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Let's see. Yep, 7 o'clock. Let's kick off.

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Alright, hello everyone. Thank you so much for joining us. At tonight's mandatory logistics meeting for all of our coaches. We are so excited.

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To have you here and we are looking forward to Battle of the Books at Merryweather next month on April, the nineteenth.

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My name is Christie Lassen. I'm the director of communications and external affairs for Howard County Library System.

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And I am joined by a few members of our Bob team and I will let them introduce themselves. Simone, let's start with you.

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All right, good evening, everyone. I'm Simone Kolnick. I'm the producer for Howard County Library System.

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Hey, I'm Addison Landers. I work on the website for Howard County Library and I'm here today to help with technical questions and manage the Q\&A.

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And I'm Stephanie Shane. Many of you will know me as the registration coordinator for Babel the Books.

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It takes a small army to put this together and we have a we have a great team from our from the library and from the school system and we are so grateful to all of you for being coaches and spending so much time with your students, to help them have a great experience.

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We have our walk through our goals. We have a lot to talk about tonight. Please put all of your questions in the $\mathrm{Q} \& A$ and we will answer those at the at the end of the presentation and then we will also update our FAQs on the website based on additional questions that we get this evening.

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There we go. Thank you. So we talked about this at the initial meeting, back in October, the information session and again at the coaches meeting in November.

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As with any large event things will go wrong. It will rain on our parade. And it rained last year, but our kids ultimately had a fantastic time and as you can read from the the quote from the one of the coaches who emailed us afterwards.

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It's really all about modeling good behavior, good sportsmanship, good teamwork, teaching your kids that if something goes wrong and it will in life that how we react to that makes all the difference to them.

So those are important reminders and I know we've talked about that previously and we continue to talk about it.

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Because it is so important. Next slide please. So tonight what we're gonna talk about we're gonna just go run run over the goals for the students again.

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We're gonna run over the coach responsibilities. We're gonna tell you about a really fun virtual author event with one of our Bob authors.

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We're gonna go through some of the logistics and I know you have a lot of questions about that.

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We're going to talk through digital posters. We're going to talk through scoring and I'm sure there will be a lot of questions around that.

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We're gonna go through parent responsibilities again and then just wrap up with some important dates.

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So and as always we ask you to watch for emails from email through email so we send a lot out through our Bob.

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And Stephanie as well. And then we, keep our, our FAQs up to date as well.

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Okay, so just as reminders, these are again goals that we've been talking about for the students since the very beginning.

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So it's about building teamwork skills, teaching them how to work as as a team, knowing how to share.

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Leadership, among, themselves learning good sportsmanship skills knowing that sometimes you win and sometimes you come up a little short.

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And learning how to deal with that. Those are important life skills. Reading different genres like some kids are very interested in science fiction and others are not.

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So we try to give a lot of different genres so that kids are exposed to different. Different books so they might not otherwise be interested and maybe they find out that they're really interested in it.

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So our list, you know, could include science fiction and graphic novels, nonfiction, historical fiction.

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That sort of thing. So we're trying to broaden their exposure to lots of different types of, genres as well as different perspectives.

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Increase reading comprehension, of course, as a library, that's a big part of it for us is we want kids to read, understand what they read, be able to answer questions about what they read, that we work in and glove with the school system on that.

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And then of course have fun. Like this is meant to be a fun event. We our kids have a lot of pressure and I know they're all getting ready for the simulate congressional hearings coming up in May.

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This is meant to be a fun way to celebrate reading with them. So. So that's, right into, our coach responsibility.

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So your, responsibilities and I know you've all been doing this all along but you're helping kids build those teamwork skills.

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You're modeling good sportsmanship skills. You're setting up regular meetings and I'm sure you've all been doing this since you got your books and even before you're encouraging and rewarding students.

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You may have reluctant readers on your team. So how do you encourage them? You know, to, make it through books and and and to understand them.

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That you are conveying information from us to, your team members and their parents.

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That's a really key part. Especially as we get ready. For the event itself and there are so many moving pieces and it's important that you are in communication with your parents.

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That you respond to us in a timely way if we have something we really need an answer to. We've had, we've had deadlines that have passed already because there are so many pieces that need to happen.

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Our motto for all of our events already because there are so many pieces that need to happen.

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Our motto for all of our events is adapt, improvise and overcome that is applicable to all of our coaches as well.

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And most of all, have fun with your kids. Have a fabulous time with your kids. Okay, next slide please.

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Alright, I'll take take it from here. So. Yes, so we are excited to once again offer a chance for students to interact through Q\&A with one of the Bob authors.

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We have a virtual author event where they can meet or ask questions. To author Varian Johnson who wrote I'm playing the cards you're dealt.

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The event is on Thursday, April, the fourth it starts at 7 PM. Ends at 730 fairly promptly and it's on Zoom Webinar so burial being conversation with students through pre-subited questions.

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And registration is open now. The link is down here as well. It'll also be on our Bob website sometime tomorrow, but the link is here for all for you all to see.

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Alright. And where and when. So of course our event is on Friday, April, the nineteenth as you all know. It begins at 7 PM.

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And ends between 10 and 11 PM. Meriwether Post Pavilion is our venue again and this event is rain or shine.

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As you know, the pavilion itself is covered. We know that when there's rain, we learned, the floors can get wet, certain seating areas could get partially wet, but we are kind of bracing for any of that this year.

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So it's rain or shine on the nineteenth.

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Can, can I add something right there? I just wanna say that we work very closely with the school system and Meriwether, monitoring the weather.

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This event is far too large and complex to have a rain date. So it is absolutely rain or shine.

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And we'll talk about dressing appropriately for the weather. The only reason we would cancel the event is if the weather was dangerous.

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So again, we will be monitoring the weather. And it will, it is your responsibility to watch the website.

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And emails if we have if we need to make a sudden change we email and we will post it on our website but It is, it is an outdoor event.

