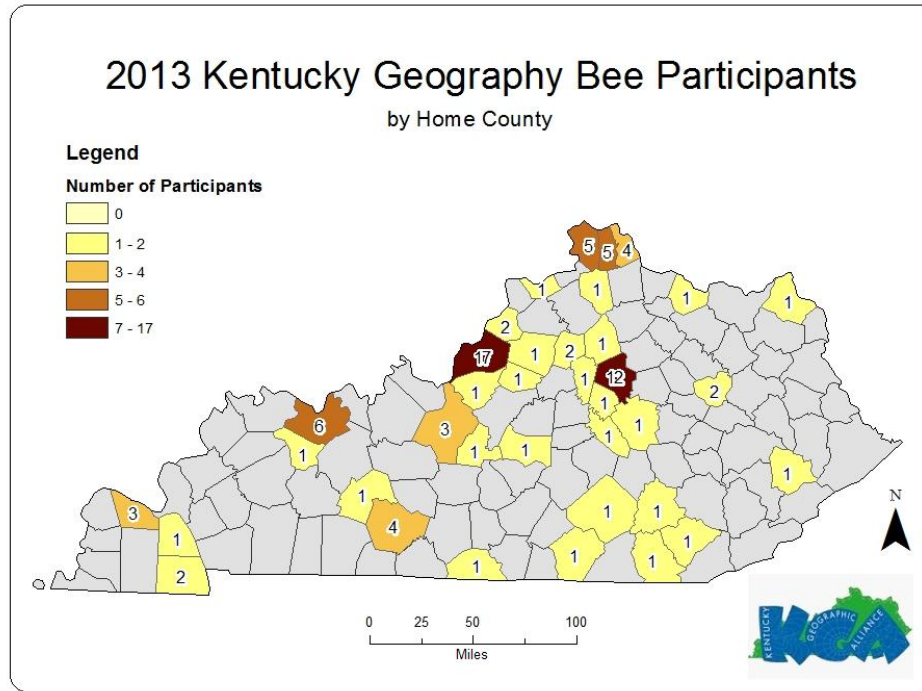

KENTUCKY IN THE NEWS

The Kentucky Geographic Alliance – April 2013



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Bowling Green, Ky. - One hundred of Kentucky's most geographically aware fourth- through eighth-graders competed for the state championship of the annual National Geographic Bee April 5 at Western Kentucky University's south campus. Sponsored by National Geographic and Google, the annual competition culminates with the national championship in Washington, D.C., each May, after state-level championship.

Students were tested on a range of geographic subjects, from capitals to culture, landforms to the environment. The National Geographic Bee [website](#) provides details of the annual competition, along with a daily quiz with questions similar to the ones asked in the competition.

Hunter Watkins a homeschooler from Paducah became the Kentucky State Champion after competing in the final round with nine other competitors from across the state. Shyam Ravishankar, a 5th grader from Wilder Elementary school in Louisville was the first-runner up. The final two contenders answered a series of difficult that ranged from knowledge of countries, cities, rivers, water bodies and the relationship between them.

Dr. David Keeling, Head of the Department of Geography and Geology at WKU served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Final Round of the event. "The annual Geobee contest is designed to promote geographic awareness of the world around us," said David Keeling.