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# **HYPER BOLE 2018 – REGISTRATION PACKET**

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On Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, teenage poets from DC, Maryland, and Virginia will come together for the fifth annual Hyper Bole regional youth poetry competition and festival. Armed with nothing but their thundering voices, creative minds, courageous hearts, and true stories, student poets will enjoy one full day of master classes, performances, and individual slam competition. The Grand Slam Finals that Saturday evening will culminate the one day festival, where one student will be crowned the 2017 Hyper Bole Champion.

The Hyper Bole 2018 is a collaboration between Split This Rock Youth Programs and George Mason University's Patriot Activities Council; Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Multicultural Education; School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution; and the Office of Admissions.

If you have received this packet, it is because you have been designated as the adult supervisor/sponsor for at least one participating student. **Please print out and distribute the "Festival Permission Form," the last page of this document, to each student whom you are responsible for supervising.** Each participating student must have this form signed by his or her parent/guardian and submitted by you, the adult supervisor, on the morning of the event in order to be eligible to participate.

Please arrive promptly at 10:00 a.m. at GMU's Harris Theatre for final registration and check in. All of the participants' registration fees will be collected at this time, as well. If the student is competing in the event, the registration fee will cover entry to the competition, dinner, and a t-shirt. If the student merely wants to participate in the workshops and participate in the day's other festivities as a spectator, the registration fee will cover just a t-shirt and dinner. We encourage you to collect all of your students' registration fees *before* the date of the event to ensure accountability. Although the registration fee will cover dinner, you and your students may want to bring additional money to purchase snacks throughout the day. A list of the restaurants located within George Mason's Johnson Center may be found by clicking [here](#).

Please let us know if you have any questions! We will continue to keep you updated as the event draws near. We thank you for your participation, and we look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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## **REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION**

1. **THE HYPER BOLE 2018 is on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** The day's festivities will commence at the George Mason University's Harris Theatre and conclude in the Johnson Center. Any students who are interested in partaking in the day's activities are eligible to participate, provided that they abide by the rules and pay the registration fee! Participants and their adult supervisor(s) must arrive at the Harris Theatre at 10:00 a.m. for registration/check in. The event will conclude after the Grand Slam Finals which will run from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please clear your schedules and make sure you can be in attendance all day with your student(s).
2. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** Please submit your online registration form to us no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We will need all participants' names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers. There are a limited number of spaces, both for contestants and non-competitive participants, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible.
3. If you are a poetry club sponsor, your students' registration fees must be paid on the day of the event. The registration fee is \$25 per participating poet, which covers entry to the competition and workshops, a t-shirt, and dinner. If you are registering five or more students, registration is only \$20 per student! If you have students who are interested in participating in the day's activities but not competing, they must register separately as "Non-Competitive Participants." The "Festival Permission Form," the parental consent form enclosed in the registration packet that will be provided for you upon registration, will be collected at this time, as well. Additional registration forms will also be available on the morning of registration.
4. If you are a student not affiliated with a school sponsored poetry club, your registration must be paid on the day of the event by the adult supervisor whose information is provided on your registration form. If your adult supervisor is not present to submit your payment, then we cannot accept your registration fee and you will be politely turned away. The registration fee is \$25.00 and includes entry to the competition and workshops, a t-shirt, and dinner. The "Festival Permission Form," the parental consent form enclosed in the registration packet that will be provided for you upon registration, will be collected at this time, as well. Additional registration forms will also be available on the morning of registration.
5. If you are a student merely interested in partaking in the day's activities but not competing, your registration must be paid on the day of the event by the adult supervisor whose information is provided on your registration form. If your adult supervisor is not present to submit your payment, then we cannot accept your registration fee and you will be politely turned away. The registration fee is \$10.00 and includes entry *only* to the workshops, a t-shirt, and dinner. The "Festival Permission Form," the parental consent form enclosed in the registration packet that will be provided for you upon registration, will be collected at this time, as well. Additional registration forms will also be available on the morning of registration.
6. Registration fees must be paid in the form of cash or check on the day of the event. Please make checks out to "Split This Rock" with "Hyper Bole 2018" on the memo.
7. There **MUST** be an adult supervisor/sponsor responsible for supervising his/her participants. Although we will be in a safe and contained space, supervising *all* of the schools' poets may be a bit difficult, and we need to ensure that there is at least one adult sponsor per team.
8. Each participant must have a minimum of two poems prepared for the day. The two poems used for the initial two-round preliminary bout may be used again in the two-round Grand Slam Finals, assuming the participant advances.
9. If you are an adult supervisor, please lead by example and help your students mix and mingle and meet new people. This is a community-building initiative and we appreciate your help in making it possible.
10. In the unlikely event that the Hyper Bole is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, arrangements will be made to hold the competition at a later date and an alternate venue.
11. Earning the most points and winning the slam is not the purpose of the Hyper Bole. The purpose is to share in the art of performance poetry, bond with new people, and honor the stories, feelings, and talent of the poets participating. Remember: **"The points are not the point! The point is the poetry!"**

