

19:00:06 Okay, I have 7 o'clock. Are you guys ready to begin? Alright, awesome. Alright, so we'll just do some quick introductions.

19:00:15 Thank you everyone for being here for making time tonight to attend the 2,024 battle of the books mandatory coaches meeting this is our Bob team on the call I'm Simone

19:00:32 I'm Jody.

19:00:34 I'm Addison.

19:00:36 Awesome. And just as a friendly reminder, we're putting some messages in the chat here.

19:00:44 Namely, we wanted to just highlight the Bob. Website. It's HC library.

19:00:48 Dot org forward slash Bob. Again, that's HC library. Org forward slash Bob.

19:00:56 I'll share it one last time. Just a friendly reminder to everyone to try to make that a stop for like important dates.

19:01:05 The book was the coaches handbook and just other updates as the event approaches. And certainly if you have any additional questions, you can email Bob at HC Library.

19:01:16 Dot org. Alright, I'm ready for the next slide.

19:01:22 Alright, so where in when this year's event is going to take place on Friday, April nineteenth?

19:01:29 The event starts at 7. And ends at approximately 11 pm. It does run late. We are returning to Meriwether Post Pavilion and this event is rain or shine.

19:01:41 Another thing to note is that it's very loud event. We were able to give out, give out earplugs for students in last year.

19:01:49 We hope to do that again this year, but just wanted to help everyone prepare for. The volume, the energy and the the length of time for the event.

19:02:03 Next slide. Alright, alright, so tonight's goals are to go over goals for students. Coach responsibilities, prep tips and sample types of questions.

19:02:16 Review the books that are provided this year. We have 10 titles for your teams. And sorry, I'm gonna move this.

19:02:27 Go over the important dates and parent responsibilities.

19:02:30 Hmm. Alright, and goals for our students, of course, are to build teamwork skills, learn good sportsman sportsmanship skills.

19:02:42 Read different genres. So examples are science fiction, graphic novels, nonfiction, increase their reading corporate comprehension and to have fun.

19:02:54 Thank you, Joey. So as far as coach responsibilities, Each team of course has an adult coach and an adult assistant coach.

19:03:04 It's not. Mandatory that you have an assistant coach, but you're able to.

19:03:09 And your responsibility is to build team spirit and encourage good sportsmanship among your team members.

19:03:15 Set up regular meetings with your team. That is up to you the frequency. At which you wish, wish you, want to meet with your team, but just set up regular meetings.

19:03:24 Encourage and reward your students as you practice. Convey information from HCLS to team members and their parents.

19:03:32 Respond to communications from HCLS in a timely manner. Upload your team's digital poster to Dropbox, which happens later in the process.

19:03:42 The correspondence is from HCLS. Do tend to come from Bob at HCLS.

19:03:48 I'm sorry, at A/C library.org.

19:03:52 Next slide.

19:03:57 All right, so to prepare for the battle. You want to decide who will read each book, make sure at least 2 team members read each book.

19:04:07 The most successful teams have all team members read all the books but we know that depends on your schedule and availability and assign experts for each book.

19:04:16 Decide how often you will meet to discuss the books. Hold mock battles or Jeopardy-style games based on the books.

19:04:23 We'll go over the types of questions we ask later. Have students compose practice questions to quiz each other during the meetings.

19:04:32 Remember questions on all parts of the book are valid. They're all fair game. Contact your schools media specialist.

19:04:38 To determine if other teams from your school are participating so you can practice together.

19:04:48 Alright, so more of the details. So every HCPSS school has the opportunity to be represented by at least one team.

19:04:57 This does include parochial schools, private schools, and home school associations. Each team must have 3 to 5 members and an adult coach.

19:05:07 Team members will work together during the battle. Everyone will compete at the same time. Coaches supervise their team during the battle.

19:05:15 I think we clarified in the info meeting that coaches will again remain with their own teams. With their home teams just because of the size of the venue.

19:05:26 And academic integrity will be expected as always. Each question is worth 2 points. But there, there's one bonus question in each round and each of those are worth 4 points.

19:05:43 So again, all teams will compete at the same time. In one location at Mary Weather and we for anybody who was kind of new to this process, the reason why we emphasize that is because in previous years, teams will compete simultaneously but separately at 6 high school gyms.

19:06:03 Now everyone's under one roof competing at the same time looking at the same stage and screen.

19:06:09 Seating for Teams. Coaches and staff are provided underneath the pavilion. There's lawn seating if you look at the where the arrows are.

19:06:19 Above the yellow section, section 300, there's lawn seating, plenty of it for families, and other spectators.

19:06:27 Answers and scores will be collected and awards will be provided.

19:06:36 Next slide. I keep moving this caption thing. Okay, sorry guys, l-fts. Alright, so tickets will not be required for entry to the event.

19:06:49 It's a free event. There's free parking on site. There's more information to follow that.

19:06:53 We have a mandatory logistics. Meeting in March. And that's where you'll receive all of that type of info like the parking garages, merry weather is very large grounds, so we know directions are key.

19:07:06 If accompany by their coach students may check in at the venue early. All other students may begin checking, sorry, may begin at check-in time and there's details to follow, but.

19:07:17 Just to give you an idea, this is not in stone, but last year in previous years, I'm checking was about 5 o'clock.

19:07:24 The first year we did it there we allowed students to come in with their coaches at 4 30. But please stay tuned for like a final decision on that.

19:07:31 Food and beverage may be brought into merry weather. Your students may keep their snacks, food, beverages with them in a bag.

19:07:40 At their seat, families are allowed to bring in coolers. You're certainly welcome to have dinner together before the event begins or before the students need to be in their seats.

