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NOVEMBER 2023

**SAT 11/18 DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 AM
SUN 11/19 DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM**

**PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP 3 WINNING TEAMS
IN EACH AGE GROUP**

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY AT:

WWW.ROCED.ORG

LOCATION:

**KINDIG PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE
15800 STATE STREET
SOUTH HOLLAND, IL**

AGE GROUPS:

**3RD GRADE
4TH GRADE
5TH GRADE**

SCHOOL INFORMATION PACKET

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ROC ED'S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

The Black Culture Quiz Bowl does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, religion, or gender. We welcome participation from youth third through fifth grade.



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**ABOUT
US**

ROC ED

ROC ED is a 501c3 charitable organization located in Thornton Township, Illinois in southeastern Cook County. The township is identified as strong, vibrant and family oriented, attracting many former residents of the city of Chicago.

In an effort to improve the educational preparedness of children within our community, ROC ED began providing before and after school services to elementary aged students in August 2010. ROC ED has since expanded its programming to provide summer enrichment, Saturday STEM workshops and high school Youth Peacemaker Pods.

ROC ED has engaged our community with special events such as annual outdoor Back 2 School Bashes, Buy Back the Block - Entrepreneurial and Consumer Events, holiday craft bazaars, COVID-19 testing and vaccination, drive in movies and much more.

ROC ED is a community development corporation that is focused on the economic sustainability of South Suburban Cook County through youth education and small business development.



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FREEDOM SCHOOL INITIATIVE

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ROC ED is one of only 45 organizations in the state of Illinois to be awarded the Philip Jackson Freedom School grant.

Program Purpose:

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to establish a Freedom School network to supplement the learning taking place in public schools by creating programs with a mission to improve the odds for children in poverty.

Freedom Schools in multiple states use a research-based and multicultural curriculum for disenfranchised communities most affected by the opportunity gap and learning loss caused by the pandemic, and by expanding the teaching of African American history, developing leadership skills, and providing an understanding of the tenets of the civil rights movement.

Program Background/History:

The fundamental goal of the Freedom Schools of the 1960s was to provide quality education for all students, to motivate active civic engagement, and to empower disenfranchised communities. The renowned and progressive curriculum of Freedom Schools allowed students of all ages to experience a new and liberating form of education that directly related to the imperatives of their lives, their communities, and the Freedom Movement.

Freedom Schools continue to demonstrate the proven benefits of critical civic engagement and intergenerational effects by providing historically disadvantaged students, including African American students and other students of color, with quality instruction that fosters student confidence, critical thinking, and social and emotional development. Freedom Schools offer culturally relevant learning opportunities with the academic and social supports that Black children need by utilizing quality teaching, challenging, and engaging curricula, wrap-around supports, a positive school climate, and strong ties to family and community. Freedom Schools have a clear focus on results.



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**WHAT IS A
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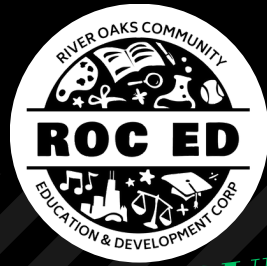
The *South Suburban Black Culture Quiz Bowl (BCQB)* is a competition where teams of players compete to score points by answering questions about Black American Culture.

Topics covered include:

- Civil Rights (history, education, leaders, speeches, etc.)
- Local History (locations, people, events, etc.)
- Current Events and News
- STEM (air and space, inventors, medicine, etc.)
- Literature (books, poems, short stories, speeches, etc.)
- Fine Arts (paintings, dance, architecture, theater, etc.)
- Geography (cities, states/regions, etc.)
- Philosophy and Social Science (anthropology, economics, etc.)
- Pop culture (movies, television, sports, fashion, music, technology, politics, etc.)

TEAMS

- Two teams of four students will compete against each other.
- There can be up to 2 substitutes/alternates for each team, but a maximum of four players can play for one team at the same time.



