



Teen Advisory Board

We're so jazzed that you're interested in joining Blue Baboon Books' Teen Advisory Board! Make sure you read our goals and expectations. If it sounds like fun and you can agree to the commitment, make sure to fill out and return the application and the parent/guardian permission slip to Blue Baboon Books in person or via email at monkeyaround@bluebaboonbooks.com.

Teen Advisory Board Goals & Benefits

Our goal in creating this group is to foster a community with our young readers. We are looking for enthusiastic middle-schoolers and high-schoolers interested in a diverse selection of books. We meet once a month for about an hour. Those who are chosen for the Teen Advisory Committee will receive our employee discount of 20% off all regularly priced merchandise throughout the board member's tenure on the Teen Advisory Board!

Some of the activities that we'll be pursuing during our sessions together:

- Board members will receive advance reader copies (ARCs) of new or upcoming books to review and discuss. They will be able to keep the books they are given.
- We'll create interesting displays in our store.
- Volunteer at Blue Baboon Books events.
- Give informed and unique event and buying input.

Teen Advisory Board Goals & Expectations

- Board members must attend at least five of the six upcoming Teen Advisory Board meetings. If a board member misses more than one meeting, he or she will not be invited
- Teen Advisory Board must present an informed and educated book review of the ARCs they receive. This can be in the form of a well-written review or a video review. Written reviews must be at least three well-written paragraphs. Video reviews must be at least two minutes long. All reviews must be completed at home before the next meeting. For instance: If a board member receives a book at our January meeting, s/he must have completed a written or video review of the book before the February meeting. Reviews may be submitted electronically via email or turned in at the store.
- Volunteer for at least two Blue Baboon Books events during your board tenure. For instance, you may be asked to help at some of our summer day camps, during a storytime event, or at an author event.
- Teen Advisory Board meeting schedule:
 - 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26
 - 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23
 - 11 a.m. Saturday, March 23
 - 11 a.m. Saturday, April 20
 - 11 a.m. Saturday, May 25
 - 11 a.m. Saturday, June 29

While not required, Teen Advisory Board members are strongly encouraged to do the following:

- Write fun and creative blog posts, and/or create visually appealing vlog posts to be posted on Blue Baboon Books website and social media.
- Promote Blue Baboon Books on personal social media accounts via sharing events or creating your own posts to promote our store, events, and merchandise. If you do not have social media, we hope you'll encourage friends, parents, and family members to promote Blue Baboon Books.
- Write shelf-talkers.
- Come up with creative and fun themes for Blue Baboon Books events and crafts.
- Recruit fellow book-lovers for Teen Advisory Board.

Teen Advisory Board Application

If you have reviewed the requirements and expectations and are excited to join Blue Baboon Books' Teen Advisory Board, please fill out and return the following application by Jan. 12, 2019. If you are accepted, you will be notified via email by Jan. 17. Please remember when you fill out your application:

- Neatness counts. If you prefer to type your answers, please include and attach it to this application.
- Be sure to edit your responses. Much of what we'll be doing in the Teen Advisory Board is writing, and we want to make sure that your writing skills are as good as they can possibly be! Be sure to write in complete sentences, use correct grammar, and be mindful of punctuation.

Your name: _____

Age: _____ Date of birth: _____ What grade are you in? _____

What school do you attend? _____

What's your favorite subject in school? _____

What's the most recent book you read? _____

Would you recommend it? Why or why not? _____

What are your three favorite books?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What strengths do you think you would bring to the Teen Advisory Board? For example, are you a good writer? Do you like making videos? Are you creative and extroverted? Are you good at social media?

What extracurricular activities do you enjoy? _____

One fun fact about you: _____

Parent/Guardian Teen Advisory Board Permission Slip

I, _____ (print name), am the custodial parent and/or legal guardian of _____ (print child's name). I give my permission for the child to participate in Blue Baboon Books' Teen Advisory Board.

I acknowledge that my child's participation in the activity is completely voluntary, designed to engage children in the love of books, and not actual employment. I am responsible for obtaining any medical, accident, or other insurance that I deem appropriate.

By signing this form, I release, indemnify, and hold harmless Blue Baboon Books LLC and its employees from and against all claims for damages or injuries involving my child, which occur as a result of misconduct, the actions or omissions of third parties, or relate to property not owned to Blue Baboon Books. I understand that for purposes of this form, the term *employees* includes Blue Baboon Books' owners, directors, paid workers, and volunteers.

AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT A MINOR: In the event that I, or other parent/legal guardian, cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to the store staff to secure proper treatment for my child.

Signature

Today's date

Printed name: _____

Street address: _____

City, state, ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone number: _____

Emergency contact name: _____

Emergency contact phone: _____