Who is eligible to participate in Battle of the Books?

. Any fourth or fifth grader attending school or residing within the boundaries of Grand Traverse County, Traverse City Area Public Schools district, Forest Area Community Schools district, Elk Rapids Public Schools district, Leelanau County, or Benzie County can join a Battle of the Books team.

Team members can be from any area school or be home-schooled.

A team can be composed of students from the same school or from a mix of schools.

Be creative! How about Scout friends? Ski buddies? Neighbors?

Each fourth or fifth grader can only be on one team.

Each team must have a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 members

How it works

In the fall, team members register and must include the name of their adult coach.

Each team receives a set of the 8 official battle books for free!

During battle season, kids meet with their teammates, have fun sharing the stories they've read, and get ready to prove that they are the best experts on these books in the Grand Traverse area.

Teams compete in the all-day Tournament – with four events to demonstrate their knowledge of the books and show their team strategy and spirit. The day's finale includes recognition of top-scoring teams and an appearance by a well-known children's author.

Important Dates

WHAT IS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS? INFO SESSION

November 12, 2023

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM via Zoom

Join us here: https://tinyurl.com/whatisbotb

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR TEAM MEMBERS

December 10, 2023

3:00 PM / Register here

COACH ORIENTATION MEETING

January 7, 2024

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

BOOK HANDOUT

January 12, 2024

Teams have one hour assigned time between 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Traverse Area District Library / Woodmere

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TOURNAMENT

April 13, 2024

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Traverse City West Senior High