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M. And we'll need all team members to be checked. In and truly at their seats by 645 p .

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M. Again the event begins right at 7 o'clock and that's a large venue. So it's great to have everybody in their respective seats.

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Students arriving after 645 pm and could be disqualified parking and entry gate.

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We're going to use the south or west entrances again and there's a park there's you know detailed parking information to follow this there's a map of the grounds as well but essentially we're using 2 entrances.

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The venue and All of that will be assigned according to your section. I should say this before we move further.

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All teams have been sent their section assignments. If you somehow don't know your section, please double check your email in your junk folder to find that number.

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It's very important you're going to need it to upload your digital poster. You're going to need it to obviously get to your proper section at the event.

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But double check your email in your junk junk mail folders if you don't see it, please reach out to our team.

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Alright, so here's a map, or a layout of the pavilion itself.

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So again, we're gonna use the gates. The West Plaza entrance and the South Plaza entrance for registration and check-in.

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All the teams assigned to section 200 to 200, and 4 that's here in the red.

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Also note that 200 is split into A and B. So if you're one of the teams that got 200 A or 200 B , this, a larger section in the middle is split in half.

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This year because of our larger participation, our increased participation, we are going to extend over into. And 300, and 2 respectfully.

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So 200 , and 2 is going to extend over into 3 or 2 just a few rows here and then 200 , and one is going to extend over into 300, and one, a few rows to accommodate.

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The increase of teams that we have this year. Assistant coaches may sit behind the teams in 300, and one and 302.

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We would prefer not to have like parents or the public sitting behind the students so again 301 and 302 are the sections where assistant coaches can sit behind students and will have guides and volunteers to help.

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Enforce this as much as we can spectators can all sit in the open seats in 303-30-0304.

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So the outside sections in the middle section. Where there'll be no teams. Or, is where spectators can sit as well as.

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Skybox seating and of course the huge lawn, at merry weather, weather permitting.

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You see. All right, so seating. So covered seating for teams and coaches as well as staff.

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Is in the pavilion that's who it's provided for kind of guaranteed for.

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The lawn and limited cover seating is available for spectators as I just share just shared. Please bring your chairs.

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All of this is permitted. These are always questions at the end. So you may bring chairs, blankets, jackets, snacks, umbrellas.

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All the things to stay, you know, full and warm and comfortable. At the event, except for tents.

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Tents are not permitted, but definitely, you know, make sure you dress for the weather and you can bring all the supplies that you need to get through the evening.

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Get comfortable in and get comfortable and enjoy the event. Alright. Again, dress for the weather. Keep an eye on the weather report.

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Just note the expected temperatures for that night. Especially after sundown. No tickets are required for this event.

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Entries free parking is free however it's assigned based on your section so there's different garages all around the ground.

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Of merry weather this is the pavilion here in white in the middle there are different parking garages will let you know in advance which parking garage you're going to use.

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Or parking lot you're going to use based on your section in your entry gate and food and beverages again.

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Malone. Can I just pop in one thing? Cause there was a question that came through that I answered.

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Only one coach can sit with the students. We are so bursting at the seams. That only one coach, we only have space for one coach to sit with the students in those sections.

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That's right. Yeah, and we can talk about it more later, but we always tell you guys coaches are welcome coaches and assistant coaches are welcomed to swap out during the competition.

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But again, only as Stephanie said, only one of you may sit with the team at a time.

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So you can switch, but not both sit with the team. Food and beverages are, are permitted, you know, on the grounds that merry weather that includes food for your student for your for your participants.

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Prior to the event as well as any snacks they need or needs they have during the event. Religious observances so we are pleased once again to provide dedicated space for Muslim prayer time as well as Shabbat.

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If you have a, a special request or need around this, please email Bob at HC Library.

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Dot org. Again, we're already providing a Muslim, a space, a room for Muslim prior time as well as for Shabbat.

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So if you have a need outside of that, please let us know.

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Alright, and another note is that this is loud. It is loud. We provide earplugs for students.

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We did this last year, the lime green earplugs, and coaches and spectators should try to bring their own if it's something that you need.

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So. Whether it's noise canceling headphones or earplugs, if that's something you know you'll need, please bring it with you.

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This event does get very loud and it runs late as late as 11 PM. As well as you know could get chilly at night to keep those things in mind.

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Alright, and digital poster parade. So. We've gotten a lot of questions about the digital posters.

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They are due on April fifth. There's a Dropbox link that is here. The presentation that's also going to be added to our website that's open for submissions.

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Their tips can hear about, you know, how you want to create your poster so you can collaborate on like a Google Jam board or any slides PowerPoint really anything you choose you can collaborate and create a poster on the computer and upload the file to us.

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Jpeg or $p$ and $g$ is what you know what we need from you a lot of teams also make a physical poster and take a photo of it and upload the photo for us.

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That works as well. But again, however you do it, whatever you use, there are even more tools out there now.

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They're due by April fifth. We know that that's right after spring break. So please try to stay on top of.

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Please stay on top of making sure your team gets to their poster and it is more important this year than any year because April fifth is just 2 weeks before our event date, usually, you know, or in the past we've had more time between the event and the posters.

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We're on a tighter deadline this year for your poster submissions and that's just because events moved up earlier this year than it was last year.

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So. Really, really get your posters in. We've seen all kinds of different circumstances.

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We don't want to tell anybody no, but there's gonna be a point where we act we just cannot you know accept more posters for the for the AV vendor to produce the show.

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Your team's digital posters will be featured on screen during a break. So we're at Meriwether, this great big venue.

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You see this group inside of my own. These screens behind me so teams will get to see their posters.

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On these jumbo screens during our half time break and just you know cheer and create a little more team spirit during the event so we welcome everyone.

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To participate, it is not mandatory. That your team creates a poster and if you create a poster similar to this one it just should represent your team's name its members should have no artwork or titles or anything it has to do with any of the the Bob books from the book list for this year and obviously you know should be in line with the school systems rules for things that we can display.