19:07:49 But just wanna stress that food, beverage, blankets, chairs. Coolers are all allowed.

19:07:58 The volume of the crowd and music gets very loud during the event so please use your discretion Scores will not be posted.

19:08:06 At the event coaches will receive their team scores within 14 business days after the event and all scores are final.

19:08:14 Team and other event photos will be posted to our Flickr page on HCLS. The link is here, but we'll also share it out in a, like a wrap up email.

19:08:24 Within 2 weeks after the battle. Those are exciting. And if you want to see photos from last year's event, you can go to the Bob website to take a look through that.

19:08:35 That album. Next slide. Alright, so how does it work? How does the battle work?

19:08:43 So we will have a moderator. Again, ask questions about the books. The battle includes at least one question about each book.

19:08:51 There are 10 books. Questions are read to the entire group actually twice and each team so they're they're displayed on the screen but they're also read aloud by the moderator twice.

19:09:03 Each team has 30-45 to discuss their thoughts and determine and answer. Teams answer using a paper score sheet this year, instead of an electronic remote device as we did as we tried in previous years.

19:09:20 But all of the details for that are coming. All questions answered are answered by selecting the correct title and author pairing from a resource sheet.

19:09:28 Collecting and scoring answers to be determined before the March logistics meeting. So again, that process is coming.

19:09:36 It's underway. Correct answers are read aloud after the answers are collected. So again, how often we do that will also be determined as we move closer to the event.

19:09:48 Next slide.

19:09:52 Okay, and I will now turn it over to Jody to go through scoring and awards and some other information for you all.

19:10:01 Alright, thanks. So teams. Estimates said, will be collecting scores and.

19:10:08 You'll get your scores, you know, within 14 business days after the event, but teams who answer 95% or more questions correctly will get a gold medal one for each person on the team and a trophy for the school.

19:10:25 And if multiple teams from the same school win gold. Then they'll still only get one trophy for the school.

19:10:32 And then team scoring between 90 and 94% will get a silver medal and again they'll be a medal for each.

19:10:41 Team member. We also have some other award categories. We've got best team name. Best team costume, best team spirit and best team poster and these 4 categories.

19:10:54 Will be announced on the night of the event.

19:11:01 Alright, so let's talk a little bit about the type of questions that your students will encounter at Battle of the Books.

19:11:10 An important thing to remember is that no matter what the type of question The answer is always the title of the book and the author.

19:11:19 So one type of question that's students might be asked is a direct quote from one of the characters.

19:11:26 And so here's just a couple of examples. The question might be. I am nothing but a half crazed, feather-headed old maid.

19:11:33 And the answer would be. Goes I have been by Richard Peck.

19:11:39 So remember that also when we ask questions, all parts of the book can be considered. So.

19:11:47 That paper back copies that you get from the library are really important. That's like the official copy that will be used so make sure that your students are paying attention to.

19:11:58 Illustrations within the book. On the pages, all that kind of stuff. It's all up for grabs when it comes to questions.

19:12:09 Alright, another type of question might be a statement about something that happens in the book. So here's an example.

19:12:19 The question might be in which book does a family's special friend arrive inside the coat of a man looking for a job.

19:12:26 And the answer would be how it was with Do's by Zan Hopcraft.

19:12:39 Passage directly from the book could also be a type of question. So the question might be out of all his dreams.

19:12:47 His was the one he liked the best. Even if it seemed to be the one most out of his reach.

19:12:54 The answer would be heat. Loop.

19:13:03 Another type of question is details about an illustration or picture. So a question might be. In which book does a nasty lady wear crescent moon earrings and the answer would be frog prints continued by John Sheska.

19:13:26 All right, so let's talk about this year's books. As Simone said, we've got 10 books for your children to read this year.

19:13:36 The first one is called Starfish by Lisa Phipps.

19:13:43 Next is the way of the hive by Jay Hostler.

19:13:52 Playing the cards you're dealt by Varian Johnson.

19:14:00 Dumbling Days by Grace Lin.

19:14:06 Mexican by Pedro Martin.

19:14:14 The boy at the back of the class. By Anjali Q. Ralph.

19:14:22 The incredibly dead pets of Rex Dexter. By Aaron Reynolds.

19:14:31 CC Rios and the Desert of Souls by Kayla Revera.

19:14:40 Ancestor Approved. Intertribal Stories for Kids. Bye Cynthia Lydic Smith.

19:14:52 Before John was a jazz giant by Carol Boston Weatherford.

19:15:01 And that was the books. Simone, tell us a little bit more about these dates.

19:15:06 . Thank you so much, Jody. So we have some upcoming dates to remember. So we have some upcoming dates to remember.

19:15:16 The first day is tomorrow. The first date is tomorrow. The first date is tomorrow. November, the fifteenth.

19:15:20 There is tomorrow. November fifteenth, there is the in person version of this exact meeting, but you all made it here tonight, so you can skip that part of it.

19:15:26 But tomorrow night is the first book pick up and that's happening at our Miller branch in the meeting rooms.

19:15:31 Tomorrow nights pick up will take place from 7 to about 8 45 PM. Coach can pick up some people have emailed us that you know they have you know some replacement people covering them spouses or other coaches that are picking up for picking their books.

19:15:49 Up for them. Just make sure when you register which the links are up on the website. To register for pick up.

19:15:55 You just note that the person that's picking up your books for you. The second pickup is on Friday this, this Friday the seventeenth from 4 to 6 p.

19:16:04 M. Our Miller branch and the last day will be Saturday November eighteenth from 11 a. M. To one p.

19:16:13 M. All of the book distributions, again, take place at our Miller branch this week.

19:16:19 So. Following that, Monday, February, the fifth is when all of the permission forms are due.