## **COMPETITION RULES**

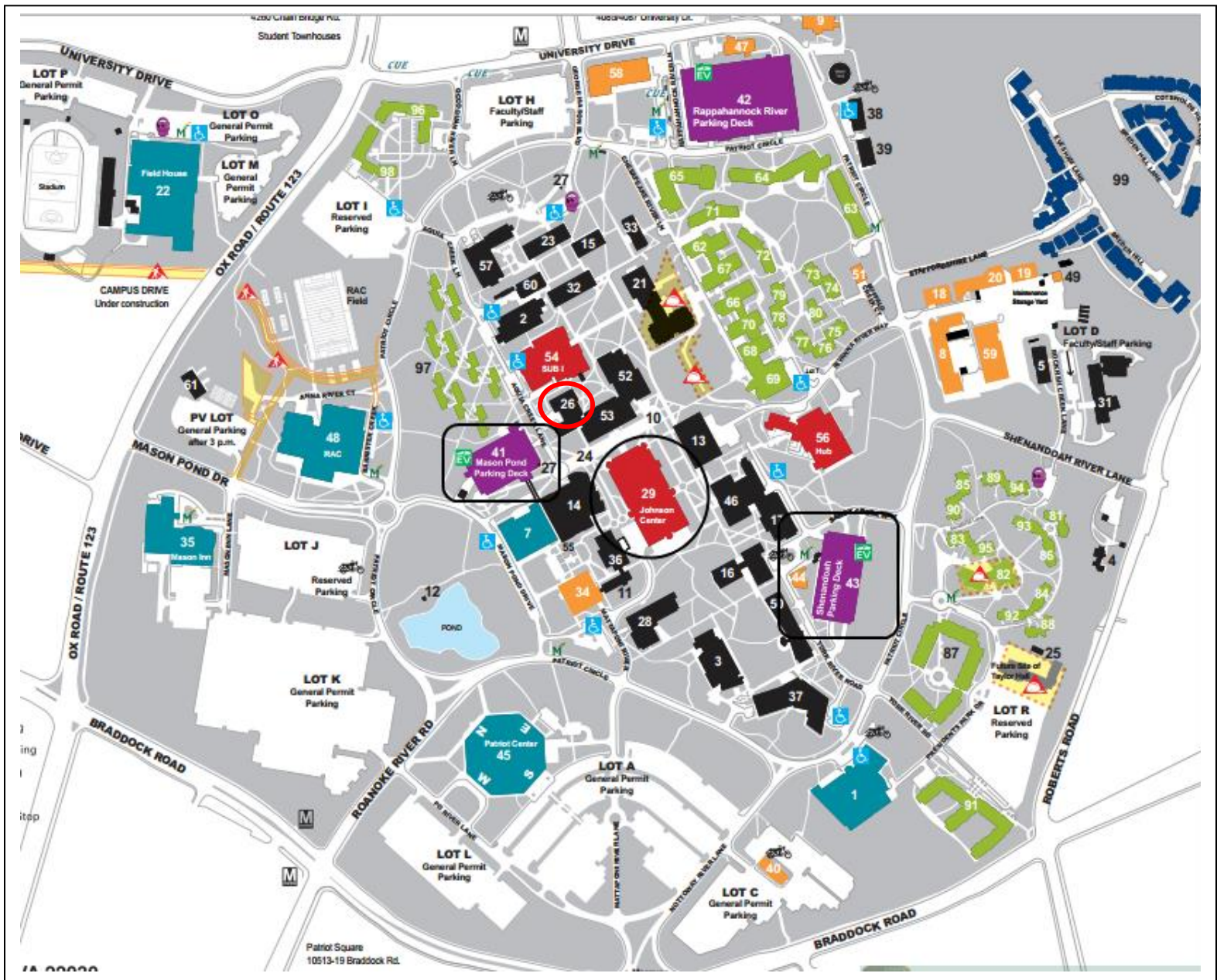
- Sponsors and students must arrive by 10:00 am on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at George Mason University's Harris Theatre. The adult sponsor must be present with each participant to register.
- Students must remain on GMU campus and may only leave with permission of teacher.
- Every registered poet must have a minimum of two poems prepared for the day. The two poems used for the initial two-round preliminary bout may be used again in the two-round Grand Slam Finals, assuming the participant advances.
- Poets have 3 minutes to perform with a 10 second grace period. Going over 3:10 results in a 0.5 deduction from total score per 10 seconds starting at 3:10 (i.e. 3:10= -0.5; 3:20= -1; 3:30 = -1.5; etc). The time starts at the first utterance after the poet says her name, school, and poem title.
- Poems must be original and of the poet's own construction. NO PLAGIARISM allowed, or it will result in disqualification.
- Poets may NOT use any props, costumes, or musical accompaniment (this can include mentioning and touching clothing or jewelry; we will explain).
- Good sportsmanship is required. Booring or trying to sabotage another poet/school is unacceptable.
- The poets will be judged by three audience members on a scale of 0.0 to 10.0. This means that the highest possible score is a 30. Unlike traditional poetry slams, however, the scores from the preliminary bouts will not be announced to the slam's participants and spectators immediately following each poem.
- Profanity and hate speech are prohibited. Poets cannot use profanity (including the n-word), sexually explicit content, and/or language that degrades any group of people. Violation will result in a 1.5 point deduction from the poet's total score; potential disqualification; and scorn from the host, organizers, and parents.
- Food and drink may not be consumed in the GMU lecture halls. Bottled water is permitted.
- Memorization of poems is not required, but *highly recommended*. All poets, however, are not allowed to physically hold a piece of paper or handheld device while performing; doing so will result in a 1.5 point deduction and/or potential disqualification. If a poem is not memorized, it may be placed on the music stand we provide, and poets will not be penalized by the judges for doing so.
- There will be 5 or 6 preliminary bouts Saturday. Five or six bouts will be taking place simultaneously from 12:00 –1:45 p.m. and the Grand Slam Finals will take place from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Before each preliminary slam, the bout manager and will draw numbers to determine the order of the two-round slam. This order will be reversed in the second round of the bout.
- The top two scoring poets from each preliminary bout will advance to the Grand Slam Finals at 6:00 p.m. Again, unlike traditional poetry slams, the scores from the preliminary bouts will not be announced to the slam's participants and spectators immediately following each poem; the scoring from the preliminary slams will be done silently. The finalists will be announced at the beginning of the Open Mic in the afternoon.



