

Kern County Battle of the Books



Hello Battle of the Books School Site Coordinators!

We are excited for the 2026–2027 Battle of the Books at CALM! The more books students read, the more fun they'll have at the final competition all while strengthening their reading skills across a variety of genres.

COACHES MEETING

KCSOS will host a Coaches Meeting via ZOOM to review the Battle of the Books program, requirements, and answer any questions you might have. There will be 2 sessions available to choose from. **Please plan for Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 3:30pm and/or 4:30pm** (for whichever best fits your schedule!) Click <https://kern.org/student-events/english-language-arts/battle-of-the-books/> to join the zoom meeting. Stay up-to-date on all the information and follow us on instagram @kerncountybattleofthebooks.

DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATION

April 5, 2027 North Kern County 3rd grade Battle of the Books (9:00am-12:30pm)
April 6, 2027 South Kern County 3rd grade Battle of the Books (9:00am-12:30pm)
April 8, 2027 All Kern County Junior High (& Middle School) Battle of the Books (8:30am-1:00pm)
May 3, 2027 North Kern County 4th-6th grade Battle of the Books (8:30am-1:00pm)
May 4, 2027 South Kern County 4th-6th grade Battle of the Books (8:30am-1:00pm)
May 6, 2027 Central Kern County 4th-6th grade Battle of the Books (8:30am-1:00pm)
All County Battles will be at @Calm Zoom 10500 Alfred Harrell Hwy

REGISTRATION

Battle of the Books Registration opens on Thursday, September 10, 2026.

1. Complete the registration form online. Schools must register and pay for every 30 participants, meaning that 1-30 students = 1 team, 31-60 = 2 teams, so on and so forth.
2. You will receive a Registration Receipt. Please print 1 copy for your records and 1 copy to mail in with the payment. Registration is not complete until both online paperwork and fee have been collected. Schools may register more than one team.
3. **The cost is \$60 per team if postmarked by 11/6. Late Registration is \$80 per team if postmarked between 11/7-01/08. Last Chance Registration is \$100 per team if postmarked 1/9-2/26. No Registration after 2/26. There are no refunds.**
4. Mail the registration confirmation and payment to:

Kern County Battle of the Books
% Cherie Freeman
P.O. Box 272
Bakersfield, CA 93302

5. Checks should be made payable to **Kern County Battle of the Books**. At this time, we do not accept Purchase Orders. All Registration and Payment questions should be directed to Cherie Freeman at kernbobreg@gmail.com

READING REQUIREMENTS

Third Grade must read 12/15 titles from [America's Battle of the Books 3rd Grade Book List](#)

4th-6th Grade must read 20/28 titles [America's Battle of the Books Standard 28 Book List 4-6 Grades 2026-27](#)

Junior High must read 15/20 titles [America's Battle of the Books Middle 20 Book List 7-8 Grades 2026-27](#)

Sincerely,

The Kern County Battle of the Books Directors

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Regional Assignments by District

Kern County Battle of the Books 2026-2027 At The California Living Museum Zoo (CALM)

3 rd grade North Kern County	3 rd grade South Kern County	6 th -8 th grade Junior High Kern County	4 th -6 th grade North Kern County	4 th -6 th grade South Kern County	4 th -6 th grade Central Kern County
Monday April 5th 9:00-12:30pm	Tuesday April 6th 9:00-12:30pm	Thursday April 8th 8:30-1:00pm	Monday May 3rd 8:30-1:00pm	Tuesday May 4th 8:30-1:00pm	Thursday Math 6th 8:30-1:00pm
Director Jolene Hansen	Director Jolene Hansen	Director Michelle Hansen	Directors Lesley Jarrett Melissa Pilshaw	Directors Lisa Moore Becky Stambook	Director Susan Denton
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Rosedale Union BCSD Arvin Fruitvale Greenfield Grow Academies Alta Vista Edison Rio Bravo Shafter St. John's Tehachapi Fairfax Norris Standard General Shafter Lamont Kernville Lakeside Maricopa	P-BVUSD Delano McFarland Wasco Maple Legacy Christian McKittrick Richland St. Francis Stockdale Christian Vineland Sierra Sands Digorgio El Tejon Beardsley Mojave Pond Taft South Kern Unified Charter Schools	All Kern County	Delano Fruitvale Maple McFarland Norris Rosedale Sierra Sands Shafter Standard Wasco	Arvin DiGiorgio Edison El Tejon Fairfax General Shafter Lamont Panama Buena Vista	Charter Schools Private Schools Bakersfield City Beardsley Greenfield Kernville Lakeside Maricopa McKittrick Mojave Pond Rio Bravo-Greeley South Kern Unified Taft Elementary Tehachapi

**Questions regarding registration and/or payments can be addressed to
Cherie Freeman at kernbobre@gmail.com.**

If your district is not listed, please email any of the directors for placement in a region.