

# Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8

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To: Interscholastic Reading Competition Coaches / Advisors and  
any teachers interested in getting involved

From: Joan Conway, Chairperson

Date: January 6, 2006

Re: **Spring Competition Date and Registration**

The **Meyersdale Area School District** has graciously offered us the use of their school complex for the **Spring 2006** competitions. Their school buildings are located at 1349 Shaw Mines Road in Meyersdale and there are numerous parking lots located around the schools. I realize that it is a bit of a drive for some districts to travel but please keep in mind that Meyersdale has always been willing to participate even when their commuting distance was lengthy. I am hoping that we have lots of teams participate. The dates are as follows; The **Mid./Jr. High and High School Competitions** will be held on **Tuesday, April 4**, and the **Elementary competition** will be held on **Thursday, April 6, 2006**. The competition begins at **4:45 P.M.** All team-members, coaches, parents, moderators and scorekeepers should be in their first round rooms by **4:30 P.M.** Registration begins at **3:30 P.M.** *The Meyersdale School District is going to have food available for participants to purchase prior to the start of the competition.*

Enclosed with this letter is a registration form for the spring competitions. The Competition Guidelines, Book Selection Guidelines, Fall 2005 Awards Breakdown and the current spring [Cycle 1] Booklist are available on-line via the IU8 website at [www.iu08.org](http://www.iu08.org). Click on the link for curriculum and the Interscholastic Reading Competition information should be listed on the left side. If you can't get it off the Internet call me and I'll send whatever information you might need. To save on costs I have sent this information to you. In turn, I would appreciate it if you would read it over, make copies and pass this information on to others in your school who might be interested in the competition.

\* At this time the following changes have been made to the Spring 2005-06 Book List.

**Elementary Level – Mr. Tucket written by Gary Paulsen is DELETED**

**Rosa Parks: My Story by Rosa Parks & James Haskins is DELETED**

Note: Both have been deleted because they are duplicated at another level.

**Middle School Level – No Changes**

**High School Level – No Changes**

\* **Please Note:** Every team registered for the competition will receive a confirmation letter approximately 1 week prior to the competition. If you don't receive a letter, call the office to make sure we have your registration.

\* The fee for participating in the 2005-06 competitions is \$70. The \$70 fee permits up to 10 teams from each school to participate in the fall and spring competitions. If you have more than 10 teams from the same school participating at the same level, an additional fee of \$35.00 will be charged. Please Note: All fees for parochial schools are paid by the Diocese, so individual schools should not send any checks. **If you paid this fee in the fall, you do not need to pay it again in the spring.**

\* It is imperative that all **teams pre-register** because the certificates will be preprinted with the coach's name on them. Packets containing programs, general information, and certificates will be given to each team at check-in. If you consolidate or scratch a team, please contact us A.S.A.P. Last minute changes are the number one reason for scheduling confusion on competition nights.

\* No one is permitted to have any of the books presently being used for questions in their possession during the competition. All competition books should be brought to the office before the rounds begin and picked up after the last round has been completed.

- \* Updated copies of the 2006-2007 year booklist (Cycle 2) will be available at the spring competition.
- \* Procedures and Rules for the moderators and scorekeepers will be mailed to the designated people prior to the competition. Therefore, it is extremely important for each team to submit the name of at least a scorekeeper or moderator for the competition. I updated the information concerning challenges after the fall competition so please tell the moderator/scorekeeper to read over the information. **All Moderators and Scorekeepers need to check in at the scoring area (Middle School Office) upon arrival at the competition.**
- \* If possible, try to locate an additional adult to accompany the team to the competition and serve as a moderator or scorekeeper. *Please note, It creates major problems when moderators or scorekeepers don't show up and don't notify us prior to the competition.* We would like the coaches to be able to circulate with their team in order to ensure consistency in the competition process.
- \* Registration will begin at **3:30 p.m.** and the first match will begin at approximately 4:45 p.m. **The coach for each team needs to come to the registration desk (located in High School lobby) to check in and receive your team materials.** All teams, coaches, scorekeepers, and moderators should be in their assigned **first round room by 4:30 p.m.** The rules and regulations will be reviewed over the intercom system so everyone will be aware of them.
- \* Each team will be limited to **two challenges** during each round. Also, when a team challenges they must be able to state a valid reason for that challenge. If the moderator suspects that the team is challenging because they don't know the answer or want to keep the other team from gaining the point, the moderator can reject the challenge as being invalid. The moderator's decision is final and can't be challenged.
- \* It is imperative that there is no interaction between the teams and the alternate team members, coaches, and parents during the rounds. The moderator and scorekeeper have the final say in regards to deducting points for interference during rounds.
- \* The awards ceremony will be held in the auditorium immediately following the tabulation of all the team scores. We will announce the cut off scores for receiving ribbons over the intercom. Then the teams will be dismissed by school district. This way the teams from the same district can meet outside the auditorium and decide if they are going to go to the awards ceremony or board their bus (if they didn't place for a ribbon.) **This is why it is imperative that all teams, and spectators remain in their final round rooms until their school has been dismissed.** *Please Note: If your school stays for the awards ceremony, please DO NOT be rude and get up and leave as soon as your team members get their ribbons. Stay seated until all teams receiving ribbons have been recognized.*
- \* First, Second, and Third place ribbons will be awarded to teams whose total points fall into perimeters that will be determined during the competition. All teams winning ribbons will receive a ribbon for the trophy case at their school. The highest scoring team in each level will receive a trophy instead of a ribbon. Approximately 50% of the competing teams will receive ribbons.
- \* In the fall of 2000 the Interscholastic Reading Competition and Appalachia IU 8 implemented **Book Selection Guidelines** that addressed the selection of books and the challenge procedures regarding these books. All reading team coaches and a school official are required to read over these guidelines and sign the registration form to indicate that they understand and agree to abide by these guidelines. The Book Selection Guidelines were sent to all the individuals listed as our contacts. Copies of these guidelines should be made available to all interested parties.