## MAP AND DIRECTIONS TO GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY'S JOHNSON CENTER

The Harris Theatre, the location where the festival will commence, is building #26 (with the red circle around it). The Johnson Center, the location where the festival will conclude, is #29 (the red building). The two purple buildings that have a rectangle around them are parking garages that you may park in. #41 is the Mason Pond Parking Deck the parking lot closest to the Harris Theatre. #43 is the Shenandoah Parking Deck.

You may visit <http://www.gmu.edu/resources/welcome/Directions-to-GMU.html> for any additional information.



## **ENTRANCE LOCATIONS TO FAIRFAX CAMPUS**

There are currently 7 different entrances from the Fairfax Campus. They are: Roanoke River Road, Nottoway River Lane, Shenandoah River Lane, Occoquan River Lane, George Mason Boulevard, University Drive, and Mason Pond Drive.

- Roanoke River Road and Nottoway River Lane are entrances from Braddock Road.
- Shenandoah River Lane is the entrance from Roberts Road.
- Occoquan Rive Lane is the first entrance from University Drive coming from Route 123.
- George Mason Boulevard is the second entrance from University Drive, or the entrance from Old Town Fairfax.
- University Drive is the third entrance from Route 123.
- Mason Pond Drive is an entrance from 123 north.

## **DIRECTIONS TO FAIRFAX CAMPUS (4400 University Dr.) FROM THE CAPITAL BELTWAY (I-495)**

Take exit 54A, Braddock Road West (Route 620). Follow Braddock Road West for approximately six miles.\* After crossing over Roberts Road, take the next right on Nottoway River Lane.

Parking: For the Mason Pond Parking Deck, take a left on Patriot Circle; right on Mason Pond Drive to the Mason Pond Parking Deck. An information kiosk is located outside the third level of the deck to help you navigate the campus. For Shenandoah Parking Deck or the Rappahannock River Parking Deck take a right on Patriot Circle. Take a left onto Sandy Creek Way for the Shenandoah Parking Deck. Take a left to stay on Patriot Circle (just past Staffordshire Lane), Rappahannock River Parking Deck will be on your right.

\*Alternate 1: Take a right on Route 123; take first right on Mason Pond Drive; go half way around the traffic circle to continue on Mason Pond Drive; the Mason Pond Parking Deck will be on your left.

