



NURTURE YOUNG READERS THROUGH BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!

Commit to being a volunteer coach and contribute to the literacy of fourth and fifth graders in the Grand Traverse area.

The Battle of the Books Grand Traverse, a National Writers Series program, is seeking volunteer coaches for the 2017 – 2018 season. We are anticipating that we will have enthusiastic team participants without an identified coach.

Coaching expectations are outlined below, and an overview of the program can be found at:
www.battleofthebooksgt.com.

Have questions or would like to volunteer? Please contact:

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Coaching responsibilities, expectations, and requirements:

- Provide coaching to a team of 4-6 fourth and fifth grade students to prepare for a quiz-bowl style competition based on the content of 10 selected books.
- Meet with team once a week from January through mid-March. Twice a week meetings are recommended one month prior to competition.
- Prepare sample questions similar to the ones used in competition.
- Coordinate team bonding and competition prep activities.
- Depending upon team member schedules, must be available to coach immediately after school (3:00 - 4:00 pm start) and possibly nights or weekends.
- Co-coaching encouraged - find a friend to join in the fun!
- Must pass a background check.

Coaches must commit to the following dates:

Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 3:30 - 8:00 pm	All Team Meet-up Event (open house format)
Sunday, January 7, 2018, 2:30 - 4:30 pm	Coaches Meeting
Sunday, February 25, 2018, 1:00 - 5:00 pm	Mock Battles
Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Oral Battle Day
<i>(closer to the date, teams will be assigned via lottery to either morning or afternoon battle times)</i>	
Sunday, March 18, 2018, 1:00 - 6:00 pm	Finals & All-Team Celebration