

Readers Rally Information FAQ

What is the Readers Rally?

Readers Rally is a reading quiz bowl style competition for students in grades four through twelve. Students read books from a pre-determined list and answer questions about those books. Each Gwinnett County school may send one team of ten players or less to the Readers Rally event.

How are the lists of books determined for each level?

High school teams read 15 of the books nominated for the Georgia Peach Award for Teen Readers each year.

Are students on the team required to read all the books on the list for their level?

Individual Readers Rally team members are not required to read all the titles for their level. The team as a group (five students per round) will answer questions on the content of all 15 titles.

When and where is the Readers Rally event?

The event will be held on a Saturday in March at Berkmar High School, 405 Pleasant Hill Road, Lilburn, 30047.

Where do parents park at the school?

The main parking lot off Pleasant Hill Road will be available for parents. A shuttle bus will be available from the Home Depot parking lot off Highway 29 beginning at 8:00 AM. The parking lot behind the school is reserved for volunteers only.

How do students prepare for the event?

The coaches for each team will let their students know specific practice dates and times to get ready for the county competition.

Are students and parents required to pay a fee to attend the event?

No – there is no charge for individuals. Each school pays a team registration fee.

What is the event schedule?

8:00 – Elementary Registration begins and students should check in with their coaches in the gym.

9:00 – The **elementary** opening ceremony begins in the gym. The event host will welcome everyone and announce the teams by school.

9:00 – MS/HS Registration begins. Students should check in with their coaches in their first round competition room. (These rooms will be sent to coaches at the end of February.)

9:30 – **Elementary** teams will go to their first-round competition room.

10:00 – **Middle/High** teams will begin their competition. 2:00 – The competition may end earlier, but shouldn't be later than 2:00 PM.

Is there a closing ceremony?

Yes – each level will hold its own closing ceremony. The ceremonies will take place in the theater at the conclusion of the competitions for the respective levels.

Do parents need to stay for the entire event?

Parents are encouraged to attend Readers Rally with their child and watch the exciting competition. Since the time for the closing ceremony is dependent on the length and number of rounds per level, it is difficult to determine when the event will end.

What is the parent's responsibility at the event?

Depending on space, parents may watch the competition in the classrooms, but they are not allowed to talk to the team or the volunteers during the rounds. Everyone except the participants and the volunteer moderator and scorekeeper are to remain quiet during round play.

Are younger siblings allowed to attend the competition?

Due to limited space, younger siblings may need to wait with parents in the commons area during the competition. It is recommended to make other arrangements for younger children or to bring a quiet activity to help keep them occupied.

Do students need to wear special clothing to the event?

Many teams have Readers Rally t-shirts identifying their school. Students should ask their coaches about special clothing for their group.

Will the school cafeteria be open for students to buy lunch?

No – students will be given a snack and drink during the competition.

Are parents allowed to bring a cooler for the team drinks?

No – due to limited space, coolers are not an option. Students will be given a snack and drink during the competition.

Do the schools or students receive anything for participating in the event?

Each school will receive a certificate for participating. Individual students on the winning teams will each receive a medal and a book.

What do first place winners receive?

Trophies will be given to first place winning schools from each division.

Do winners go on to another competition?

Yes – the top four elementary and middle school teams, as well as the top 2 high school teams will compete in the Championship Event on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at the GCPS-TV studio at the Instructional Support Center (ISC). The Championship Competition will be televised on GCPS-TV at a later date.

Will anything else be taking place at the event?

Scholastic will have a Book Fair in the commons area and everyone will receive a 10% discount. **Scholastic does charge sales tax.**

Who do parents contact for other questions?

Parents should contact their school's Readers Rally coach or sponsor for more information about the event.