Bob Info Meeting Q&A

Eya & Tosin 06:58 PM

Can the team coach be someone from the school? Maybe a teacher?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Ayesha 06:59 PM

Can we get the recording of this session, please?

This question has been answered live.Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Sai Dharmaraj 06:59 PM

Can you also share a copy of the presentation?

This question has been answered live.Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

magical mundo 07:00 PM

Good afternoon, would like to know more about coaches role. Thank you!

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Jess Bragdon 07:03 PM

Do both coaches get to attend the event at Merriweather?

John Drayton 07:31 PM

Yes, Both coaches attend but only one can sit with the team at a time.

Anonymous attendee 07:10 PM

I'm wondering if all of the parents of the students competing get to attend (is it limited per team or per child?)

John Drayton 07:32 PM

Weather permitting: all are welcome. Seating available in the pavilion as well as on the lawn, weather permitting.

Heather's iPhone 07:12 PM

Who do we email our team name to?

John Drayton 07:32 PM

Link will be on the website (hclibrary.org/bob)...will be sent out via email after this session.

Hope Guy Grunberg 07:13 PM

Can we add a team member after registering as long as we are within the 5 student maximum?

John Drayton 07:32 PM

Yes, but please see deadlines as it can cause issues down the line.

James Griffin 07:16 PM

What is the approximate time commitment per week for coaches and

participants?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting

recording.

Eya & Tosin 07:16 PM

Will there be the same questions for each group?

John Drayton 07:33 PM

Yes, everyone competes at the same time with the same questions.

James Griffin 07:16 PM

How are questions scored in such a short time?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting

recording.

Noelle 07:18 PM

Are the additional categories for each school or every Howard County school?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting

recording.

Eya & Tosin 07:22 PM

John Drayton 07:24 PM

Prehistoric Mammals: From the Jurassic to the Ice Age by Joe Flood

Rama Vunnam 07:23 PM

How many books are graphic novels?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Fasika Woreta 07:24 PM

Is registration deadline Oct 9 or 14?

John Drayton 07:36 PM

On Oct 14, registration opens at 10 am and remains open until capacity is reached or

November 4 at 11:59 pm, whichever comes first. (link to follow)

Corinne Happel 07:24 PM

Is the virtual mandatory coach meeting on November 10 also 6-8 pm?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anameris Sasso 07:24 PM

Can you send the answers to all the previously asked questions? I joined Kate since I never got the updated zoom link and didn't know it had changed.

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:24 PM

When we register, do we need to have pre-formed our team or do we get assigned a team and coach after registration? If we don't have a preformed team and/or coach will we be assigned after registration?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:25 PM

Are the permission forms available online or do we have to pick it up in person at the library?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Gaby Seo 07:27 PM

Does the coach have to be a teacher from the school? Or can it be a teacher from a different grade level?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

iphone16 07:27 PM

How soon will the presentation and book list be posted?

John Drayton 07:42 PM

The list is live now, and the presentation will be posted in a couple of days.

Anonymous attendee 07:27 PM

For the digital posters, are they supposed to be created in digital format or do we take a picture of what the team creates? Or does it matter (like do they bring actual posters on the day of event?)

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Annette Bartlett - HCPSS Grants Office 07:28 PM

Is the Nov. 10 meeting and the Nov. 16 meeting both the same meeting, meaning, a coach only needs to attend Nov. 10 OR the Nov. 16, or does coaches need to plan to attend BOTH meetings?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Eya & Tosin 07:29 PM

I have 2 questions: Could the Team Coach be a teacher at the school? Also, what is the plan for the teams going on stage? Do they all go on or what?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:30 PM

Can family members of participants attend? Is it free? Is there a reserved seating area for families separate from participants?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Heena Sayed 07:30 PM

Do we have to attend both meetings: Nov 10 & 16?

John Drayton 07:48 PM

No, but if picking up book its recommended to pick up on Nov 16 or 20, or 21.

Tricia Moody 07:30 PM

Can we use the logo on shirts?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

iPhone 07:30 PM

If the team members are not finalized by Oct 14th, can we update it at a later date?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:30 PM

Can there be an assistant coach who can also attend coaches meetings?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:31 PM

Will there be any "study" materials and/or sample questions provided to coaches to help them guide their group meetings?