19:16:27 That's also the last date to make any changes to your team members, your team name, February, the fifth.

19:16:34 Just a really important day to make any team. Changes. But your permission forms are due. That day as well and then March, the nineteenth we have a mandatory logistics meeting via zoom That's when we'll go over more of the event logistics and what you need to know for the day of.

19:16:51 Friday, April nineteenth is our Battle of the Books at Meriwether. And, yep, I can take the next slide, Jody.

19:17:02 Alright, and parent responsibility, so please respond to communications from coaches in a timely manner. So an example of that would be your coaches asking for your primary email address.

19:17:15 Your students information, your primary phone number, please make sure all of that information you're giving is to phones and to email accounts that you actually use because that's what we'll use to give important updates and information.

19:17:31 Changes so we want to make sure we don't end up. In like a you know an inbox that you don't check frequently.

19:17:39 Check the hcllibrary.org forward slash battle of the books or as I shared earlier forward slash Bob more details to come on arrival times and expectations for the day of ensure that your student arrives to check in at Meriwether on time.

19:17:55 One thing that will not change is your student will need to be in their seat seat behind me these seats.

19:18:03 Need to be in their seat by 6 45 pm in order to compete so just keep that in mind as you're planning ahead and I'll take the next slide, Jody.

19:18:17 Alright, and thank you to our sponsors. So because of our generous sponsors, who make that all the books possible.

19:18:25 We're able to provide a complete set of the 10 books, one complete set to each team. Those are all packed and ready and beautiful green bags for you all.

19:18:36 Starting tomorrow. And that's made possible by the Josephine B. Sheffenacker Education Trust.

19:18:43 Meriwether Arts and Culture Center. Friends and Foundation of HCLS with Howard County Library System.

19:18:50 And Howard County Public School System. Next slide.

19:18:58 Alright, oh and this is just a really nice quote from, one of the coaches from last year.

19:19:06 I won't read it to you. It's up there. You can take a look.

19:19:11 At the message. Just giving some thanks for pivoting and not canceling and making the event happen.

19:19:19 I I will add that will always do whatever we can to salvage the event. This is not an event that can be.

19:19:27 Really reschedule easily because merry weather has their own very busy schedule as well as the school system and we're up against graduations at that time of year and weddings and all kinds of things that are happening for families.

19:19:41 We have you know, tech support that comes in for the event and all of that. So it's just not an event to very quickly or easily reschedule within the school year.

19:19:52 So we always do our very, very best to make sure that it can happen. Despite any changes or challenges we encounter.

19:19:59 Alright, next slide.

19:20:05 Alright, so this is this is one of my favorite slides because it has twinkle lights and a reminder of our website.

19:20:13 You really, really want to make sure that we, and I'm saying this because we get a lot of emails asking.

19:20:17 For this information the website information or people are not aware of it until much later in the process.

19:20:22 So again, it's Hc Library. Org, forward slash Bob. If you have questions, you can email us as well at Bob at Hc Library.

19:20:33 Org.

19:20:36 Okay, and that concludes our presentation. So it's 7 20 we can move into questions in the Q&A Addison.

19:20:53 Thank you.

19:20:47 Thank you. I've been typing away and answering questions while you guys were presenting. One of the one of the questions I didn't know the answer to was how many teams are there?

19:21:00 Cool. Currently, We're a lot. We currently we have we have a wait list.

19:21:03 A lot.

19:21:09 It's about it's about 300 ish?

19:21:07 Of teams so they exceeded No, they exceeded 3 50. Yeah. So there's a wait list.

19:21:14 Okay.

19:21:17 Yeah.

19:21:18 How many questions are there in each round and how many rounds are there?

19:21:23 Oh, good. So there are, so there's 2 rounds. Each round has 20 questions.

19:21:29 So, so we'll ask questions one through 1011 through 20. Then we move into a halftime break.

19:21:37 And then we ask questions, 21 through 30. 31 through 40 and even is over. Well, the questions are over after that.

19:21:49 Thank you. Can you change the date? You registered for book pickup?

19:21:59 Just reregister for a new date.

19:21:57 Yeah, I'm okay with that. You, you can do it. Just make sure you just re-register for the date that you'd like.

19:22:04 And you don't need to do anything to cancel the previous state.

19:22:09 Yeah.

19:22:07 I don't know that you're able to even cancel your previous date, so just maybe make a note that this is a reschedule from a certain day, but you should be okay.

19:22:16 Okay. Okay.

19:22:25 Hey, poster, can you talk about poster sizes, any other information about posters?

19:22:33 Yeah, so the actual dimensions are in the coach handbook, which is on our website, but it's your standard poster size.

19:22:39 But Just to clarify, there's, there's 2 ways to upload your digital poster.

19:22:45 You can design a poster, on jam board or I think Google slides and some other.

19:22:51 Even PowerPoint really, you can design your poster online and then upload the files for us.

19:22:58 Or if you want to go and get a physical piece of regular poster size, 32 inch by, I don't remember it right now, but if you want to get a regular poster size, you can design a physical poster.

19:23:11 And then take a photo and upload the photo to the Dropbox files. But there are actual, steps in the coaches handbook for that detailed steps.

19:23:22 Thank you. There's a question about permission forms online. Are there permission forms?

19:23:31 That are due February fifth. What's the question? Oh, they're not up yet.

19:23:33 Are they online the permission form?

19:23:37 No, they'll come up. Either like next month, or early in January.

19:23:42 Okay, and they'll be at the pop. On the Hc library.org slash

19:23:43 Yeah. They'll be on the. Oh yeah. Correct.

19:23:49 Yeah, just like the registration form.

19:23:51 The website said Friday pickup is at 5. And is 4 to 6 correct?