\* Listed below are the school district initials to be used as a prefix for your team(s) name. All teams need to register for the fall competitions. If your district is not listed below, add your district's initials before your team name.

All Saints Catholic	AS	Moshannon Valley	MV
Altoona Area	AA	Northern Cambria	NC
Altoona Central Catholic-School	ACCS	Northern Cambria Catholic	NCC
Bellwood Antis	BA	North Star	NS
Berlin Brothersvalley	BB	Our Mother of Sorrows	OMOS
Bishop Carroll	BC	Penn Cambria	PC
Bishop Guilfoyle	BG	Portage Area	PA
Bishop McCort	BM	Richland	RI
Blacklick Valley	BV	Rockwood Area	RA
Cambria Heights	CH	Salisbury Elk-Lick	SE
Cameron County Schools	CA	Shanksville Stonycreek	SS
Central Cambria	CC	Somerset Area	SA
Claysburg Kimmel	CK	Spring Cove	SC
Conemaugh Township	CT	St. Andrew	ST
Conemaugh Valley	CV	St. Benedict School (Carrolltown)	STB
Everett Area	EA	St. Benedict School (Johnstown)	SBS
Ferndale Area	FA	St. Clement School	SCS
Forest Hills	FH	St. Mary School	STM
Greater Johnstown	GJ	St. Michael	SM
Hollidaysburg Area	HA	St. Patrick (Johnstown)	SPJ
Hollidaysburg Catholic	HC	St. Patrick (Newry)	SP
Holy Name	HN	St. Rose of Lima	SR
Johnstown Central Catholic	JCC	State College	STC
Johnstown Christian School	JCS	West Branch	WB
Keystone Central	KC	West End Catholic	WE
Meyersdale Area	MA	Westmont Hilltop	WH
		Windber Area	WA

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I hope this information will answer your immediate questions and enable you to make arrangements for your team(s) transportation. Please call if you have any concerns or questions. My phone number is: (814) 940-0223 ext. 393 or e-mail: [jconway@iu08.org](mailto:jconway@iu08.org)

# Interscholastic Reading Competition

## Team Registration Form for the Spring 2006 Competition

School District & Building: \_\_\_\_\_

Building Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### **\$70.00 per level (Includes Registration in the Spring 2006 Competition)**

If more than 10 teams from the same school and level are registered an additional \$35.00 is required.

Make fees payable to: **Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Elementary Level**

(Thursday, April 6, 2006)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Middle/Jr. High Level**

(Tuesday, April 4, 2006)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Senior High Level**

(Tuesday, April 4, 2006)

(Office Use Only)

P.O. or Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received at IU: \_\_\_\_\_

### 'BOOK SELECTION GUIDELINES' AGREEMENT

I \_\_\_\_\_, the coach of this Interscholastic Reading Team, have read the information regarding the selection and challenging of books included in this competition. I agree to abide by these guidelines and will make sure this information is made available to all person's affiliated with this team. A representative of the school entity has also read and agreed to abide by these guidelines.

Signature of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** All teams must provide at least a moderator or scorekeeper. All team names will begin with the school district's initials followed by a name no longer than 10 characters (If longer, I will abbreviate the name to fit.) Please PRINT or TYPE all information that is requested, complete a registration block for each team from your school, and **use a separate form for each level**. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Team Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Elem. or Mid/Jr. High or H.S.) (School Initials + NO More than 10 characters)

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Moderator's/Scorekeeper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ New or Experienced  
(Circle one if you have a preference) (Circle One)

Moderator's/Scorekeeper's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members' Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If food is served at the school, do you plan to eat at the school? No Yes If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any members who are physically challenged? Yes No Team grade level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Deadline is Friday, March 17, 2006**

Note: Every registered team will receive a confirmation letter approximately 1 week prior to the competition. If you don't receive a letter, call the office to make sure we received your registration. **Competition begins at 4:45 P.M.**

**Team Level:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Elem. or Mid/Jr. High or H.S.) (School Initials + Up to 10 characters only)

**Coach's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Moderator's/Scorekeeper's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **New or Experienced**  
(Circle one if you have a preference) (Circle One)

**Moderator's/Scorekeeper's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Members' Names:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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If food is served at the school, do you plan to eat at the school? No Yes If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any members who are physically challenged? Yes No Team grade level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Level:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Elem. or Mid/Jr. High or H.S.) (School Initials + Up to 10 characters only)

**Coach's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Moderator's/Scorekeeper's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **New or Experienced**  
(Circle one if you have a preference) (Circle One)

**Moderator's/Scorekeeper's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Members' Names:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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If food is served at the school, do you plan to eat at the school? No Yes If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any members who are physically challenged? Yes No Team grade level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

The book selection committee would appreciate your suggestions. Please list below up to four titles that you would like to have considered for inclusion on future competition lists. Thank you.

Book Title	Author	Competition Level
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Questions? Call: Joan Conway (814) 940-0223 ext. 393 FAX: (814) 949-0984  
**Please Note: The first round of competition begins at 4:45 P.M. Be in your first round room by 4:30 P.M.**

**Mail or fax this form to:** Appalachia IU 8, C/O Joan Conway  
 4500 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602  
**Entry Deadline is Friday March 17, 2006**  
 If you don't register by the deadline, your team(s) will not be included in the competition.