John Drayton 07:53 PM

Yes, We show a few of the older questions and formats to help teams. Sometimes older questions may not be as helpful.

Anonymous attendee 07:31 PM

How many teams do not get to register? It feels unfair for coaches who are working and unable to log in exactly at 10 am on the 14th.

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Heena Sayed 07:32 PM

Also, can we just pick up the books on different date, once meeting attended on 10th? And where is in person meeting?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Matt Brubaker 07:33 PM

First time coach, how often should we be meeting as a group? Can examples be shown of previous posters to see what they need to look like?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:33 PM

How many questions will be asked in total for each group?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Eya & Tosin 07:33 PM

Is it okay to bring snacks to eat while backstage? ☺

John Drayton 07:55 PM

Absolutely. Bring snacks. Not a problem. there are trash bins around the pavillion. many are coming after school, and eating is definately encouraged. Fasika Woreta 07:33 PM

Are the questions multiple choice?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:34 PM

Are kids permitted to bring notes on the titles?

John Drayton 07:57 PM

No. You must practice and be committed to the competition.

Noelle 07:34 PM

Can you explain more about how questions are scored and how you don't

cheat?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting

recording.

Rishi Srivastav 07:34 PM

Could we get the book names and questions from one of the past years to get a feel for the type of questions asked?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Corinne 07:34 PM

What percent of questions do you need to answer correctly to get bronze?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:35 PM

Do all the teams get to compete in all the rounds?

Are the results announced on the same night?

John Drayton 08:00 PM

Yes, everyone competes all night. Results are announced the same night.

Ryan Casavant 07:35 PM

Any way to turn the volume down on BOB night? The extremely high decibel level on the young ears is damaging. The music can still be loud, and the night will still be fun even with a more appropriate volume level. Hearing damage for 10-year-olds begins at 85 decibels with prolonged exposure (World Health Organization actually says 75 decibels causes hearing damage for kids due to narrow ear canals.). There's really no need to damage fifth grade ears for Battle of the Books.

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Abram Fox 07:35 PM

Can we bring the books with us to the battle?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Paula Barriga Sanchez 07:35 PM

How can they volunteer? Sign up?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

James Griffin 07:36 PM

I know I can spend as much time as I *want* as a coach, but I (and other parents/coaches) don't have unlimited time. Looking to balance against other commitments.

\What is a good gauge... an hour a week? Two? Ten?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:36 PM

Will security be on site? It's a very big event and I hear there was no police presence.

John Drayton 08:08 PM

Yes, there is security.

Anonymous attendee 07:36 PM

Why are only fifth for BOB?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Ariella Marcus 07:36 PM

April 23rd is during Passover, and many Jewish students may be out of town celebrating with family.

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

JG 07:36 PM

Can teams be made up of kids from different schools as long as they are all in Howard County?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:37 PM

How much coaches can be there?

John Drayton 08:10 PM

Both coaches can be present but only one can sit with the group. You are permitted to swap seats.

Anonymous attendee 07:37 PM

How long does the BOB take without practice and smaller competitions?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:38 PM

How much time is there to decide your group?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:38 PM

I agree the music is too loud, and there is a huge risk to students on the dance floor. I was (concerned that) something was going to happen.

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Laura Schneider 07:39 PM

Is it minimum 3 or 4 students? I've seen both.

John Drayton 08:12 PM

3 students are the minimum.

Corinne 07:39 PM

How many answers needed to be wrong to get none?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:39 PM

Can the students choose their team?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:39 PM

Can you send us sample questions from previous years?

John Drayton 08:16 PM

Yes, sample questions will be provided. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:40 PM

Can the coaches help the team answer a question? And what is their role while the team is answering questions?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Matt Brubaker 07:40 PM

To register, does only the coach need to register the whole team, or does each parent need to register their own child?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:41 PM

Do we have to register at school, or we can register as different kids from different Howard County schools?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:41 PM

Is the registration for the team done online or in person?

John Drayton 08:19 PM

Online.