19:23:58 Hmm, let's see, hold on just a second.

19:24:02 Yeah.

19:23:59 Yeah, that looks like something we might need to look into. If a team has come off the wait list, they can schedule one of these.

19:24:09 Book pickups that are currently available.

19:24:14 Correct. Yes, they can. Yeah.

19:24:16 And if they're still on the wait list, then they'll be contacted when they come off.

19:24:21 And if that's after the book pick up, arrangements will be made after the fact.

19:24:24 To pick up their book afterwards. Yeah. Yeah, but because everyone has different schedules and there's really not a way to tell exactly who is going to come.

19:24:34 If you are, if you're on the wait list, you can still make an attempt. To pick up your books this week.

19:24:38 If we're not able, you know, if you come on a day where all of the books have been distribute all the bags have been distributed, then we'll make arrangements for you to pick up from our our administrative office when it's available.

19:24:51 I do want to just clarify one thing about the last question. Please go with the time that is posted on the website and on the registration link.

19:25:00 That is the correct time.

19:25:02 Which is I think is the 5 to 6. That's the 1st day.
19:25:13 How can a parent update their email?
19:25:17 You'll have to send an email to bob@hclibrary.org requesting.
19:25:23 An update of your email on the form.
19:25:25 Okay, and does the whole team need to check in at the same time or can kids arrive individually? As long as they're in their seats by 6 45.
19:25:36 Yeah, Joey, do you wanna take that one?
19:25:38 Yeah, I was gonna say it's definitely easier if you're together, but you know, everybody has different circumstances and different schedules going on.
19:25:46 So it's okay to check in separately.
19:25:50 Thank you.
19:25:54 Well the slides be made available. I've gotten that question a lot. And yes, they'll be up later this week.
19:26:03 Hc library.org slash Bob as well as a video of this. Presentation.
19:26:07 Okay.
19:26:15 Can a team member be added before February fifth?
19:26:19 Yeah, February fifth is just the deadline. Just beyond that date, there are no changes accepted. So, yes, you can start that.
19:26:31 Immediately. One thing I want to point out is if you have any special accommodation requests, those also need to come in by February fifth.
19:26:39 So if you have any students with access accessibility needs or any other even coaches we've had coaches who Unfortunately, like ended up in a cast or we're on crutches, by the time the event came up and just needed to be accommodated and we are more than happy to make those accommodations, but please let us know so that we can rearrange the seating grid.
19:27:02 Do kids wear their costumes during the actual competition part or can they take them off? To sit down during the competition.
19:27:14 Whatever works.
19:27:11 Can do whatever. Yes, some kids do wear him the whole time. Some take them off. Whatever makes them comfortable.
19:27:11 Yes, yes to both. Yeah. Yes, Yeah.
19:27:25 Okay.
19:27:28 And a team member. Oh, I already answered that one.
19:27:36 Teams who are originally on the wait list receive an email. Yeah, if you're if you're still on the wait list, unfortunately you cannot pick up your books.
19:27:44 If you have 3. In a team, can you can you add another student? Go ahead, Simone.
19:27:55 Can you add?
19:27:55 Yeah, if you do you can add students and remove students switch students all until February fifth it's helpful if you kind of compile that information and then submit it rather than sending like a lot of multiple changes just because it's you times over 300 other teams.
19:28:13 Again, just to clarify if you're on the wait list, you can attempt to pick up your books this week.
19:28:21 It's just not guaranteed. If you, so if you come tomorrow, you're on the wait list, you can pick up your, your bag, but it's while supplies last and you know just be prepared to possibly have to pick them up later if there's not any.

19:28:35 Left over. Go ahead, Addison.
19:28:38 Do you write down the answers or choose from a list?
19:28:45 Thank you, Judy.
19:28:46 No, I was gonna say there will probably be a list where you're indicating from list what your answer choice is.
19:28:50 Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. You'll have an answer key that has the title and author and then you'll have a separate answer sheet where you can circle or fill in or bubble in your answer, but that part of the details is to come.
19:29:05 But you know you're not you're not recording anything.
19:29:10 We have multiple question like repeat questions in here. There's a lot of questions. So I'm assuming people just.
19:29:15 Okay.
19:29:17 Type them before, getting the answers. So I'm gonna mark them as answered live.
19:29:25 Okay.
19:29:25 Questions about the permission forms those are coming later to the website
19:29:32 Can you speak a bit more about the logistics of the event? Is it one team at a time answering or does everyone answer together?
19:29:42 Goody, you wanna take?
19:29:42 So it's everybody answers at the same time. And the announcer will say you know you have 30-its everybody will be answering on their paper at the same time.
19:29:55 How much time is allotted for each answer?
19:29:56 Yeah.
19:29:58 30-its.
19:30:03 I have a question. What is the difference of numbers? I don't understand that question. If you could ask that again.
19:30:12 From the image behind you, there are some teams on stage. Clearly not the full 3 40 those people on stage are the pan the judges and the TJ.
19:30:22 Yeah, judges and officials. Yeah. Yeah. No.
19:30:24 Yeah, there are no students on stage. Is it okay if one coach can attend? The coaches meeting or do both need to attend.
19:30:33 One coach is fine.
19:30:38 How many total questions?
19:30:39 And it's also, I mean, everyone, everyone's hit. Oh, sorry, go ahead.
19:30:44 How many questions are there?
19:30:47 For the battle.
19:30:49 Yes.
19:30:51 There are 40 questions split up into 2 rounds, 20 and 20. For everyone who's here tonight, obviously you're here.
19:31:00 You've heard the presentation, but in as far as word of mouth goes. Coaches are also welcome to just watch the recording and pick up their books.
19:31:08 They don't have to, you don't have to attend the virtual meeting or attend the in person meeting.
19:31:13 If you can't, you can just watch the recording and then pick up your books. Go ahead, Addison.
19:31:18 If you guys could pop into the Q&A as well so I can kind of go through and answer some of these and just take it from the top.

