

Team Advisor Role: Overview

The role of the team advisor is mainly supportive and loosely organizational. The intent is for the kids to be in charge of, and manage, their own efforts and goals as a team with gentle background support from you.

Here's how you might be supportive:

- Help them develop a “game plan” for how they will approach preparation for the battle.
- Encourage them to work as a team.
- Help the team determine a time and place to meet. You could be there with them but it is not required.
- Check on their progress in reading the books.
- Promote a positive attitude and good sportsmanship.
- We strongly advise that each child read all of the books. This seems to be the secret of past winners! Of course, the advisor is also welcome to read the books! You could also remind them that they could each write questions (as they read the books) to quiz one another when they meet as a team.
- As Team Advisor, you may wish to assist the team with making buttons, hats or T-shirts to promote team spirit and to wear at the Battle. There will be a prize given to the team with the most creative “get-up”.
- Coordinate donation of 1-2 dozen cookies. (Nut-free if possible)

Our main goal at the Auburn Hills Public Library is to get the children **excited about reading!** As secondary goals, we would also like to expose them to different authors and types of books. In our opinion, ALL the readers are WINNERS!

The Battle of the Books will be held on **Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30 PM** at the Avondale High School Cafeteria. Registration begins at 6:00PM, with the team entering the Cafeteria as a group. Team members arriving after the team introductions will not be allowed to participate. If you should have any questions, please call us at (248) 364-6712 or talk to the Media Specialist at your school.

Thank you for being an Advisor. In our busy lives, we realize how difficult it can be to fit in one more thing, and we appreciate your dedication to the children on your team.