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HOW TO PLAY

QUESTION FORMATS

- Multiple Choice
- Images or Audio
- Puzzle
- Fill in the Blank
- Type answer

SCORING

- Each team will receive credit for all correctly answered questions.
- Computer-calculated scores are based on the time it took your team to correctly answer the question.
- The winner will be determined by the highest accumulated score.



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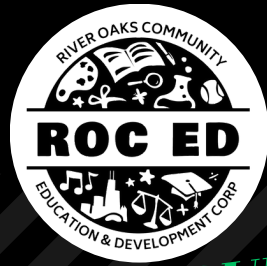
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HOW TO
PLAY

ROUNDS/GAMES

- Each team will play an opening qualifier via **ZOOM**. The opening qualifier will be your team against the clock. You will not compete against another team in the opening qualifier. Your score (based on the time it takes you to answer the question) will place your team in a seed. Your seed will determine the time and date of your first game. The opening qualifier will consist of 10 questions. Each team will select a day and time from those provided, which determines when their opening qualifier will take place. The team should be in one location (at the team/school's discretion) when they participate in the opening qualifier.
- Every team will play *at least* two games in the double elimination tournament. Your first 2 games (depending on the number of teams participating) will be played via **ZOOM** opposite a competing team. Your game day/time will be based on your seed. The team should be in one location (at the team/school's discretion) when they participate in the Zoom games.
- Teams that lose their first game will be placed in the **Challenger's Bracket**. The Challenger's Bracket will still be in contention to play in the finals because they will play in as many or more rounds as the teams in the **Winner's Bracket**.
- Teams that lose their second game will be eliminated from the tournament.
- All **in person** rounds will consist of 20 questions in each game.
- Game play will continue based on brackets.
- Teams answer on devices (one tablet per team, provided by tournament organizers), while questions are displayed on a shared screen.
- A moderator will read each question verbally for the benefit of the teams and the audience.
- The teams will have 15 seconds to answer after each question is read.
- All **in person** rounds will take place at the Kindig Performing Arts Center at South Suburban College on Saturday, November 18th and Sunday, November 19th.



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SCHEDULE

Opening Qualifiers

November 1-14

- Individual **ZOOM** sessions
- 15 minute time slot after school
- 10 questions
- Teams compete against the clock to determine their round 1 seed.

Rounds 1 - 7 and Finals

November 18 - 19

- Winner's and Challenger's Brackets
- **IN PERSON** games
- 30 minutes each
- 20 questions
- Teams will all receive their BCQB brackets by November 15th. The brackets will show times for every game, so schools and families can plan accordingly.



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RULES

- Teams are responsible for having a minimum of four players compete during a game.
- If a team is not in position, on stage during their scheduled time slot, they will forfeit the game.
- A question will pop up on the shared screen in any of the formats (slide 6) and only the team members on stage are allowed to contribute to the answer
- Players will work as a team to come to a consensus answer within the designated time frame (15 seconds *after* the question has been read by the moderator)
- When time is up, the answer will be given and the scores will be automatically calculated based on the time it took to correctly answer the question.
- Incorrect answers earn 0 points
- Teams are not allowed to use any technology (phones, tablets, laptops, smart watches, etc.) outside of the BCQB provided tablet
- Technology, including phones, smart watches or tablets are not allowed on stage during the competition, with the exception of the BCQB provided tablets that will remain on stage for the duration of the tournament.
- BCQB tablets are not allowed to be removed from the stage by any team, school, moderator or individual, with the exception of BCQB staff.
- Teams are not allowed to use the BCQB tablets for any use other than answering quiz questions during the competition
- No study guides or aids in any format can be utilized *during* the competition.
- No one from the audience is allowed to shout out, display or signal answers or threaten anyone in the venue during the competition. If this occurs, the question will be eliminated from play and no additional questions will be added. The competition will then resume and the person who shouted, displayed or signaled the answer will be removed from the room and not allowed back for the remainder of the competition.
- Any team or advisor caught cheating will cause immediate dismissal for their team from the competition. Their registration fee will *not* be refunded. If other teams from the school are participating in the tournament, they *will be allowed* to continue in the competition without bias.