19:31:23 Yes. Yeah. Sure, we'll take over. Yeah, so I'm gonna start from, if this, if you guys are on the same page, I'm gonna start from the costume restrictions.

19:31:36 Yes, that's a yes.

19:31:36 At the very top. Okay. All right, so are there any restrictions on the costumes? The answer is yes.

19:31:44 And the restrictions are detailed in the coaches handbook, which is on the Bob website. Generally, they are our restrictions are in line with the school systems, kind of like dress code policy.

19:31:56 Nothing, you know, loot or explicit. There's additional guidelines on in the coaches handbook.

19:32:03 So yes, there are some restrictions and While we're talking about costumes, a lot of consideration is given to creativity and it's like just a repurposing and recycling, you know, those types of it's not about who has the most expensive or extravagant, elaborate costume.

19:32:21 It's really about creativity. Is what the judges are looking for. So no pressure. You know to purchase like very elaborate costumes.

19:32:32 Another question about canceling previous book pickups. You don't need to do that. You can just reregister if you feel like writing a note in the comments, you can do that.

19:32:44 How are the teams questioned? What each team be called out for a certain number of questions?

19:32:56 Yeah.

19:32:55 Everyone answers. Thank you.

19:32:54 Sorry, I was just against that one. So teams are not called on individually and announcer reads the questions to all the teams out loud and they're also shown as you can see in the pictures in our backgrounds here there's screens up too so the questions are shown on the screen and read out loud for all students and they're usually read 2 times before they start that 30-~~ts~~ answering time.

19:33:22 Yeah. This, what is the poster due date? It's April, the fifth.

19:33:28 The poster due day is April, the fifth after spring break. So that is on the website, under the important dates.

19:33:35 If you, if you need a reminder. And that's where we'll put the Dropbox link as well for you to upload your poster later.

19:33:42 So.

19:33:43 What is the purpose of the poster? Is it displayed during the event?

19:33:49 Yeah, so the purpose of the poster is to represent your team in past years. The posters were used to kind of identify teams as they processed into the gyms and to the high school gyms.

19:34:01 Merry weather of course is a much larger venue and we're we don't capture every single team as they walk in and they don't walk in together all the time.

19:34:11 So your poster in this sense is in this format of the event is uploaded beforehand for the judge for your section to go through.

19:34:20 And select, you know, what they think the best poster is. So it just represents your team and it does get displayed during halftime.

19:34:29 There's a really, really nice slide show of all the posters, the video, there's music, the kids get really excited when they're team poster pops up.

19:34:36 So. It's you know it's fun to participate in it's not required but it's fun for the students

19:34:47 And those are due April fifth by April fifth. Do students need to know the spelling of the author's names?

19:34:56 Will they be given the authors with the titles or do they need to learn the combinations as well?

19:35:00 So the students will have an answer key that lists the title and author of each book. And we're not going with red herrings.

19:35:09 This year.

19:35:11 So no, they don't need to know the spelling.

19:35:19 And the, someone have someone else come pick up the bucks. If so, how do they arrange that?

19:35:25 Like some of the Sonic code.

19:35:26 Yeah, so when you register, if you could just note that in your registration, it's very helpful for us.

19:35:31 But of course they can also just if you've already registered for pickup and you've had a change.

19:35:38 They can just come on site. We'll just mark off on our list who picked up your books.

19:35:44 But it's helpful to know it's helpful to be able to verify that or to know in advance.

19:35:53 What happens if the kids lose a book?

19:35:59 I mean, we There's no like penalty or anything for losing your book. If you need, you may need to find a way to replace the book or reach out to us at Bob at HC Library.

19:36:10 Org. To see if we can get you another copy of the book.

19:36:18 And of course, always try to borrow it from the library if you need to.

19:36:24 Are there any restrictions to the costumes?

19:36:29 Do we already answer that?

19:36:29 Yeah. We answer that earlier. They're in the coaches handbook on the Bob website.

19:36:33 Alright, and we answered the poster due date.

19:36:35 Where's the purchase handbook? Yeah, poster due day, April fifth, also on the Bob website.

19:36:40 So a lot of these, a lot of this information is on the Bob website, hc.library.org forward slash bob.

19:36:51 As soon as you land there, there's a button that says Coach's handbook, 2, 24 coaches handbook. And then there's to the right of that.

19:36:58 There's a list of important dates And that's where we'll put the Dropbox link.

19:37:02 And the coaches handbook is available now on the website. Someone said they don't see it on the website.

19:37:09 It's a blue button.

19:37:13 Yes, hc.library.org slash bob.

19:37:15 Yeah.

19:37:16 It's right under important links. It says, 2024 cochine book.

19:37:18 If you're looking at it on your mobile phone, you gotta scroll down, through all the menu links.

19:37:23 Yeah.

19:37:27 Okay.

19:37:34 There will not be food vendors. Or you can bring in your own food.

19:37:40 Yeah, you can bring food and drinks.

19:37:44 When are the costumes judged? Sorry, Jody, you're answering that.

19:37:47 The costumes are Thank you, Judy. Thank you, Jody. Thank you, Jody.

19:37:48 No, you're fine during the live competition. Oh, sorry.

19:37:54 No, that's great.

19:37:55 We have a question. We have a question about the questions. How are they? Presented verbally or visually?

19:38:02 And the answer to that is both. They are red and also presented on the big screens that Meriwether has.