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So just be appropriate.

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Alright, this you can take a look at once we up a little bit of just kind of steps for how to submit a Google Jam board file, again, or any file to our Dropbox.

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An important thing here, going back to your section number, your, what you need to really title your poster, your digital poster, starting with your section number and nothing else because that's the way it's sorted for our team to do some of the other logistics.

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So. As an example, if your team is the reading rockers, you would upload.

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200 as your section the reading rockers if you're in section 201 you put 201 let's if you're in section 202 you put 202 book stars so again, just make sure that your digital poster file is, is named starting with your section number first.

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It almost and of course your correct team name, but that section number is really important. Let's see.

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Just use our naming convention. Again, more steps for how to use Google Jam board.

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You can take your time and look at this or use any other platform to create or software to create your digital poster or just upload a photo of your physical poster.

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This is the actual link to the dropbox. It's open now. It'll be on our website.

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Sometime tomorrow and posters are due by April fifth.

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All right, Stephanie.

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Okay, now the fun part, how does it work? So team members work together. Coaches, you are there to encourage.

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But not provide the answers. These are the teams that work together to come up with the answers. The coaches are there to supervise the team.

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Academic integrity is expected. We're all here to have fun and encourage the kids. Next slide, please.

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Okay, how does it work? A moderator asked the questions about the books, including at least one question for each book.

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Questions read aloud twice to the entire group. Each team has 30 s to discuss their thoughts and determine an answer.

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Teams will use a paper answer sheet and a pencil to record their answer. All questions will be answered by selecting the correct title.

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And the resource sheet more information is on the following slides. I'm sure you have plenty of questions.

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At the end of At the end of the round paper score sheets are passed down the road to collectors who will be standing in the aisles.

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After the paper score should have been passed down and collected the correct answers will be read aloud.

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All right, I just want to jump in really quickly. Most people probably know this, but we will.

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I realize it's not listed here. We will again display the questions too so they're read aloud but they're also displayed on

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Large screens for everyone to see. And we have an ASL in interpreter as well who is also projected on the screen.

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So you'll still have that's not going away.

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Okay, we know that many teams were disappointed in the device failures at the last 2 battles. So we were 2.

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This summer, a team of school and library staff met to discuss the scoring options and decided to return to the paper system used at the battles pre pandemic.

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So. Since we're moving back to paper, this is what you can expect. You will get a resource sheet, which will be provided in the team packet at check-in.

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It will be an approximately 8 by 11 inch laminated sheet which will list titles and authors.

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Next to an alphabetical answer key. Which will be A through J. The answer sheet, which will also be provided in the team packet at check-in, will be approximately 4 by 5 inch paper that will be fit on a provided clipboard.

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So when Students answer, they'll have something to write against. The answer sheets will have the team name at the top.

They'll have 10 numbered spaces for answers. There will be one she answers she per round. And the sheets will show the question numbers in ascending order.

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So for example, for round one, you would see questions one through 10. For round 2 your answer she will have questions 11 through 20 for around 3 your question sheet would have answers 21 through 30 round 431 through 40.

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Here it says the teams right in the alphabetical answer. No, they're actually going to be circling the alphabetical answer in each appropriate space for each question read with the provided pencil.

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At check-in in addition to the clipboards, the answer sheets and the resource she students will be given pencils and erasers.

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Next sheet. So here is an example of a resource sheet. Which should be the answer key. You'll see that they have A through J.

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And here A is Starfish by Lisa Flips, Lisa Phips, and it goes down.

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I would not memorize this because we might change the order. Of the books with the alphabetical answer key, but this gives you an example.

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So for instance, If a question is read. And in that 30 s . The students decide that they think it's Mexican by Pedro Martin.

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They would circle the E. On their corresponding answer sheet.

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I'll give you a minute to look over or give you a few more seconds to look over this example of a resource.

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And remember this will all be posted on the website after this. After tonight so you'll be able to refer back to this.

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But again, this is just an example. We go to the next slide. Here is a sample of the answer sheet for round one.

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As you can see, it goes one through 10 and you have the numer, the alphabetical keys.

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A through J in each of the numbered spaces and all the students have to do is circle.

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The alphabetical key for the answer.

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Stephanie, as folks are taking this in, I just wanted to mention into when we have the devices, the rule of thumb was you could change your answer as many times as you wanted to before the the response window closed so before the 30 s was over.

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So again, in this case, it's, you know, think it's obvious but just saying if you circle C and the team changes our mind and decides the answers H to see race very clearly, you know, very heavily mark the correct answer.

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But once we asked for answer sheets to be collected, that is the end of your response window. Of course, nothing should be changed after that point or will be able to be changed after that point.

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Right. And there will be 30 s for each question. For teams to discuss and come up with what they think is the correct answer.

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Okay. More, more information on answering. There will be 10 questions per round. Team circle the appropriate answer on their answer sheet as each question read.

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Again, they'll have 30 s to discuss. And decide on their answer. At the end of each round, coaches for each team will pass their answer sheet down the road to collectors that will be standing in the aisles.

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Collectors will put the answer sheets in an envelope. These envelopes are color coded per round so we can make sure that there's no confusion.

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The envelopes are taken to the back of the stage for scoring.

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After answer sheets or collector collected the moderator will read read the questions again and this time provide the answers.

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And we know that the students will probably want to cheer. After they hear the answers. Once all questions and answers from the previous round are read, a new round begins.

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Teams will take out the appropriate round answer sheet from their packet and place it on the provided clipboard.

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The questions will be read for the new round and teams will circle in the alphabetical answer from the resource sheet for each question.

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At the end of the round, the coaches will pass down the rounds answer sheet to the collectors in the rows and the processes followed for each round.

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Okay, next slide, please. Okay, scoring. Answer is worth 2 points. The last question of each round is a bonus and this one's worth 4 points.

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Collector collects the answer sheets, they are taken to the back of the stage to tabulators.