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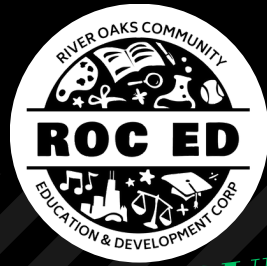
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**REASONS YOUR
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PARTICIPATE**

BECAUSE...

- It's fun! Participating in the BCQB is like being on a game show. It's an opportunity for students to compete with peers and show off their skills.
- Students can increase their knowledge about Black Culture.
- BCQB can help participants learn how to study independently *and* with a group.
- The game rewards students for knowledge learned in class and outside of school.
- Students can make new friends in school and at the event.



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ABOUT THE
PARTICIPANTS

SCHOOLS

Participants have been invited from Thornton Township schools. Invitations are not required for participation.

We welcome participation from schools outside of Thornton Township to register.

An invitation is not required for participation, but teams must register by October 1, 2023.

We will accept registrations on a first come first served basis.

Registration is \$50 per team per grade.

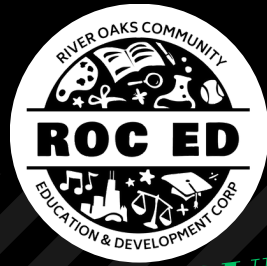
Please only register one team per grade per school. If additional slots become available on October 2nd, we will notify all current participating schools, who will be allowed to register an additional team per grade on a first come first served basis, until all slots are filled. All additional teams must be registered by October 6th.

Registration includes:

- A slot for your team to participate in the BCQB (one registration fee is required for every team, even if there are multiple teams from one school)
- BCQB t-shirts for each student member of the team up to 6 shirts (including alternates)
- BCQB keychain (for backpacks, keys, etc.) for each member of the team (up to 6 team members and 2 advisors)
- Waterproof BCQB sticker for each member of the team (up to 6 team members and 2 advisors)
- BCQB polos for each Team Advisor (2 max.)
- Refreshments during in person play

All expenses incurred (some of which are optional) including participation, external training materials, team uniforms, advisor stipends, transportation, etc. are the responsibility of and will be determined by the school.

***TIP:** In the spirit of community building, BCQB encourages schools to connect with businesses/organizations to sponsor their team(s) and offset registration costs and other related expenses.*



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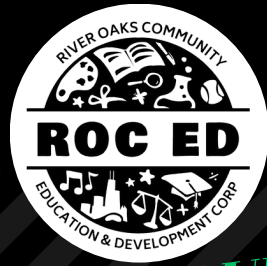
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**FOR YOUR
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THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- Advisors should be selected at the school's discretion. The number of advisors assigned to a team will also be determined by the school. Each Team Advisor will receive a BCQB polo included in their registration (2 max). Additional polos can be purchased (by October 1st).
- Faculty and/or administration are often selected as advisors by quiz bowl teams.
- High school students who are earning service hours are an additional advisor option.
- The selection of team members is also a school decision. Schools can select team members, offer an opportunity for students to sign up or create any process they deem fit for their school.
- Schools are allowed, but not required, to have one team per grade.
- The number of days and hours of practice time are solely determined by the school.
- Transportation to the event is the responsibility of the school.



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**TOURNAMENT
PRIZES**

- All student participants will receive an BCQB t-shirt (up to 6 per team)
- All student participants will receive a BCQB keychain (up to 6 team members and 2 advisors)
- All student participants will receive a BCQB sticker
- Team Advisors (up to 2/team) will receive a BCQB polo
- Members of the first place team in each grade will receive a trophy for their school (one trophy each for the first place winners of the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade groups)
- Members of the top 3 winning teams (1st, 2nd and 3rd place) in each grade will receive medals
- Members of the top 3 winning teams (1st, 2nd and 3rd place) will receive other goodies
- Members of the winning teams will have bragging rights
- Sponsors have the option to contribute additional prizes TBA later



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