Battle of the Books

Information Packet 2027

Welcome to Battle of the Books!

Battle of the Books (BOB) is a fun, community-wide reading program for 4th and 5th grade students who live in Glenview or attend a Glenview school. Students form teams of 2–6 and read from a shared list of 16 books before taking part in a friendly, quiz competition hosted and created by the Glenview Public Library.

More than just a reading competition, BOB is an opportunity for students to discover a diverse range of literature, share their love of reading, build friendships, and strengthen teamwork and communication skills.

Through this special list of books, collaboration, and a little friendly competition, students develop a lasting appreciation for reading during this important stage of academic development while making memories with their teammates and peers around the Glenview community.

Date	Event	Details
Mon, Nov 16- Mon, Jan 4	Team Registration	Team Liaison registers the team online. Registration closes Jan 4.
Wed, Feb 17 & Tue, Feb 23	Team Spirit Drop-Ins	Optional t-shirt decorating at Glenview Public Library. Feb 17: 4:30-7:30 PM, Feb 23: 5-8 PM
Mon, Mar 1	All-Teams Battle	Glenbrook South High School. Doors open at 5:45 PM, the event starts at 6:30 PM.
Wed, Mar 3	Score and Next Steps	Team Liaisons will be notified about scores and next steps.
Fri, Mar 5	Final Battle	Glenview Public Library at 6:30 PM. Top-scoring teams from the All-Teams Battle are invited.
Fri. Mar 12	Celebration of Readers	Glenbrook South High School. All teams invited.

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How The Game Works

- The All-Teams Battle and the Final Battle have two rounds of 20 questions each.
- Questions are created by Glenview Public Library librarians and cover all 16 BOB titles. Questions will ask about book details, such as characters, setting, and plot, or ask teams to identify an image from a book.
- Questions are read aloud and displayed on a large screen.
- Teams have 30 seconds to confer and record an answer on the paper answer sheet provided at arrival.
- A three-minute review period follows each round. Questions are not repeated at the end of a round.
- There are five extra-difficult tie-breaker questions. They are used only if a tie needs to be broken and do not count toward the regular total score.

Rules and Expectations of Participants

- All players must attend in person and sit together at Glenbrook South High School for the All-Teams Battle.
- Players may not join remotely from another location.
- Upon arrival, each team will sign and submit the Oath of Honor.
- Players must be good sports and treat teammates and other teams with respect.
- Book lists, books, watches, phones, and other study materials or electronic devices may not be used during the Battle.
- If a player is ill or must leave early, the remaining teammates may still participate.
- Failure to follow the rules may result in removal from the competition at the judges' discretion.

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All-Teams Battle: Monday, March 1

Location: Glenbrook South High School Auditorium

- Doors open at 5:45 PM. The Battle begins promptly at 6:30 PM.
- Each team will receive a paper answer sheet, clipboard, and pencil.
- The Oath of Honor will be attached to the answer sheet. Teams sign it and turn it in before the game begins.
- The event is expected to finish before 8:15 PM; please plan for a possible finish as late as 8:30 PM.
- The West Cafeteria will be available for Team Liaisons and family members to wait during the game.

After The All-Teams Battle: Wednesday, March 3

- Team Liaisons will be emailed their team's score and information about the team's next activity by March 3.
- Top-scoring teams will be invited to the Final Battle.

Final Battle: Friday, March 5

Location: Glenview Public Library

- The top-scoring teams from the All-Teams Battle will be invited to participate. The game follows the same structure as the All-Teams Battle.
- Check in begins at 6:15 PM. The Battle begins promptly at 6:30 PM.

Celebration of Readers: Friday, March 12

Location: Glenbrook South High School Auditorium

- Ceremony begins at 6:30 PM.
- All teams are invited to be recognized.
- All-Teams Battle pictures will be shared.
- Prize winners will be announced.
- Enjoy book-themed activities and treats.

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Team Practices: OPTIONAL and FUN!

Teams should decide if and how they want to prepare. Let the players lead; adults can support cooperation, enjoyment of books, team spirit, and fun.

- Team Liaisons are not expected to read the BOB books, help students study, or purchase costumes or decorations for the team.
- Families can encourage students to read, talk with them about the books, and stay in touch with the Team Liaison.
- If your players express interest in preparing together, below are some activities they can try.

