

# Matthew Griffin invited to statewide competition

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Matthew Griffin of Farmers Branch, a seventh-grader at Mary Immaculate Catholic School, has



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been named a semifinalist eligible to compete in the Texas National Geography Bee. As the overall geography bee winner for Mary Immaculate Catholic School, Matthew is one of only 100 intermediate to middle school students in the state who, after passing a qualifying test, has been invited to compete at this level.

The 2012 Texas National Geography Bee, which is sponsored by the National Geographic Society, will be held March 30 in Bedford. The winner of this state competition will receive \$100, the “Complete National Geographic on DVD” and a trip to Washington, D.C., where he or she will represent Texas in the National Finals in May.

Matthew said he is excited about the opportunity.

“Finally, all this useless information that rattles around in my head is worth something,” he said.

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