\*Alternate 2: Take a right on Roberts Road; left on Shenandoah River Lane; left on Patriot Circle; right on Mason Pond Drive to the Mason Pond Parking Deck.

## **DIRECTIONS TO FAIRFAX CAMPUS (4400 University Dr.) VIA I-66W FROM WASHINGTON D.C. OR ARLINGTON**

Take exit 60 at Route 123 South, Chain Bridge Road. Follow Route 123 through the City of Fairfax,\* and turn left at University Drive.

Parking: For Mason Pond Parking Deck, take the first right onto Occoquan River Lane. At the stop sign take a right on Patriot Circle. Follow the circle until you come to a traffic circle, go around three quarters of the traffic circle and take the exit onto Mason Pond Drive. The Mason Pond Parking Deck is immediately on your left. An information kiosk is located outside the third level of the deck to help navigate the campus. For Rappahannock River Parking Deck, take a right on Patriot Circle, visitor parking is the third entrance on the right. For Shenandoah Parking Deck, continue on University Drive, the road will turn into Patriot Circle. Take a right on Sandy Creek Way, the deck will be on your left.

\*Alternate 1: Turn left at Braddock Road. Take your second left onto Nottoway River Lane; take a left on Patriot Circle; right on Mason Pond Drive to the Mason Pond Parking Deck.

\*Alternate 2: Take exit 60 at Route 123 South towards Fairfax. Go straight onto Chain Bridge Road and get immediately into left lane. At the first light, make a left onto route 29 North/50 East (Fairfax Blvd- Lee Highway). Make the first right onto University Drive. Follow University Drive through neighborhood and city of Fairfax. Continue past City of Fairfax, City Hall onto George Mason Blvd. At the light, make a left onto University Drive to access the Rappahannock River Parking Deck. For other parking continue past Rappahannock River Parking Deck to Shenandoah Parking Deck. Or at the light, go straight onto George Mason Blvd. Make a right onto Patriot Circle to go to the Mason Pond Parking Deck.

**DIRECTIONS TO FAIRFAX CAMPUS (4400 University Dr.) FROM I-95 (NORTH OR SOUTH)**

From points north on I-95, take exit 27 (I-495 West), then follow the directions "from the Capital Beltway (I-495)." From points south on I-95, take exit 160B (Route 123 North) at Lake Ridge/Occoquan. Follow Route 123 north for approximately 15 miles\*.

Parking: For Mason Pond Parking Deck take first right past Braddock Road onto Mason Pond Drive; go half way around the traffic circle and continue on Mason Pond Drive; the Mason Pond Parking Deck is on the left. An information kiosk is located outside the third level of the deck to help navigate the campus. For Shenandoah Parking Deck or the Rappahannock River Parking Deck take second right past Braddock Road onto University Drive. Take a right on Patriot Circle for the Rappahannock River Parking Deck, visitor parking is the third entrance on the right. Continue on University Drive for Shenandoah Parking Deck, the road will turn into Patriot Circle. Take a right on Sandy Creek Way, the deck will be on your left.

\*Alternate 1: Turn right on Braddock Road; at second signal, turn left onto Nottoway River Lane; Take a left on Patriot Circle; Right on Mason Pond Drive to the Mason Pond Parking Deck.

\*Alternate 2: Turn right on Braddock Road; at third signal, turn left onto Roberts Road; left on Shenandoah River Lane; left on Patriot Circle; right on Mason Pond Drive to the Mason Pond Parking Deck.

°Alternate 3: From points north on I-95, take exit 160A (Route 123 North). Turn right on Lee Chapel Road or take a right on Burke Lake Road. Turn left on Route 286 (Old Route 7100) North (Fairfax County Parkway). Turn right on Roberts Parkway. Follow as Roberts Parkway it turns into Roberts Road. At light, cross Braddock Road. Make first left onto Shenandoah River Lane. At Patriot Circle, turn right to go to the Rappahannock River Parking Deck. Or at Patriot Circle, turn left to go to the Shenandoah Parking Deck or the Mason Pond Parking Deck off Mason Pond Drive.

**DIRECTIONS TO FAIRFAX CAMPUS (4400 University Dr.) FROM WASHINGTON D.C. & ARLINGTON VIA ROUTE 50**

Take Route 50 west to I-495 South (Capital Beltway) toward Richmond. Take exit 54A, Braddock Road West (Route 620). Follow Braddock Road West for approximately six miles.\* After crossing Roberts Road, take the next right on Nottoway River Lane.

