



Registration Information

2023-24 Cedar Mill ES

Oregon Battle of the Books



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please fill out and sign the attached form to give permission for your student to participate in Cedar Mill Elementary School's 2023-24 Oregon Battle of the Books. An informational Zoom session will take place on **Wednesday December 13th at 6:30 pm** for parents and guardians who want to ask questions or learn more about the OBOB program. Refer to the flyer distributed via ParentSquare for the Zoom Link and FAQ regarding OBOB. The Zoom session will be recorded for those who are unable to attend.

OBOB teams consist of 4 students and an adult coach. The coach acts as a team coordinator by communicating with the team's parents, facilitating practices and preparing the team in whatever way they choose. OBOB organizers will assist coaches by sending emails with suggestions and resources. Teams of 5 are allowed, however only 4 students may participate in the battles at a time with the 5th student serving as an alternate. The minimum number of students participating in a battle is 2.

Cedar Mill's OBOB battles will take place in person after school, tentatively scheduled during the weeks of February 5, 2024 and February 12, 2024. The specific days for the battles are TBD and will be communicated via ParentSquare, social media and to the parent/guardian email address provided.

Parents/ guardians will be responsible for arranging transportation of their student at the conclusion of the battle(s) as buses will not be available. Typically, families are able to coordinate carpooling with other students / team members participating in OBOB. An additional permission slip for parents to fill out confirming your student's transportation arrangements will be sent home with students after finalizing the tournament schedule. Those permission slips will ensure students are released to an approved adult.

If your student's team wins the Cedar Mill tournament, they will represent Cedar Mill ES in the Regional Competition. The date for that has yet to be determined, but it will be a Saturday between March 2 - March 30, 2024. If they win that competition, they will attend the State Competition on Saturday April 13, 2024 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem.

Please fill out the information on the attached permission slip, as every participant will need to submit a form with their parent/guardian's signature giving permission to participate in the OBOB program. Please also include team information if your student has formed their team.

New this year: Team coaches will register each team online via a link to be sent out via ParentSquare to provide accurate contact information for PTC OBOB coordinators to share important information with families regarding Cedar Mill's OBOB tournament. If you are not your team's coach but would like to be on the email list, please send an email to OBOB@cedarmillptc.org. Team registration and permission slips are due **Friday January 5, 2024**. If your student does not yet have a team, indicate that as well and the OBOB coordinators will then attempt to help those students form teams, although there is no guarantee that students will be placed on a team in this manner.

If you have any questions before or after the parent informational session, please feel free to contact our OBOB chairs at OBOB@cedarmillptc.org.

Additional information on the OBOB program can be found at <https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/>

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Frequently Asked Questions

How are students grouped into teams? Teams are most often formed by the students themselves who choose to be on a team together. Teams can be made of students across varying grade levels, but students must be in grades 3-5 to participate.

When looking to form an OBOB team, it is helpful for students to consider their own goals and expectations with respect to reading, preparation and competitiveness and try to find teammates with similar expectations. This will help minimize conflicts amongst the team members. Regardless of a team's competitiveness, all OBOB participants and coaches are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship.

If your student is having difficulty finding a team, we recommend asking their teacher to see if they know of anyone else looking for a team member. Your student may also submit a permission slip and indicate on the form that they are looking for a team. OBOB coordinators will then attempt to help those students form teams, although there is no guarantee that students will be placed on a team in this manner.

How many students can be on a team? We recommend teams of 4 students as only 4 students can battle at once. The maximum team size is 5, with 1 person acting as an alternate during the battles. The minimum number of students for a team is 2, although we strongly encourage teams of 2 to consider recruiting additional team members or combining with other teams of 2. No more than 4 students and no less than 2 students may participate in a battle.

How many books does my child have to read? Typically, each team of 4 students will divide up the list amongst the team members so that each student reads between 4-8 books. The current list of OBOB books can be found here: [OBOB Book List 2023-24](#) and is also shown below.

Where can I find the OBOB books? There are several ways to find OBOB books. Thanks to the funds from the Cedar Mill PTC, the school library owns 4 copies of each book that students can check out. The Washington County Cooperative Library System, which includes the Cedar Mill Community Library, has hard copies, kindle e-readers and e-books accessed via Libby that members can borrow. Books can also be purchased from local bookstores.

2023-24 OBOB Book List

Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter

Flor and Miranda Steal the Show by Jennifer Torres

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg

The Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste

The List of Things that Will Not Change by Rebecca Stead

The Lion of Mars by Jennifer L. Holm

The Midnight Children by Dan Gemeinhart

Molly and the Twin Towers: A 9/11 Survival Story by Jessika Fleck

New From Here by Kelly Yang

Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac

Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas

The Trouble with Chickens by Doreen Cronin

A True Home by Kallie George

Ways to Make Sunshine by Renée Watson

When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom by Joan Holub & Suzanne Williams



OBOB Permission Slip

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Please fill out and sign this permission slip for your student to participate in OBOB. Coaches must fill out the online form (sent via ParentSquare) to register their team for OBOB. The deadline to submit all forms (team registration and permission slips) is **Friday January 5, 2024.**

Student Information:

Student's Name	
Student's Teacher	

Team Information:

Is your student on a team? Yes No

If you marked no, please send an email to OBOB@cedarmillptc.org with your contact information and we will do our best to help your student find a team.

If you marked yes, please fill out the team information below (if possible, please include first & last names of the team members):

Team Name:	
Names of Team Members	Teacher

I give permission for my student to participate in Cedar Mill's OBOB tournament and for the release of my contact information to my student's team coach.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____