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**Best of the Bay**

**Team Manager News**

## Coffee Talk coming Thursday, Sept. 29!

Coffee Talks are informal, drop-in gatherings for team managers to get together with experienced team managers and share ideas and tips. No registration is necessary, just stop by!

### Coffee Talk dates, 7:00pm start:

**Thurs. September 29** – Starbucks, 7904 Dublin Blvd., Dublin

**Thurs. October 13** – Starbucks, 7904 Dublin Blvd., Dublin

**Thurs. October 27** – Peet's Coffee, 2631 Blanding Ave, Alameda

**Wed. Nov. 9** – Peet's Coffee, 11000 Bollinger Cyn Rd., San Ramon

**Tues. December 13** – Peet's Coffee, 2631 Blanding Ave, Alameda

*If you would like to see a Coffee Talk hosted in your area, email Sharon at [caldibob@gmail.com](mailto:caldibob@gmail.com).*

## Best of the Bay Regional Tournament Saturday, February 25, 2017

Our Regional Tournament will again be held at Valley Christian Schools in Dublin, CA. Registration details will be out next month, and NOW is the time to get your parents committed to be appraisers and tournament volunteers.

Each competitive team needs 3 roles filled: EITHER 2 appraisers AND 1 volunteer OR 1 appraiser AND 1 tournament staff member, AND 1 volunteer. Rising Star teams need 2 volunteers. These roles are vital to have a successful tournament, and they are enjoyable!

'Staff Member' – takes a role to help run the tournament. See the list posted on the Best of the Bay website under "Tournament" and email Judy ([judyawrie@me.com](mailto:judyawrie@me.com)) if you have someone that wants a specific staff job.

'Appraisers' – judge teams on tournament day.

- 1 full day of training and appraise on tournament day
- Must be over 18 and out of high school
- Competitive teams going on to the State tournament (April 1, 2017) must provide 1 trained and experienced appraiser to appraise at that tournament.

'Volunteer' – 3 hour task, on or before Tournament Day.

Appraiser Training will be February 11, 2017, venue TBD. This is an all-day training for new appraisers, or half-day for experienced appraisers.

If you have any questions about our Best of the Bay region, please contact us at [caldibob@gmail.com](mailto:caldibob@gmail.com).

## Register NOW for Team Manager training

There are four Team Manager training sessions this fall, 3 for new Team Managers and 1 for returning Team Managers. **We strongly encourage all new TMs to register as soon as possible so they don't miss out on this valuable training opportunity.** The cost is \$15 per team (TM & Co-TM). New TM training is a full day (8:30am-4pm), Advanced TM training is a half day (8:30am-1:00pm) in Walnut Creek. To register, visit the Calendar section on our website: <http://www.caldi.org/regions/bestofthebayregion/> and click on the date you wish to attend. Follow the prompts to register.

### New Team Managers

Saturday, October 1, 2016  
Saturday, October 29, 2016  
Saturday, November 12, 2016

### Advanced Team Managers

**Tips & Tricks for Instant Challenge**  
Saturday, October 15, 2016  
Open to returning TMs; if space is open, we will also allow TMs that have attended New TM training.

## Hey, Creative Kids!

### Do you want to design our Regional T-Shirt? T-Shirt Contest entries due by October 5, 2016

1. Open to all Best of the Bay participants age 4-18.
2. Entries may be made by an individual or a team.
3. Original artwork must be hand drawn or computer drawn.
4. Simplicity: use up to 3 colors. Copyrighted images are not allowed. You can include a slogan or saying with your design.
5. Must integrate the following into the design:
  - a. 2016-17
  - b. Destination Imagination
  - c. Best of the Bay

Entries must be received by October 5, 2016 to be eligible. For complete details and t-shirt design requirements, see the Best of the Bay website. Send questions to Beth McCarthy at: [beth@purpledoorranch.com](mailto:beth@purpledoorranch.com).



If you have questions, or need more details on anything listed here in the Best of the Bay newsletter, please contact Sharon at [caldibob@gmail.com](mailto:caldibob@gmail.com) or Judy at [judylawrie@me.com](mailto:judylawrie@me.com).

Website: [caldi.org/regions/bestofthebayregion/](http://caldi.org/regions/bestofthebayregion/)

## We need a Volunteer

We have an immediate need for a **Hospitality Director**. This person will oversee the food arrangements for appraisers for IC day, appraiser training, the regional tournament, and arrange food trucks for the tournament. Please ask your team parents if they can help. For more information contact Judy Lawrie at [judylawrie@me.com](mailto:judylawrie@me.com)

## Resources for new teams – where to get all the cool stuff??

You will find that the more materials you have on hand for your team to imagine, the better. But where can you find all that stuff? There are several places to look in the Bay Area, here are a few ideas:

- RAFT: Resource Area for Teachers. [RAFT.net](http://RAFT.net)
- [Freecycle.org](http://Freecycle.org)
- Home Depot for wood scraps
- Paint stores for unwanted paint
- Appliance stores for large size unwanted cardboard boxes

And, don't be shy about asking your team families to save their recyclables.

## How you can help Best of the Bay

### Sponsors and Donations

Does your company allow corporate match on your volunteer hours? Do they have a corporate giving program that would donate to our Region or sponsor our tournament? It's a quick question to your HR department, and a huge help to make our region stronger.

### OTHER DONATIONS NEEDED:

We use a room full of PC's on tournament day. If you have any of the following equipment that you can donate, please let us know:

- PC computers and laptops
- keyboards w/number keypad
- wired mice