19:38:09 Just to this point, we also have an ASL interpreter just standard for this in the interpreters also projected.

19:38:18 Picture in picture so The content is larger, the interpreters on the screen as well for anyone to see in the venue.

19:38:27 Yeah, I got a question about someone that's not sure if they're. Off the wait list. You can email that Bob.

19:38:34 Yeah.

19:38:35 We can't look that up right now. But if you email the Bobby. Email address, they'll give you an answer.

19:38:42 What kind of costumes have we seen in the past just so they can have an idea of what the kids?

19:38:48 So, you can do.

19:38:49 If you can drink it, they could do it.

19:38:49 I highly recommend. Yeah, yeah, and if you really if you're a visual person like I am and many of us are go to the what our Bob website just click on photos from last year in the kids who just the students who a really awesome job creating cool costumes and they're all some of them are in this presentation but there's an album on our website.

19:39:15 Here's a good question. Do students need to bring something to write on like a clipboard or a hard surface or will that be provided?

19:39:22 That is to be determined. We'll tell you closer to the event. It wouldn't hurt, but we will determine that closer to the event.

19:39:34 Alright, book registrations don't. Book registration don't specify day, so once.

19:39:39 Registered, you can just pick up your book, any of the days listed for book pick up.

19:39:44 Yes. You need to register one of those dates that's on the website.

19:39:52 Yeah.

19:39:50 One of the dates, yeah, whatever link you click on. Is the list you'll go on.

19:39:56 Yeah, so there are specific days.

19:39:57 For the book. Yeah.

19:40:06 Costumes and posters are part of the category scores.

19:40:11 In 2022 questions in 2022

19:40:10 Yep. As well as their can name. Sorry, as well as your team.

19:40:19 Okay. In 2022, the questions were red and students responded with an electronic device. How our answer is tabulated now.

19:40:28 Yeah. We're moving to an analog model. We'll give you more details, but we are looking to do an analog model.

19:40:35 We'll give you more details, but we are looking to do like selections on paper. So we'll give you more details about that as we move closer.

19:40:42 Do we have any examples of previous posters?

19:40:49 We do, I think they're in the logistics meeting presentation, but you can also look at the photo album on the Bob website.

19:40:58 Okay.
19:40:57 I think some of them show up on there. From the slide show.
19:41:06 Well, all materials needed for the battle be provided or they need to bring anything.
19:41:12 Jody, do you want to take this one?
19:41:15 Or I can.
19:41:17 Oh, sorry, I was not listening. I was typing away. Question.
19:41:19 It's okay. So, materials for the battle. So the materials that you need to participate in the competition will be provided.
19:41:28 So your answer she your the coaches get a team packet. That has like your wristbands, your answer sheet, your tool to record, your writing,
19:41:43 Answer she. What's it? I'm sorry. The, the answer key.
19:41:50 Sorry guys. The answer key, as well as like other information. What you'll need to bring of course are your team members, your costume, if you want to bring your poster it's it's optional but of course it's uploaded before the events not needed at the event.
19:42:05 In any like snacks, you know, needs, drinks, all of that.
19:42:12 But we will.
19:42:11 I just answered a couple of a couple of questions about books. Coming to the event. And I said, no, you cannot bring the books.
19:42:21 That's correct, right.
19:42:24 And cell phones. Cell phones.
19:42:22 Oh, books do not come to the event, no. No cheat sheets, no notes. Cell phones, are allowed, especially for coaches.
19:42:35 But again, you wanna just make sure that they're away during the competition itself and only used for any emergencies or to connect with parents of students.
19:42:43 But yeah, you certainly don't wanna have like your cell phone out. Obviously you don't wanna look up answers.
19:42:50 As a coach during the battle it's happened. We, strongly do not encourage that.
19:43:00 So if teams take off their costumes, how like how will the judging happen. Right, like does it happen at the beginning?
19:43:09 So yeah, so judges are from the time that, students sit in their seats. Or actually walk into the venue and get seated.
19:43:21 The judges are already beginning to like. R the floors take a look around. And they judge they do judge throughout the event.
19:43:31 So it's up to you how, you know, when you take that off, I would try to leave it on for a little bit of the beginning.
19:43:37 Yeah. And then, there's a question about Customs including like weapons like the example that was given was a sword.
19:43:47 What are the roles on that? And if they can't, can they bring like a picture or put that on their poster.
19:43:54 We've, we've had swords on posters, but no, please you don't want to bring a sword in person.
19:44:00 Yeah, no weapons. And again, the costume restrictions are detailed in the coach handbook on the Bob website.
19:44:10 Okay.
19:44:17 We have a question about can you still register for book pickup tomorrow?
19:44:22 Yeah, you can. Yes.
19:44:24 Sorry.
19:44:26 No.

19:44:28 What are some ways the teams can show spirit without being disruptive?

19:44:37 Showing good sportsmanship, of course, cheering for yourselves and for other teams.

19:44:44 There's some other The judges have criteria for that, which we can also share. But definitely, being at your seat participating.

19:44:57 In a manner that is Good.

19:45:03 Do you have anything to add to that, Jody? I hope I answered that detail, but just what are what are ways to be, you know, to show good sportsmanship.

19:45:11 Oh, good sportsmanship, you know, it's always great to. Be kind to other teams.

19:45:22 You know, just No, trash talk, obviously. I'd say kindness is the name of the game there if you're trying to be a good sportsman.

19:45:37 Yeah.

19:45:33 Yeah. Yeah, also just integrity, just making sure that you're participating barely. Yeah.

19:45:42 Alright. Any others, Addison?

19:45:48 . Lots

19:45:46 Oh yeah, there's still quite a bit. When you say all things in the book are allowed for questions, does this mean?

