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Centennial Middle School Student Named Minnesota State Geographic Bee Semifinalist by National Geographic Society

March 31, 2014 (Circle Pines, MN)— **Ellie Jensen**, a seventh grade student at Centennial Middle School, is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2014 Minnesota State Geographic Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek. This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 26th year. Bees were held in schools with fourth through eighth grade students competing throughout the state to determine each school's Bee winner. Jensen won the bee at Centennial in the seventh round with only one wrong answer.

Jensen then took a qualifying test, which was submitted to the National Geographic Society. The National Geographic Society invited the students with the top 100 scores in each of the 50 states, District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories to compete at the state level. The 2014 Minnesota State Geographic Bee will be held at St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN on Friday, April 4.

The state winner will receive \$100, the "Complete National Geographic on DVD" and a trip to Washington, D.C. to represent Minnesota in the National Geographic Bee finals to be held at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 19-21.

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