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Tabulators will score the answer sheets. At the end of the night, tabulators will total up the scores per team.

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And this is a new thing that we're doing is that Teams answering 95\% or more correctly will get a gold medal.

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One metal per person and a trophy for their school. If multiple teams from the same school win gold, there's only one trophy awarded to the school.

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Team scoring, 90 to $94 \%$ will get a silver medal, one metal per person.

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And. And as a reminder, the sample types of questions that will be asked. Will be a direct quote from a character in the book.

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A question or statement about something that happens in the book. Passage taken directly from a book. Or a question about something from an illustration or a picture.

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All parts of the books distributed to teams may be considered for questions.

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All right, Christy, you want to take away awards and top scores?

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Thank you. So, As Stephanie said, we have a new system that again, we worked through with our with our.

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Friends at the school system between library and school staff got together and talked about how to best do this.

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And so just to reiterate. Teams who answer 95\% or more correctly will get a gold medal.

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One metal per person and a trophy for the school. That's the gold level. And then silver is for team scoring 90 to $94 \%$.

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Each team member will get a goal. A silver medal and then we'll deliver those trophies.

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In May. So again, only one trophy per school. Now, so one thing about this is Because we plan to announce all the scores at the end of the battle, we need.

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What's the word I'm looking for? We need a whole lot of people.

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Yes, yes, yes. And Christy, really quickly, we're not announcing the scores, but just the winning teams.

Scores will come after.

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Yes, Yes, boards will come after. So we need, we need a lot of people, to help tabulate.

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Scores behind the scenes. So that's in addition. To the scores of people that we have who help with the registration, score collection, just all those different pieces.

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So if you know someone who may be interested, please sign up on our sign up genius, which will again be on our website, tomorrow.

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If you like, if you, know someone who works for our bank or financial institution.

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No kids who are in a math honor society or one of the honor societies. You know, anyone who is good under pressure and really great with numbers that's who we need and we need again a whole lot of people to do this so that we can announce the winners that night.

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So, to do this so that we can announce the winners that night. So yes, we are not announcing the scores.

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That's something we've not done in. Almost since the beginning of this, but we will announce the winners, but we in order to do that, we need a lot of people to help tabulate.

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But we also have a lot of we have several other category awards. So We do best team costume, best team name, best team poster and best team sportsmanship.

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And we award those to the top 3 teams preceding section and every team member will get a certificate which we will just deliver.

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Following the event. But that's, a really fun thing and a lot of people, really have a good time with that.
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Next slide. And speaking of costumes, so. What we have what we tell the judges is that we are they are looking for costumes designed and produced by students.

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That doesn't mean that adults can't help and obviously, you know, adults probably do need to help, but they really need to be led by the students.

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They're gonna reward creativity, use of recycled items, this particular group. They've got $t$-shirts.

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It looks like they made. They added some Eyes or something, I can't quite tell to some hats.

There's some creativity going on there. Costumes must comply with all their requirements listed in the school systems policy, 9210.

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So that includes no gory costumes, no masks that cover eyes, no toys that resemble weapons.

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And no roller blade skateboards or other footwear with wheels. So if you're not allowed to wear it to school, you're not allowed to wear it to bowl of the books.

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I did see one of the questions earlier was about a skeleton. That's that's a question I would ask your media specialist like if you can you wear that to school if you can work that to school if you can work to school you can work to the B.

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Any props that you bring must fit securely under the auditorium seats.

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Okay, next slide please. Alright, let's talk a little bit about parent responsibility. So we ask you to share this with the parents as soon as we have the up.

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So first, continue to check the FAQs and again we will be updating the FAQs following this meeting.

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Respond to coaches from you or communications from you in a timely manner. Prepare your child for the length and noise level of the event.

Cannot state that enough because it is a very loud event and it runs late and it's a Friday night after a school day so we understand that.

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So just prepare them for that. Reinforce all the goals of the event. It's so much more than the team score.

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It is about the camaraderie, it's about what they've learned, the score is a bonus.

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And ensure that their child arrives to check in at Meriwether on time and no so that started at 5 and no later than 645.

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It doesn't mean you have to be there right at 5 but the gates open then so hopefully it will be a lovely day you come bring a picnic sit down on the lawn and be in your seats no later than 645.

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Yeah, fingers crossed for that. That was the situation in 2022 not so much. 2023.

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So let's go back to sunny, sunny weather, okay.

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Yes. That's what we're hoping for. So after the battle, so again, we do not post the scores.

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What happens is that we will email the coaches. Their team score within 14 business days of the event.

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And all scores are final. And we will post photos to our Flickr page within, within a week or 2.

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Oh, and still me again. Okay, so important date just to remind you that Thursday April fourth is our virtual QA with very and Johnson.

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We're excited about that. Hope to see a lot of your kids there. The fifth April fifth is your deadline to upload your team's digital poster to Dropbox.

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And then of course, April, the nineteenth, B of the books at Meriwether.

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Now, Sima, over to you.

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Alright, so this event is made possible. Thanks, Sarge and our sponsors. This includes to Josephine Beach, Josephine B.

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Chef, an actress. Friends and Foundation of HCLS, Hower County Public School System, Howard Hughes Corporation, Meriwether Arts and Culture Commission, or sorry, our and Culture Center and $M$ and $M$ and $T$ Charitable Bank Foundation.

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Alright, and closing on yet another quote from a 2,023 battle of the books coach when we were.

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Rain down and you know things went awry. Just, you know, keep everybody on the same page about as Christine mentioned, adapting, improvising, and overcoming, when things are thrown our way that are, that are out of our control.

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Again, we just want to make, we do this planning all year to make sure that the students and teams coaches families all have a great time we want to have a great time we want all of our efforts to come to fruition at this event.

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So really no one sat or you know when anything like that happens than we are. So we, you know, hope that we have a great event and look forward to having you know hope that we have a great event and look forward to having you all on board for that.

