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Telluride Historical Museum presents the 1st Annual Adult Spelling Bee

New community event is daring, fun, and outright outrageous – the BUZZ is on!

Telluride, CO, July 2, 2013. Is orthography the bee in your bonnet? Do morphemes make your bees knees quiver with excitement? This summer, make a beeline for the 1st Annual Adult Spelling Bee - a unique, community-driven fundraiser presented by the Telluride Historical Museum, on Wednesday, July 17, at the Sheridan Opera House. "The 1st Annual Adult Spelling Bee will be daring and outrageously fun, bringing Telluride's community together to celebrate what makes us unique," comments Executive Director Erica Kinias. Tackling a mix of classic spelling bee words, historical words, and even a few Telluride-themed words, contestants will compete as teams for the awards of Fan Favorite, Best Costume and the Hive Master Grand Prize!

Inspired by the classic spelling bee format, this Adult Spelling Bee has some unique twists: contestants compete in teams of three, formed from local businesses and the Telluride community. Onstage at the historic Sheridan Opera House, teams will battle it out to make it to the final championship round. The competition heats up even further as teams earn Word Passes, Lifelines, and Spelligans to help advance them through the Bee. "The Spelling Bee teams are at the heart of the event," Kinias comments. "The support they get from the community in sponsorships, from each other in the competition, and from the audience will truly help make the event a success."

General seating for the Bee is now open at \$15, and premium seating is available for \$50 for those that want front-row access to the excitement. Guidelines, team registration forms, and admission tickets are available online at www.telluridemuseum.org.