19:45:56 Additions other pages before the index etc.

19:46:03 Do you want to take that one?

19:46:07 Sorry, I was mid type. What was it?

19:46:12 When we say all things are, fair game in the books. The person was questioning addition numbers and it has to be from the addition that we are giving and those are listed on the book list the ISBN.

19:46:23 Right.

19:46:27 So if you're picking up your own, make sure it's the own, that ISP head.

19:46:28 Correct.

19:46:30 But the other part of that question was like the index, the back of the book, the cover like what what counts as the whole book.

19:46:41 Start to finish cover to cover. I've seen questions from authors notes at the beginning of the book.

19:46:47 I don't think I've seen an index one, but I wouldn't put it past them.

19:46:52 I'd really say anything.

19:47:02 Sorry, I'm a mid type and if only you can take one.

19:47:03 Hmm. That's okay. I'm gonna I'm gonna take it from Trish. If that's okay.

19:47:09 Oh, somebody just answered her. I'm gonna move to Jane. Okay, so do you have a guide on how to design the Bob poster?

19:47:16 Yes, there's a there's a guide within the coaches handbook on the Bob website.

19:47:20 That's HC library.org forward slash Bob.

19:47:26 Our coaches allowed to answer questions or is it just the kids?

19:47:32 Students, please, that are selecting the answers. And as a coach, you just want to let your students.

19:47:39 Huddle and decide and make their answer, their answer, selection or intro choice. The coach should not be answering questions.

19:47:49 And that would not be.

19:47:50 We have a note from

19:47:53 We have a note from our Holly here, librarian here at Miller Branch who just wanted to give a head.

19:47:57 Hi, Holly.

19:47:59 Why did you give a heads up that there's a lot of events on Saturday at Miller, which is one of the book pickup options.

19:48:03 Yeah. Yes.

19:48:06 So if you're able to come. To one of the other ones and wanna avoid, the heavy traffic or the tight parking, she urge you to pick one of those other dates.

19:48:17 If not, your welcome to come out Saturday. Just might be a little more crowded. Thanks, Holly.

19:48:21 Yeah, somebody. Thanks, Holly. Pick up Wednesday or Friday and we did have a message go out to coat or going out to coaches who register for Saturday just to remind them of that.

19:48:33 We have someone asking if the QA from this can be shared. We've done that in the past, but, I mean, this portion of the recording will be posted.

19:48:47 So you'll hear what we're saying right now. We can try to post that Q&A, but there's a hundred 31 questions and a lot of duplicates.

19:48:54 Yeah.

19:48:53 So I'm not sure how, if that will happen or how helpful that will be.

19:48:58 Yeah, but there will be a transcript of the Q&A as well. So in addition to the recording, there's a close caption transcript.

19:49:07 Can you tell people what to find the Bob poster examples again?

19:49:11 Within the, Oh, I'm sorry. The instructions for posters are in the Bob Coaches handbook on the web, website.

19:49:22 Examples of posters I think are in some of the photos from previous years. If not, I want to say we sent out an email last year.

19:49:31 We could do that again this year. To show you some of the posters we received.

19:49:38 Alright, a bunch of the questions just disappeared. I don't know if Jody was just like.

19:49:42 Yeah, he was firing away.

19:49:45 I am going at it over here.

19:49:42 External mall or if there was an issue but Yeah, we're down to the We're down to the last question here, which I you might have just answered, Simone about.

19:49:48 Okay, thank you so much. One Yeah.

19:49:54 The wait list. Should teams from the wait list who were able to register wait to receive the final confirmation email before picking up the books.

19:50:05 So again, we encourage you to just attempt to pick up your book. If you If you are unable to on site, we'll just give you instructions for when you can pick those up from us.

19:50:19 Can families coming, to the events, not participants bring tents for the lawn at merry weather.

19:50:26 No, I'm glad that you I think Jody may have typed the answer to that but I'm glad we're saying it out loud.

19:50:35 Tense are not permitted.

19:50:42 Please.

19:50:38 And I talk a little bit about, this question about how do teams prepare. So that question, First of all, many different ways.

19:50:49 Teams do it very differently. So I know as a coach. I've had all students read books.

19:51:00 And kind of divide them up so that they're working on 2 or 3. In, you know, a few week time span and then they trade books and then we go for a second round.

19:51:11 Where everybody picks a book that like they're going to be an expert on and really focus on.

19:51:16 It's really up to your team and I would advise you as a media specialist, you know, some teams are super serious about getting in there and they wanna win it all and some teams are just there to have fun.

19:51:28 So I would say have that conversation with your team and find out. How serious they are and see. You know, what their level of competition is.

19:51:40 Yeah.

19:51:39 But just that meeting frequently I met. With my teams at this time of year. Well, let's say starting after winter break.

19:51:49 Every other week. And then when it got to be like March and April, we started meeting every week.

19:51:56 Now that doesn't work for everybody scheduled so if you're not able to meet that frequently please don't feel like oh no I can't do this it's okay you absolutely can and it's fine and some teams just meet at school and like have a lunch bunch at you know winter recess.

19:52:12 Every now and then. So, you know, just talk with your team and see what's feasible for you guys.

19:52:18 Yeah, Jodi KIP, since you have some, valuable coach experience, can you share what, where your team met and around what time you met usually?

19:52:28 Yeah, my team. Chose to meet at one person's house after school every other week.

19:52:36 We had a team member on our team whose family. Was really passionate about observing the Sabbath on Saturday.

19:52:47 And so like we never met on Saturday so that that team member could always participate. So I would say, you know, just just talk with your team and see what people schedules are and other extracurricular or religious activities are and you know see what's gonna work to maximize participation.