Book Review Tips and Tricks:

- **Take Notes:** Readers can jot down interesting thoughts, big ideas, or character traits while reading. This can help them connect with the material and serve as a fun memory aid.
- **Prepare Memory Aids:** Create flashcards, mind maps, or lists to visualize key elements of the stories.
- **Character Exploration:** Make a list of the characters-major and minor-and what you know about them.
- **Setting List:** Create a list of important settings in the books, with interesting details about each place.
- **Story Timeline:** Make a timeline of important events in the book.
- **Plot and Sub-Plot Discussion:** Discuss the main plot and sub-plots.
- **Review the Images:** Examine the images in the books, even if you listened to the audio book.
- **DIY Quiz:** Encourage team members to write their own questions and answers, then test each other's knowledge.

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TEAM LIAISON IMPORTANT INFO

Each team needs one adult liaison, age 18 or older, who serves as the point of contact between Glenview Public Library, team members, and their parents. The liaison should be comfortable checking email and communicating with families. A liaison should not be a teacher or staff member at a team member's school.

LIAISON RESPONSIBILITES:

1. **Register the team | Nov. 16–Jan. 4**
   - Register the entire team online: https://glenviewpl.org/battle-of-the-books/
   - Enter the team members' information, t-shirt size, and the team name
   - Check the spelling of the team's name before submitting

2. **Share information and stay in touch**
   - Watch for emails from K-12team@glenviewpl.org and check your spam folder
   - Share dates, locations, and updates with team members and parents
   - Coordinate communication and transportation for team events

3. **Support the team if asked**
   - Let players decide how to divide the books and whether to practice
   - Help arrange a meeting only if the team requests one
   - Encourage good sportsmanship, cooperation, and team spirit
   - You do not need to read the books, run study sessions, buy costumes or spirit ware

4. **Arrange transportation**
   - All-Teams Battle — Mon., March 1: coordinate family transportation to Glenbrook South HS by 5:45 PM
   - Final Battle — Fri., March 5: arrange transportation only if the team qualifies
   - Celebration of Readers — Fri., March 12: share the invitation with all team members and help arrange transportation to GBS for a 6:30 PM start

5. **Know the t-shirt drop-in details**
   - Optional T-shirt decorating at Glenview Public Library: Feb. 17, 4:30–7:30 PM, or Feb. 23, 5:00–8:00 PM
   - All registered participants receive a BOB T-shirt to decorate with their team – make sure everyone on your team gets their t-shirt

6. **On All-Teams Battle night**
   - Help get the team to GBS at 5:45 PM
   - Remind players to leave books, book lists, watches, phones, and other study materials/electronics unused and put away
   - The West Cafeteria will be available for Team Liaisons and family members to wait during the game

7. **After the All-Teams Battle**
   - Watch for the score and next-steps email by Wed., March 3
   - Tell the team whether it has qualified for the Final Battle or should plan for the Celebration of Readers

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TEAM LIAISON CHECKLIST

At registration

☐ Register the team by January 4

☐ Confirm the team members names and spelling and t-shirt size before clicking to register

☐ Confirm team name and spelling with team before clicking to register

Before March 1

☐ Watch for library emails from K-12team@glenviewpl.org (check SPAM folder if you are not seeing them).

☐ Help the team decide how to divide the books, if requested

☐ Arrange transportation to the All-Teams Battle

☐ Share optional t-shirt drop-in dates with the team

March 1 — All-Teams Battle

☐ Arrive at Glenbrook South High School by 5:45 PM

☐ Make sure players leave books, book lists, watches, phones, and other study materials and electronics at home

After March 1

☐ Look for the score and next-steps email by March 3

☐ Notify the team about Final Battle qualification

☐ Arrange transportation to the Final Battle if the team qualifies

☐ Share Celebration of Readers details with all team members

☐ Arrange transportation to the Celebration of Readers at Glenbrook South HS

CONTACT GLENVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY:

- Email: K-12team@glenviewpl.org
- Phone: 847-729-7500, extension 2900
- Website: https://glenviewpl.org/battle-of-the-books/