



**Deer Valley Education Foundation**  
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**DVEF BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**  
***STUDENT MENTOR AGREEMENT***

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has indicated an interest in serving as a student mentor for the Battle of the Books program. As a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who competed in a previous Battle of the Books competition, your child is eligible and would be assigned to a team competing in the current year's competition.

Battle books are selected based on recommendations from research, school administrators, public librarians, and school library clerks. We are proud of our recommended titles for this program, and believe they all have a degree of literary value. The aim of this program is to encourage students to read a variety of books and remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books.

Student Mentors are encouraged to use their personal experience from previous years, coaching a team to better prepare for each battle. Mentors are assigned to a team, and as part of the team, will help them strategize for each battle. Mentors are expected to read all twelve books in the program, sit with the audience to observe each Battle then meet with the team after each battle to review and prepare for the next Battle.

As a model for your child's behavior, we ask all parents/guardian who wish their child to participate in this **VOLUNTARY** program to agree to the following conditions:

1. Questions are **NOT** to be transcribed, written down, or in any way recorded.
2. Competitions are **NOT** to be videotaped so as to maintain the integrity questions and yearly competitions.
3. Prompting of any type from the audience is **NOT** allowed and will result in the question being disqualified.
4. Only members of a team (*not mentors*) are allowed to challenge questions.
  - a. Challenges must be submitted immediately upon team member questioning if an answer is incorrect.
  - b. *All decisions of the library clerks and judges are final.*
5. Team members may not enter or exit the competition area during a round, whether at a school level, or any competition going forward.

**Return signatures below to school library clerk and keep the above information.**

**NOTE: Schools keep all SIGNATURE FORMS and TEAM FORMS and bring them with them to each battle.**

**My student and I agree to the above guidelines. My student has permission to participate in the DVEF Battle of the Books program as a Student Mentor.**

SCHOOL: Stetson Hills Elementary GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOMEROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_