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Okay. Alright, so in phone registration, at this time, registration for the virtual event. Of course, the event registration is closed, but info can always be found at HC Library.

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Org forward slash Bob. If you have questions, you can email us at Bob at HC Library.

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Org. To talk to the team. Okay. Alright, and with that, I'll leave this slide up and with that we'll move into the QA.

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Alright, Addison, do you want to kick us off or do you?

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I think I see. I see a Stacey at the top.

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Yeah, metals and trophies. Will they be handed out at the event?

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Great, I'm glad you asked that they will not be handed out at the event. We're gonna partner with the school system to use their pony mail delivery system to make sure that all teams get their medals and trophies.

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Otherwise we'd be there until Saturday. So we will make sure that that all of that gets out to the winning schools as well as of course their trophies post.

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2 questions related to the scoring one, how is sportsmanship?

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Judged and 2 how long do kids need to keep their costumes and props on to be considered?

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Christie, you want to answer that? How sportsmanship is judged?

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Sure, I actually it's in the coaches handbook, which is on our website.

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We have information about how, I believe, how each of the, what the considerations or criteria are for each of those category awards.

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So, is gonna be about like, you know, how well are they, interacting with each other, maybe with teams around them, are they working together, that sort of thing.

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And for costume judging, how long should the teams keep their costumes and props on?

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Perfect. Yeah.

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I would say. I think pretty much people, kids keep them on all night because there's no space to put them if you take them off.

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Yeah. If something is really uncomfortable, I would just advise maybe try to keep it on through the first half.

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Of the event, keep it on until half time. I also answered a question offline just now about whether coaches can track their answer.

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So if coaches can write a list of their answers, on a separate sheet. So that when they're read out read aloud they'll remember what letter was selected we encouraged that that's fine but of course as Stephanie said we don't want coaches answering the questions during the battle, but you can keep track.

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You know, on your own.

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Is it okay for coaches to take those? To record the questions and the students to answer them. Later in that round.

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To record the Qatna. Record the question.

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Does that make sense? So if someone if If question 2 is being asked and the students do not answer it in 30 s .

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Are the coaches allowed to read that question back to their students? Like, later in that round.

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If I think that could get really confusing, but if you can remember the question. And go back to it again.

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Once the sheets are asked to be turned in, they have to be passed down. So whatever is not filled in, would, you know, their point would not be counted or points would not be counted for that question, anything left blank.

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If you're able to remember that, short, but I wouldn't, you know, make, I wouldn't do that too much because you can get really fall behind.

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If. If. Teams want to change their answer to a previous question before answers are passed down.

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Is that okay?

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Really teams should not be changing their answer after the response window closes for that particular question.

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I would also say that advise against that personally, cause then if there's smuds marks or any question about the answer laws, it's going to be.

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Yeah. Yeah, yeah. Yeah. The other thing is, It'll move quickly enough that there shouldn't be too much time to do things like that and it would kind of make me Curious about We can't control like the reasons why everyone's changing their answers and we, you know, we don't want to get into like, oh, they saw hours and that's why they changed their answer or anything.

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So once the response windows closed for that question, we really should be moving on to the next question to not run out of time before all the sheets are collected.

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Because as soon as as soon as the last question in the round is asked and that window closes we asked for the for the sheets to be handed handed down.

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It's not what you're gonna hold on to them for a few minutes.

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Could you clarify the question breakdown? The question and scoring breakdown, someone had asked about 38 questions worth 2 points and 2 questions worth 4 points.

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So there are

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That's exactly right. That's right. So, 30, there are 40 questions total. And as Stephanie shared 2 of those questions are bonus questions.

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Those are worth 4 points each. The other 38 are worth 2 points each. So we are scoring based on, you know, getting 95 or higher.

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Percent of those questions correct. Or 90 to $94 \%$ of those questions correct gold and silver.

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Can parents and assistant coaches and high school students volunteer for scoring?

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Parents, yes. Assistant coaches. I don't know about that, Christy.

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I would say not assistant coaches. But yes, parents, high school students, yes.

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Yes, absolutely. Yeah.

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Yeah. College students as well. Yeah.

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Getting a lot of questions about food. There will not be food to purchase in merry weather, but you are welcome to bring in outside food and coolers.

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Whatever you need.

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That yet correct.

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We're getting, $I$, there's a question that keeps coming up about why it runs so late.

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We're saying it's gonna end by 11 . I think last year we were probably done by 10.

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And the reason is, because it's not just. 30 s per question and then you move on like there's, there's a lot of pieces to this.

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So it's. It's all the questions, then it's re reading the questions and the answers.

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There's time for cheering. That takes up some time. We do have an intermission.

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We have, of course, the, at sunset. We take a break, which May coincide with the.

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Both side with sorry Christy what did you say?

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Well, the time for, Shabbat and Muslim Prayer, does that coincide with intermission?

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Just sundown, so as close as possible to it. Yeah. So once, once we have.

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Once we know the sign down time is when we'll take our break. So they don't miss the battle.

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Right. Right. And then, the, announcing the awards takes, some time as well.

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Yeah. Yeah.

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So that's it all adds up to, you know, 101030 ish but we think we should we have to be done by 11 so I would think we would be done.

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Sooner but we just we want you to know it could go as late as.

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If it if it goes too late for a particular student on a team, can they leave or Do they need to stay with their team the whole time?

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I would say that's between them and their team.

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But we cannot factor that into like final scores. So that's a that's a personal choice and it won't be able to have a bearing one way or another on your final score.

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Another thing that Christy just mentioned, Oh gosh, I just had it. You were talking about Christie.

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Oh, also when we kick off the event there are like housekeeping notes so on the on the you know top side of the event there's housekeeping notes and we do practice questions just so everybody is comfortable so that'll look like 2 Practice round questions.

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They're just but 9 questions. We've asked about the decoration of independent state.

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We've asked about people's favorite season, you know, colors, things like that. To benign questions just to make sure everybody is.

