

BAAL invites returning teams and new teams to compete on Saturday 29 Oct 2011 at the HALLEY'S COMET QUIZBOWL, an event at Menlo School (Atherton) held at irregular intervals, much like the comet! If you miss this event, it might not be back for 76 years (do not fear, you could also play in our next event on 5 November - location to be announced).

This event is a qualifier for the QUIZ KIDS TV show and for NAQT Nationals (we are working on PACE). BAAL VP Jeff Hoppes will recommend to Marc Balcer the top 4-8 teams based on statistics. Marc will then invite the top teams to film games at the studio the weekend of Nov 12, so he will communicate in advance with schools regarding their Saturday/Sunday preference.

Our format will divide JV and Varsity teams into separate pools and play round-robin within each pool. We will use an NAQT set (A set) and play BAALT style (25 power-TUs/rd). Every team plays 7 games (5-6 prelim + 1-2 sorting matches). Schools are invited to bring multiple teams, as long as you keep each squad distinct.

We will keep stats and present some awards.

Just like at the 2007 "Battle of Hastings Rematch" at the Menlo School, the top JV team may get to take on the top varsity teams (see the 2007 rules on BAAL website www.sfbaal.com).

We strongly urge each team to bring a volunteer to help us run the event on time and efficiently. Discounts will apply.

SCHEDULE:

Registration 10:30am at Menlo School 50 Valparaiso Avenue in Atherton. Click [here](#) for Campus map link

First round 11am. Play six straight games
BREAK at 2pm for food
Resume play at 3pm for sorting matches and play-offs.
End before 5pm.

BAAL provided a snack last time. I do not yet know if that will happen again, so prepare to bring your own food or get a pizza. At 1:30 everyone should have a lunch plan settled before playing the next prelim.

Base fee:

\$100 PER TEAM

Discounts:

\$20 for an experienced moderator
\$10 for an inexperienced volunteer
\$10 for a buzzer system
\$5 for mailing in your payment by 10/20

As before, please make out checks to - Gaius Stern, BAAL PM - postmarked 20 October for the early discount to Gaius Stern 2640 Dwight Way #401 Berkeley, CA 94704

Location:

Dear Teams,

Registration at Menlo School (50 Valparaiso Ave) starts at 10:30 am.

PLEASE if you are bringing a buzzer(s), upon arriving send half of your team to SET IT UP according to the buzzer-room chart (do not just leave it in the room) while the other half pays and gets a schedule.

We will start the first round as close to 11 am as we can.

We will use BAALT rules with 25 power TUs per game. Bonuses apply for all power TUs and questions 11, 12, 24, 25. I am considering dropping the bonus with question 11 some day ...

It is imperative that you confirm details such as "we are coming, we will bring a scorekeeper ... buzzer ... etc" right away. BAAL will not let you play if you "drop in" unexpected, unless some one has bailed on us (and earned our eternal wrath). You must confirm your entry, otherwise BAAL assumes (with a tear rolling down his cheek) that you are not coming, have gone over to the Dark Side (debate or mumpfty-peg, o tempora o mores!), and makes the schedule without you.

Marc Balcer plans to allocate slots on the show to the top X teams and will give away the remainder at the Guy Fawkes Buzzer Explosion.

Below follows an updated list of the teams expected, which may need correction. PLEASE correct any error right away! Write both "Jeff Hoppes" <jeff.hoppes@gmail.com> and me with corrections.

BUZZERS: we have 6 confirmed + BAAL owns 3. We will cheerfully let some one to three of you bring a buzzer and take a discount. But you have to tell us in advance so we can plan for it.

VOLUNTEERS: we have barely enough moderators and need more of you to bring scorekeepers to make the day run smoothly.

Crystal Springs, is your team is varsity or JV?

M-Ath - this is a JV squad, not the same as at Decline and Fall?

Escobar, do I corretly understand you have 1/2 a vars team?

SCHOOL	TEAM	VOLUNTEER	BUZZER?
Bellarmino	"varsity"	Joe Romano	?
Harker vars	(v)		
Mills	varsity	??	
Escobar?	varsity		
Crystal Springs	??	??	

Harker JV A	(jv)	??	???
Harker JV B	(jv)	??	???
Hillisdale	JV	scorekeeper?	
M-A HS	JV	Sue Kayton	one buzzer.
Menlo School A	JV	Richard S	two buzzers
Menlo School B	JV		
Pinewood	JV		
Santa Theresa	JV	Debra	one buzzer
Stuart Hall A	JV	Shannon	two buzzers
Stuart Hall B	JV		
San Mateo	JV	Jared Wilke	

Halley's Quizbowl will run at the Menlo School at 50 Valparaiso Ave in Atherton on 10/29. Registration is 10:30 am so please be early if you are coming from far away. Turn in the driveway and park on your right. Signs will be posted to point you to the building where the matches will be held.

When or before you register, immediately send two team members to set up your buzzer if you brought one (do not just leave it in the room - set it up). Then pay the BAAL official, and get a schedule.

Use google maps to find Menlo School, but for most of you it is better to take Hwy 101 to Atherton.