Parking: For the Mason Pond Parking Deck, take a left on Patriot Circle; right on Mason Pond Drive to the Mason Pond Parking Deck. An information kiosk is located outside the third level of the deck to help you navigate the campus. For Shenandoah Parking Deck or the Rappahannock River Parking Deck take a right on



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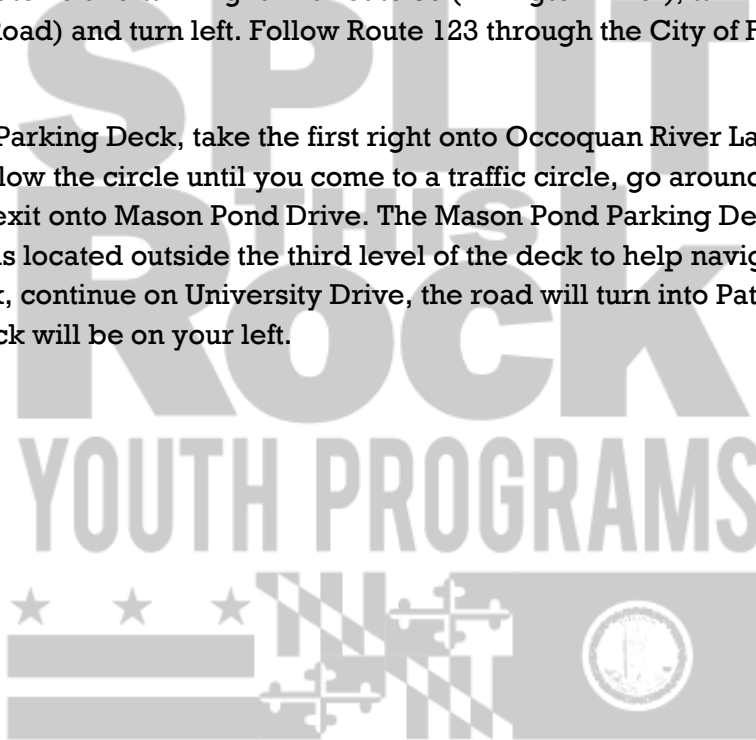
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**DIRECTIONS TO FAIRFAX CAMPUS (4400 University Dr.) FROM VIENNA METRO STATION**

Take the CUE Bus (any of the routes stop at Mason). The CUE Bus is free with a valid Mason identification card and \$1.80 per person otherwise. If traveling by car, exit the Vienna Metro on Nutley Avenue South (243). Follow Nutley to Route 29 and turn right. At Route 50 (Arlington Blvd.), turn right. Stay on Route 50 to Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) and turn left. Follow Route 123 through the City of Fairfax, then turn left onto University Drive.

Parking: For Mason Pond Parking Deck, take the first right onto Occoquan River Lane. At the stop sign take a right on Patriot Circle. Follow the circle until you come to a traffic circle, go around three quarters of the traffic circle and take the exit onto Mason Pond Drive. The Mason Pond Parking Deck is immediately on your left. An information kiosk is located outside the third level of the deck to help navigate the campus. For Shenandoah Parking Deck, continue on University Drive, the road will turn into Patriot Circle. Take a right on Sandy Creek Way, the deck will be on your left.





## FESTIVAL PERMISSION FORM

I hereby grant permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to attend and participate in the 2018 Hyper Bole regional youth poetry competition and festival as a representative of \_\_\_\_\_ High School at George Mason University on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, from 10:00a.m. – 8:00p.m.

I acknowledge that Split This Rock and all affiliates presenting the Hyper Bole are not liable for the conduct of my child and reserve the right to remove anybody if he or she is endangering the safety of others or the integrity of the program. I grant Split This Rock and all affiliates the right to take photographs and video of my child in connection with this program, and to use and publish the same in print and/or electronically. I agree that Split This Rock and all affiliates may use such photographs or video of my child with or without their name for any lawful purpose, including publicity, illustration, advertising, and web content.

Travel to and from the Hyper Bole will be arranged by the student's teacher, slam coach, or adult supervisor. Students must arrive at George Mason University's Harris Theatre by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

- ALL STUDENTS are required to return this form, signed by parent/guardian, in order to participate.
- STUDENT CONDUCT at the Hyper Bole is governed by each school's respective STUDENT CONDUCT RULES and will be enforced by their teachers, slam coaches, or other school officials.
- DINNER will be provided by Split This Rock for free, but it is strongly suggested that students bring money (or food from home) for any additional meals or snacks.

By signing, I hereby understand the rules, guidelines, and responsibilities for the festival and have made sure that my son or daughter understands, as well.

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

Emergency Contacts:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies, medical, or mental conditions your child has that we should be aware of:

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