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Comfortable and you know we go through a lot of like housekeeping rules and go back over the game rules.

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Or the battle rules.

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There's a question up here at the top. It will be helpful to know if costume judging is happening at a certain time.

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Custom judging happens throughout the first half. Into the third round.

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Do we send dinner with our student to eat during halftime? I really encourage you to. Have your students eat before the event.

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So if you can get there early enough so that you can enjoy a picnic on the lawn again assuming the weather is nice.

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That's probably ideal. Certainly if you need to send a snack with your student, that's okay too.

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Yeah, better. No, we do not. Someone ask, can students leave their section to grab a snack from parents?

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That we would prefer not. There are so many, so we have 339 teams so that could be as many as 1,700 students.

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It's really best if the student stays in their seat with the coach and their team. From the start to the end.

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Rather than running back and forth to parents, that's gonna get to be a lot.

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Can you bring alcoholic beverages for adults? Well, we can't. Simone, I don't know that we've addressed that with, Mayor Weather.

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We will, we can put that in the final confirmation notes to teams, but I would just.

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Probably rule against that probably for this sort of event. But I will find out what Mary Weathers actual role is for that.

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Parents slash spectators leave and come back during the event. Yeah, the gates aren't closed, right?

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Yeah, they can go back and forth.

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So similarly, how late or is there a cut off time spectators can enter? Well, no, not really.

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When will we find out where to park?

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So in the coming weeks, we'll send you your parking assignments. Meriwether has.

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Some construction going on. So there are some changes to all of the parking assignments from last year.

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So we will send you in the coming weeks while in advance of the that your parking at your parking assignment and based on your team section as well as other notes related to the day of logistics.

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How long is intermission?

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It's so large at Meriwether we try for like 15 min but it ends up being closer to like 20 or 25 min and that's what also takes up the chunk.

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We also don't want to. We also wanna make sure that there isn't enough time for prayer time.

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So for Shabbat as well as Muslim per time. So yeah, around like 25 , I would expect like 25 min.

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We have a question about why the event runs so late on a week and is not on a weekend.

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And I believe that's just the availability of the venue.

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Good you speaking.

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Yeah, we look at, yeah, we talk with Mayor Weather about their availability. We look at our calendars and we look at the school system calendar so you know trying to find a time that works for everyone is a little challenging.

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And just for the record, we've been doing battle the books on Friday night since we started back in.

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Early 2,000 or sometime in 2,000.

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Another part of that is this question has come up before and our friends at the school system also reminded us that there are a lot of sports for kids on the weekend.

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So there's a lot of you know, kids participating in sports on Saturdays.

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I'm getting a lot of repeat questions. If you've asked a question, and it has been answered, you can look in the answer section of the Q\&A.

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I'm also getting a lot of the same questions about the posters. Posters can, posters are better horizontal because that's how they'll be displayed at the event.

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They can come with you to the event, but they do not have to come. With you to the event.

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Yeah, we are not judging your physical poster at the, the only judges that are walking around for things like that are the sportsmanship judges and the costume judges.

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Team name and team. Provided for those respective judges. At their seats.

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I have I have a question here that I don't quite understand. Will the percentage be calculated on question count or score?

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This is this is a question we've gotten before so it's not percentile it's the percentage so it'll be based on the amount of.

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Points for. I'm just trying to do a quick calculation, the amount of points that are possible for the battles.

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So. Out of so 38 comes to so 76 plus 8 is our number so out of 84 possible points You have to get 95 to $100 \%$ of those correct or 90 to 94 of those correct.

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So the total amount of score, if you got a hundred percent at Bob, you would have 84 points.

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If students need to go to the bathroom during around, they are welcome to go to the bathroom if they need to.

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The bathrooms are available on site. There are plenty of bathrooms at the venue and they are not porter potties, they are regular bathrooms.

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Could you speak to where Shabbat will be set up?

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Door so you'll actually have a map for this as well, but there are rooms backstage at Mary Weather that are used for Shabbat and Muslim prayers.

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So that'll be provided to everyone. There's a confirmation email that goes out closer to the event and it has like the confirmation email that goes out closer to the event and it has like the parking instructions parking.

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And it has like the parking instructions parking map, the layout that you saw to the event and it has like the parking instructions parking map, the layout that you saw today of the pavilion itself.

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The prayer rooms and how to get to them and just other like day of logistics so you'll have all of that in advance.

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We also in the program, the event program. We also post copies of that to our Bob website prior to the event.

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Sorry, and you get copies of some of those documents in your coaches packet when you check in so You should be missing any of that.

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If a coach had If a coach has to leave their team unexpectedly or to use the bathroom, is that okay or do they need to wait for the S and assistant coach to arrive?

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Yes, I think you definitely want to make sure you swap with your assistant coach, or a parent.

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As quick as you can during that time, we also have audience monitors. So if it's a real emergency, I'm just signal to one of our staff.

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We didn't talk about the pennies, Christy, our plan. Our plan is to have all of the staff that are needed in the pavilion.

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So in these aisles, I keep pointing to the wrong side. So where you see the staircases here, there are aisles like that between each section.

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So all of the staff who are like collecting your answer sheets who are running your answer sheet package to tabulators as well as monitoring or ushering those sections that are only for teams and assistant coaches or sections that are open to spectators.

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Those people will be wearing pennies. They're just kind of those really lightweight. Elasticy jerseys in different colors.

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That's our plan. So that you can identify them easily. So if you ask, preferably not the collectors, but some of the audience monitors like if they could switch out with you.

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You should be able to get some help quickly. Otherwise, try to wait for your assistant coach or parent.

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Did you speak to how? Students will be dismissed and exit at the end of the event.

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We don't dismiss by sections. We, pretty much read aloud, the winning the top scoring teams, the category award.

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So teams are able to leave free freely there's not really a like a formal dismissal process.

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So I answered a similar question in the chat or in the QA and just said I my recommendation would be that you have a made up spot with your coach so that you know where to meet, when the event is over.