MS 07:42 PM

Are the selected books different each year?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:42 PM

Do you have to read all the books or just some?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:44 PM

Do parents register their children and include the coach's info/team name? Or does the coach need to collect each team member's info and register them altogether?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Harisha's iPad 07:44 PM

How many books are there?

John Drayton 08:20 PM

12 titles.

Anonymous attendee 07:45 PM

When do you turn in the answers? At the end, or after a specific amount of questions?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Ayesha 07:45 PM

Where are the ISBN numbers?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:45 PM

Can non coaches attend coaching meetings?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:45 PM

Where do we pick up the books from?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

JG 07:46 PM

If I am unavailable for both the Nov 10 and 16 meetings, are they recorded so I can view later? I plan to ask another person (assistant coach) to pick up books on the 16th.

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:46 PM

Will there be physical requirements for the coaches? You mentioned a dance competition earlier but wasn't thinking that would be part of a coach role and what if we aren't physically able to participate?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Harisha's iPad 07:47 PM

How much time is this presentation?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:47 PM

Would you confirm that each team gets only one copy of the 12 books? So, they're expected to share/rotate within the team.

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:47 PM

Can HCLS librarians/staff coach teams?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:48 PM

How long can the team name be?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Hajirah khalid 07:49 PM

Where do we pick up the bag?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:49 PM

I heard that if you have a store-bought costume you won't win the prize. What exactly classifies it as a store-bought costume?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Deborah Sweet Goldberg 07:49 PM

Is it possible to have 3 coaches?

John Drayton 08:28 PM

2 coaches is the maximum.

JG 07:50 PM

Is there FAQ section for all of this?

John Drayton 08:29 PM

Yes.

Yohana 07:51 PM

How many people will (most likely) be there?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Shauna Anthony 07:52 PM

Does the coach register the team, or does each parent register their child individually?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

whitney moore 07:53 PM

Do the kids need to have their team name by Oct 14? Or can that be updated after the team registers?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Jess Bragdon 07:53 PM

Can there be more than one assistant coach?

John Drayton 08:30 PM

Two coaches are the max.

Anonymous attendee 07:54 PM

Can you recruit a new member if one is not available on the event?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

James Griffin 07:54 PM

Have you had success with children with autism or other sensory needs participating? Are there any accommodations?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anameris Sasso 07:56 PM

If there are two team coaches, can they sit with their team?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:56 PM

Can a team name include the name of a licensed character or something copyrighted? (random made-up examples: “Spongebob’s Squidwards” or “Roblox Rulers”)

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Sai Dharmaraj 07:57 PM

So, is the 30 seconds to answer all 10 questions or 30 seconds to answer each questions?

John Drayton 08:31 PM

Each question.

Fabiana Maranho 07:58 PM

Weekly commitment and meet up spaces? Do we have to clear it with the school or reserve in the library?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 07:59 PM

Where can we get these sample sheets? Are they available online?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 08:00 PM

What if everyone gets gold or silver?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Tammy Hampshire 08:00 PM

Where and when do we get the registration form for coaches and participants?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 08:01 PM

How many coaches are required?

John Drayton 08:32 PM

Two coaches are the max, per team.

MS 08:03 PM

Whats the time is allotted for answering each set of 10 questions?

John Drayton 08:35 PM

Each question gets a 30 secong countdown clock.

Isabel & Abigail 08:05 PM

Do the team members need to be from the same school or just Howard County?

John Drayton 08:33 PM

Same school.

Anonymous attendee 08:05 PM

Does each team get one set of books and they need to share among themselves?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Tara 08:06 PM

What is the thinking behind increasing the number of books from 9 to 12 this year? Having the entire team read 9 books felt ambitious last year, and 12 seems like a very high number to read in that amount of time.

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

magical mundo 08:07 PM

Do couches have to read the 12 books?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Kariann 08:20 PM

Where/when can last year's questions be found?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Theresa Shin 08:20 PM

What information do we need to register the teams?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Anonymous attendee 08:22 PM

Why are questions not automated? Last year this process took a very long time. It's been feedback I've been wanting to give the Howard County Library. Answering and scoring would go so much faster.

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.

Harisha's iPad 08:38 PM

Are drones allowed?

This question has been answered live. Please see slideshow and meeting recording.