

## WHY IS INVESTING IN LITERACY SO CRUCIAL?

- 1 out of 6 adults in our country is functionally illiterate
- 20,000 adults in Whatcom County may need our help

## LITERACY FACTS

- 3 of every 4 food stamp recipients have literacy problems
- 63% of adult Prison inmates can't read.
- Children of illiterate parents often have literacy problems
- Illiteracy costs our country \$25 million per year in employee accidents and mistakes
- Low health literacy costs the U.S. 238 billion per year.

## Change a Life. Become a Tutor.



**3rd Wednesday of each month at 5 pm  
Bellingham Public Library**

Learn more at Whatcom Literacy Council's  
monthly tutoring sessions.

1 in 6 adults struggles with low literacy skills  
- you can help!



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Literacy Council**  
*Opening Doors. Changing Lives.*

Call **647-3264** for details [www.whatcomliteracy.org](http://www.whatcomliteracy.org)

## Highlights of last year's achievements:

**55**

students improved their  
employability skills or  
advanced in their jobs

**27**

parents began to read to  
their children and improve  
their parenting skills

**44**

students registered to vote,  
used more community  
resources or received their  
citizenship

**37**

students went on to take  
ABE or ESL classes at a  
community or technical  
college

**100+**

students improved their  
writing skills

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## Form a Team Now!

# Trivia Bee & Silent Auction

to support Whatcom Literacy Council

Friday, April 2, 2010

### Q: What Is the Trivia Bee?

- A: a. A Fun and Friendly Competition of Wits  
b. A Positive Way to Advertise Your Business  
c. A Fund-Raiser for Whatcom Literacy Council  
d. All of the Above!

### Q: How Do I Participate?

- A: a. Find a group of three people at your business  
or among friends.  
b. Answer trivia questions and compete against  
other teams.  
c. Take home your free Bee-shirt and maybe  
even prizes and a trophy!  
d. RSVP by March 5, 2010, to be included in  
the publicity.  
e. All of the Above!



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**Key Foundation**



**Bellingham  
Public Schools**  
*...where every student learns*

**THE BELLINGHAM HERALD**  
*TheBellinghamHerald.com*

Join Us and BEE Smart! The Trivia Bee is a fun-fundraiser supporting literacy programs in Whatcom County. Questions? Want more information? Call Whatcom Literacy Council at **647-3264**.



## Team Sponsorship Levels

Teams consist of three members. If you are interested in participating, but do not have enough people, we can find team members for you.

### Corporate Team - \$700\*

- ▶ Your company is identified as a team sponsor; your name and logo will appear in the event program, in the WLC newsletter, and six ¼ page ads in *The Bellingham Herald*.
- ▶ You may purchase 20 tickets for \$100 (a savings of \$60). Bring your own cheering section!
- ▶ Special trophy goes to the best cheering section!

### Organization or Self-Sponsored Team - \$375\*

- ▶ Your team will be featured in the event program and WLC newsletter
- ▶ You may purchase 20 tickets for \$100 (a savings of \$60). Bring your own cheering section!
- ▶ Special trophy goes to the best cheering section!

\*Your fee is tax deductible. Whatcom Literacy Council is a qualified 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.



## WHATCOM LITERACY COUNCIL

served 500+ Learners last year! For 30 years the Whatcom Literacy Council has consistently provided free, customized tutoring for all adults who have turned to us for assistance with improving their reading and writing.

# Trivia Bee Entry Form

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**CORPORATE** Yes, we want to participate in Whatcom Literacy Council's 13th Annual Trivia Bee. Enclosed is a check for \$700 to confirm our entry and a copy of our logo for the program and ads in the *Bellingham Herald*.

**ORGANIZATION** and **SELF-SPONSORED** Yes, we want to participate in Whatcom Literacy Council's 13th Annual Trivia Bee. Enclosed is a check for \$375 to confirm our entry and a copy of our logo for the program.

**TICKETS** I would like to purchase 20 tickets for \$100 (a \$60 savings)

**DONATIONS** We cannot participate in the Trivia Bee this year, but we would like to make a donation to the Whatcom Literacy Council. Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_. Donations of \$200 or more are listed in the program.

We would like to donate an item to the silent auction. Please contact us.

We cannot participate in the Trivia Bee this year, but please keep us in mind for 2011.

Please send this entry form and your check made payable to:

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**Please Return by March 5, 2010.  
Team Space is Limited!**

