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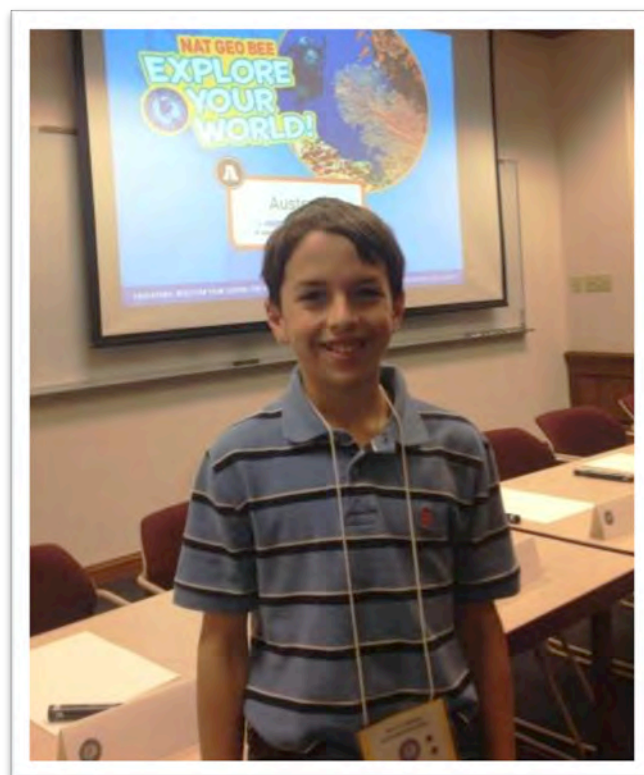
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Springwood student Jack Brown Finalist in Alabama State Geography Bee

On Friday, March 27, young geography whizzes across the United States participated in state Geography Bees, competing for a spot in the 27th annual National Geographic Bee championship in Washington, D.C. Jack Brown, 7th grade student at Springwood School was one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2015 Alabama National Geographic State Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek. There were 102 students who qualified and participated in the Bee from the state of Alabama. The contest was held at Samford University in Birmingham.

This was the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 27th year. School Bees were held in schools with fourth- through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion. Jack was the Springwood School Geography Bee winner. The school champions then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. The National Geographic Society invited the top-scoring students in each state to compete in the state Bees.



In the opening eight rounds of the Alabama State Bee, Jack Brown answered all 8 of his questions correctly, one of only four students to do so. He advanced to the final round and finished in the Top 10 of the Alabama State Bee. Jack is the son of Carter and Jenna Brown of West Point.

At the school Bees this year, students had to answer such questions as: Six-time Super Bowl champions, the Pittsburgh Steelers, play football near the source of the Ohio River in which state—Alabama or Pennsylvania? Pennsylvania; Balboa Park, with more than ten museums, performing arts centers, and gardens, is located in which southern California city? San Diego; Taylor Swift performed songs from her album Red last summer in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of which Asian country that borders the South China Sea? Malaysia; and Disney's blockbuster movie Frozen is set in the fictional land of Arendelle, which was largely inspired by the country of Norway. Norway is located on which European peninsula? Scandinavian Peninsula. How would you fare as a Bee contestant?