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I have a question about it. Go ahead, Sam.

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Sorry, Addison. Can we stay on this one for just a second also? If your team does not get announced it's kind of good to stay through all of the awards if you can, if your team doesn't get announced for like a top score, there's a chance that you maybe you want a category award and if you didn't get one category award there's a chance that you could

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have gotten another so it's just try to it's good to try to stay through the award portion of the event sorry go ahead Addison

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I have a question about, Someone using a phone to take pictures. Could you clarify phones are just not allowed for looking up or answers, but can they use the phone to take photos during the event?

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You can use a phone to take photos outside of the battle rounds. So we really ask for your phones to be away other than emergency needs.

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If you have an emergency need for a student or your own personal emergency, of course. Use your phone, meeting coaches.

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No students should be using phones. We really, we're really counting on coaches to communicate to parents.

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So you want to make sure you lock in that contact information. It's great for kids to have a backup, you know, way to reach their parents, but phone should really be a way during the rounds.

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So whenever questions are being asked, A good rule of thumb is to not have your phone out. There's plenty of opportunities to take photos.

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Yeah.

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In. Yeah, and we have a special photographer there and share photos afterwards.

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Do we have the photo ops this year?

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We have the photo ops and registration, the registration areas. You can take your own photos. We have a roving photographer that's just taking photos.

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I'm not in a formal way, but just as he, as he sees fit and what else?

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Sorry. And there's opportunity to take your own photos again prior to the battle. The doors open at 5 and we want you and your seat by 645.

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So there's tons of time to take photos then as well as during the halftime break.

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Someone here asked if the 30 s will be displayed on this on the screen. Yes. So for any, we're working through the design of the slide.

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Deck, but for any repeat participants, In the past we had the 30 s counting down above the question on the same slide above the question.

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This time we're moving to having the question displayed and having the next slide just be a thirtysecond countdown.

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You know, repeat through 40 questions.

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Our students allowed to wear smart watches.

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Kirsty, I mean, they, they can, but they just shouldn't be on these devices.

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We had the same question our spelling bee last week. There we actually collected smart watches. We're not going to collect.

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A 1,000 smart ones choose. At very weather so we don't encourage it. But we know, you know, emergencies happen or sometimes parents are tracking.

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But yeah, so they just shouldn't be on it. So as a coach, you should really be making sure that they are not.

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Interacting with their smart watch during the competition.

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And I'll just to that point l'll just add that, you know, part of this is, we expect.

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Academic integrity so the same way that you would your students would behave at school as how we would expect them to behave in the $B$.

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That they are not using their smartwatch or phone or whatever device they may have, to look up at the answers.

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Obviously, you know, because of the sheer number of kids, which we are thrilled about, absolutely thrilled about.

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This is a record number of teams that we've ever had, absolutely thrilled about. This is a record number of teams that we've ever had.

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We cannot police every, little, Detail around this. We can't necessarily see what every person is doing.

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And I'm not saying that to encourage anyone to do anything they shouldn't be doing because we know you wouldn't do that.

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But more just to let you know that like we are doing the best that we can. And but we expect, that everyone will, follow the roles and, be to follow the integrity of pledge that we have shared.

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How many teams are there usually? So we've been around 300. Stephanie, do you remember how many we had last year?

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We have like 316 last year.

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Less last year and the year before less than we were under 300 remember like it was yeah the year before so yeah it's a big jump

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Right. So we jumped up to 339 this year.

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Coach asks if the question will not be shown while the 30 s countdown is going on.

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That is a good question. So. The thought right now is to have the question displayed red 2 times.

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And then the next slide be the 30 s countdown. I guess. If there's a way to field or if coaches would prefer, you know, is it do we want to.

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Do we want to display the countdown on the slide and just increase the time? So maybe do a 45 s countdown on the slide so the question can be read.

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And then leave time for answers. Something to think about.

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I think the answer to that. Is that we're not sure, but the question will at least be up and read twice.

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And then it will either have a timer or we'll have a timer and the question.

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Is that correct, Simone?

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Yeah, but it's, all yeah, it is. It's also helpful to know if.

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If there is a preference here from coaches, it's something we can consider. So we'll keep that in mind.

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You kids need to remember number of pages in the book or will they be asked about picture or photo on specific page number?

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Christie's favorite answer to this is everything is fair game from cover to cover, which is exactly right.

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But we're also like not trying to

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Stump the students necessarily, but just know that anything in the book can be asked And we also are not trying to stay the night at Mary weather or make kids upset.

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I think we're getting a lot of people that are saying they would like the question and the timer.

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That's on the same slide. This is good to know. Yeah. Thank you guys for responding with that. We

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I think we just need to check with our AV team to make sure that's possible.

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Yeah, it's both both our options, so we were just making a change. Thank you.

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I see a question about. Only kids dress up in costumes. Coaches don't have to.

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Is that correct? It is totally up to the coach and their team, I guess. We've seen it both ways.

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Some coaches dressed in the same, you know, in costume along with their you know in costume along with her team and others don't so that's that's totally up to you.

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The teams are not judge. Don't get like extra points for coaches being dressed up for being part of the cost zoom.

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Okay, so.

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Are there any questions? With more than one correct answer? No, every question. In the battle is going to have one answer from one of the books.

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There are no red herrings. So as you see, there's 10 titles.

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There are 1010 answered choices, A through J. Very, very straightforward. One answer for question.

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One correct answer per question.

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Do we have any more questions?

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It's 802 and we have no open questions. We will also put a copy of this presentation.

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Again, I think Stephanie mentioned earlier, the recording will be available on our Bob website.

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But this week, as well as a copy of the transcript. And as Christy said, our FAQs will be upated based on some of the questions that you're asking tonight.

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Can you share the link to create posters online? So that's in the in the presentation. Google Jam board, Google slides, PowerPoint.

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Really you can use anything. We don't have like upon, you know, a preferred software that you used, you can use anything you'd like.