19:53:03 And like I said, sometimes that means meeting at school like they're meeting at school at lunch or recess.

19:53:10 So, you know, that can be an option too depending on. You know, that's something to reach out to the media specialist at your school about and see if they can help.

19:53:20 With that.

19:53:22 There's also plenty of free. There's also plenty of free meeting space at our 6 HCLS branches.

19:53:28 So bring your teams in. We'd be more than happy to have you guys in-house. Meeting and in practicing.

19:53:35 Yeah, that's a great option.

19:53:35 So Yeah.

19:53:22 Simone, I answer a question, but maybe you can add some clarification. For the poster, we ask for team names and section numbers.

19:53:50 When will the teams know their section numbers?

19:53:53 Yeah, so you're set so great very good question. So your section number will be assigned in released.

19:54:01 Later next year closer to the not later but later in this process early next year before the event closer to the event So you will need that.

19:54:13 You'll need to know your section in order to upload your your team poster because Addison's right.

19:54:18 The naming convention for that is your section number followed by your team's name. And just while we're on this topic.

19:54:27 Book covers. Names of authors, titles. Artwork from the book, none of that is permitted on the posters.

19:54:35 It's kind of like having notes in the event. So just keep that in mind as you design.

19:54:42 Yeah, and a lot of people were asking about just picking up the books tomorrow. I would say, you know, show up a little bit after the meeting starts just so you don't have to deal with the meeting crowd.

19:54:54 Do you think that's a good tip?

19:54:54 Yes, correct. We'll have someone in place to distribute your books during the meeting and try to keep those those 2 areas quite separate, the seating area for the meeting versus the book pickup.

19:55:06 But Addison's right, if you wanna just give people who are attending the meeting a chance to come in and get seated.

19:55:11 The meeting starts at 7 PM. Just like tonight.

19:55:15 Jodi, I think this question is for you. What did you guys focus on?

19:55:18 Good.

19:55:19 You were, when you were meeting every other week. With your team.

19:55:22 So you know we did a lot of things sometimes it was mostly just to get them to all bring the books back together and do some trading.

19:55:33 I also asked kids like to write questions like if you had 2 books that you've been working on for the past couple of weeks.

19:55:42 Right. 5. Questions about each book of what you think a judge might ask and it helped it that helped the kids to really get to know those different question types.

19:55:54 Said that they were a little more ready for that.

19:56:00 That's great.

19:56:05 Yeah.

19:56:00 Can you please repeat what is not permitted on the posters? And then kind of related. Can the book titles in a modified format be included in costumes?

19:56:15 So we want to keep. Like cheat sheet ish things out of the event so like book titles authors book artwork cover artwork are not permitted on the posters.

19:56:29 We project those posters on the large screens. During the halftime break, and we, even for physical posters for the in person even, we don't allow any information from the current titles.

19:56:43 The 10 current titles. So I also wouldn't know I would not include those on your costumes.

19:56:51 Our question.

19:56:50 Your costumes, you don't have to, but generally your costumes represent your team name.

19:56:57 So like if you guys were the the Dunkin Donuts, you know the costumes usually have something to do with donuts rather than one of the books that you've read.

19:57:08 Our questions from last year's event available.

19:57:11 They are not, but I know there are some sample questions in that. Okay.

19:57:18 Yes, correct.

19:57:19 Also, again, I'm not trying to throw media specialist under the bus. Love your media specialists.

19:57:26 I know there's a lot of you here. There's also a lot of sample questions that get shared around among media specialists.

19:57:32 So, you know, that's another source that you can. Ask and see if they've come across.

19:57:37 Good practice questions also. And another reason, like I was saying earlier that as a team that's a nice activity to do in your team practices to ask for kids to write some practice questions because you can trade off and get some good practice that way.

19:57:56 Example on the names. If. Instead of way of the hive could they be like way of the Dunkin Donuts.

19:58:04 I think the answer to that is like. That's yeah, that's not really a cheat, but like.

19:58:04 Yeah, that's That's fine. Yeah, that's nice. Yeah.

19:58:09 Try to stay clear of it, you know. Would be better.

19:58:11 Correct. And if you, if there's any issue with your team name as far as like a duplicate or we just need you to make a slight variation.

19:58:19 So it doesn't appear too close to another team's name, you'll receive an email.

19:58:24 After that February fifth date.

19:58:29 Or before.

19:58:35 That it. Okay. All right. Well, we don't have any additional questions in the QA.

19:58:44 Of course you're able to email us anytime if you think of something after this presentation email bob@hclibrary.org but we just ask kindly that you checked the Bob website first to see if you're if the answer to your question is there.

19:59:00 We have so many teams that have signed up. We look forward to accommodating everyone, but of course that multiplies.

19:59:06 All the messages and everything so we just wanna make sure that we can take care. Of everyone's needs.

19:59:15 Sorry, my battery is low here. Hold 1-1s.

19:59:17 Jody, we got a thanks for providing the real life examples from another coach.

19:59:21 Oh yeah, no problem. Don't, but again, don't. Every team does it so many different ways that they're certainly not one way.

19:59:30 To run your team.

19:59:34 Do what works for you.

19:59:36 That's great. Thank you. Thank you all for great info tonight. Thank you all.

19:59:42 Thank you all so much, for all your hard work and dedication. We know that it's definitely a command on your time, demand on your time to prepare these teams.

19:59:51 For the competition. So thank you so much.

19:59:56 Alright, not a question. Oh, not a question, but thank you so much. You all are amazing with the questions. Thank you all.

20:00:02 We really appreciate it. Yes. Right. Looks like that's it for our.

20:00:09 Questions? Thank you guys.