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Those are just suggestions.

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Well, each book be represented every round.

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Not necessarily. But there's gonna be a each book will be represented at least once in the entire battle

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Thank you. We're getting thank you for providing. Thank you guys so much too. We're really, really, really, really looking forward to it.

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Yeah, it really is a fun event.

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So, so much fun. So each round has one answer to each book. Meaning only A will be The one, the one once in a run.

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So, sorry. The answers, you can have. The same book as the correct answer. More than once in around.

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It's just each. Question only has one correct answer. Each book will be featured at some point in the battle but you could have repeat answers so you can have you know 3 answer A's in a round.

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If it works out that way. It's a possibility.

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Thank you guys.

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If you're looking if you're looking for the, author event, you can look on our library calendar or in the coming days it will be on the Bob web page and if you're looking for the digital poster submission that will also be up along with this presentation in a couple of days.

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Okay. Yeah.

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Simone is their place they can see past posters.

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So they, put a couple, the ones that were in this presentation actually are post, were actual posters from, from a competition.

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You may catch a few, I'm trying to think if you'll see any in the photos from last year because it was doing a digital parade.

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But the ones that were used in this presentation were samples from last year. Or the year before last.

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I'm happy to see a coach said the preparation has been so fun for their team and it's been great getting to know their students in a whole different way.

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That's wonderful. That's awesome.

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Somebody asked does poster have to be a single page.

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All the collateral benefits of Yeah. One sided one page.

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The criteria for the posters, is found in this presentation. Is there another place for that, Simone?

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Do they have an email?

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We, we can send it an email too, or if you email us, we'll send you additional details if you need.

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And I think it's in the, I'm sorry, it's in the FAQ as well on our website.

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But if you have people have gone to the FAQs and maybe had like some additional questions. So if you do, just send them to Bob at HC Library.

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Do winning teams need to stay the entire event to win?

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To hear the announcement, yes, but as we share your team score will be. Will be mailed to or sent to coaches within 14 business days after the event.

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So Do you wanna hear your name announced? You should stay, but no, you're not going to like.

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Receive any metal or trophy that night. I think we're still gonna ask winning teams to come down to the pit for one large group photo, correct?

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I think so. I think we decide.

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I think we're still gonna do that like all top scoring teams, gold and silver winners will still come down to the pit area for one photo during the event.

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So whoever's there.

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Someone asked, in previous years, what is the average percentage of students winning the gold medal?

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That's a great question because so much is changed over the years. And we haven't done it in this way where it where it's manage, right?

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Will be so bad

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So we don't really have an answer for that given the way we're doing it this year.

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Questions are typically one to 3 cents is correct.

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Yeah, if it's, if it's a passage, and things like that, it can be a little bit longer.

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Yeah, but not too long.

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Is there a day?

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Is there a dance session in the mosh pit? Yes, you can't even stop it if you want it to.

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Couldn't stop it if you wanted to. Yes, there is a dance session in the marsh pit.

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Okay. Hey.

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So we asked the DJ to kind of get the crowd warmed up before the event kicks off.

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So there's a dance party before and then they're has naturally been a dance party during halftime because music is playing and the posters are playing.

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So anyone who doesn't need a bathroom break or a snack break or a hug from a parent.

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Stays and does the dance party.

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Yeah, DJ is amazing.

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What was your favorite part of your favorite book in 2,024? That's a good question.

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Maybe we'll use this as one of our practice round questions.

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Anybody? Have an answer? Favorite part of your favorite book from 2024?

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Right now I'm listening to Arnold Schwarzenegger's, book, be useful and my favorite part, cause I'm listening to an audio is his voice.

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Nice.

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I gotta look up my what I've been reading. There's been so much.

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The picture of the poster that you're submitting, it really just needs to be like a horizontal poster orientation.

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It doesn't need to be. I mean, the screens are 10. What? What is the typical screen size?

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By 1080, correct. Yeah.

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1920 by 1080 if we're being specific. Anything in a normal poster orientation will be fine.

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Yes, and if you are using a physical poster. To to create your design. It's just standard like presentation poster.

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I think it's 24 by 36 inches just like your standard. Presentation poster or 36 by 24 inches

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Hi, students can put pictures of themselves on the poster if they wish.

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They may pictures are okay. First names are okay. Images that reflect the name of your team are fine just to again it happens every time please don't put pictures of the current books on your posters.

Or any like names. Titles of the current books on your posters or facts, questions, characters, none of that.

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Nothing that could be a battle that could be related to battle questions.

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One team has already done a poster in portrait mode or vertical. I mean, we can use that.

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The store should. Yeah.

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It'll just display on the board with a lot of black space to the left and right. Yeah, so I mean, it's still fine if they wanted, if you want to modify it or recreate it that is fine as well or you can use the one that's already created.

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It just will be a little harder to see, you know, way out and then the crowd.

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Someone asked about, have teams carpooled and parents driven separately in previous years. Yes, but that is completely up to between you and your coach.

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Some coaches are comfortable doing that. Others are not. So it just, it depends on what you want to do.

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I think we have someone answering their favorite book in question. I think that's what this is.

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Yeah, they're favorite part is CC Rios when she meets Toyota. Is what her daughter said that's lovely that's really sweet yeah we encourage you guys to attend the the virtual author event with Varian Johnson.

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It's really fun watching the the students excitement. For hearing some of their questions asked and answered out loud.

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During that event. So those events so Please join us. April fourth.

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And again, if you have any questions after tonight, please email BOB at HC Library.

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That's right.

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I would add, yeah, I would add check the FAQs first and if you don't find it there.

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Yeah. All right. So it's 8, 11, and again, we have no open questions.

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So if that is. If it's okay with every10, thank you guys. Thank you so much.

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If it's okay with everyone else, we can end now and look forward to your questions and please keep an eye out for additional details.

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You'll certainly be getting emails between now and the event. Thank you all.

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Yeah, coaches. Thank you.

