

bp BLACK HAWK FORENSICS

BETHEL PARK HIGH SCHOOL

309 CHURCH RD., BETHEL PARK PA 15102

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Dear Colleague,

The Bethel Park High School Forensic Team is pleased to host its **TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL BLACK HAWK SPEECH AND DEBATE INVITATIONAL**. **Mark Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11, 2017 on your calendar.** We will provide a full range of competition in the NFL Individual Events, Congress, LD, Public Forum plus Prose and Poetry.

There will be **five preliminary rounds** of speaking in **all individual speech events, a quarter, semi and a final round**. Rounds 1 thru 3 will be preset and rounds 4 and 5 powered. Quarter Finals will be dropped in events with less than 24 competitors. NOTE: There will be **five preliminary rounds, quarters-, semis- and a final round in CX, LD, and Public Forum Debate**. Rounds one thru three in all debates will be pre-paired. Rounds 4 and 5 will be straight power, with quarters and semis protect in brackets.

Tournament Location: Bethel Park High School at 309 Church Rd. **Enter the school via Campus Drive.** Please have your buses drop you off in front of the school then continue on through Campus Drive to the parking lot. The entrance to the lot is on the left. **Do not use the Stadium lot.**

FEES: \$10.00 per speaker in Speech, LD and Congress.
\$20.00 per Team in PFD and DUO
\$30.00 per Parli Team
\$10.00 School Fee – School Fee waived to teams with less than 5 competitors.
We regret that there can be **NO REFUNDS for drops made after the close of registration at midnight on Wednesday, February 8**

Checks are payable to: **BETHEL PARK ACTIVITIES FUND.**

JUDGES: 1 per 5 students (or fraction thereof) in Individual Events
1 per 2 Debate Teams (LD, PFD and Parli (or fraction thereof)
1 per 10 Congress participants (or fraction thereof)

We have a limited number of individual events and debate judges for hire at \$150 per judge. It is presumed that each hired judge will judge five rounds.

EVENTS: NFL rules apply to all events with the exception of the PHSSL events of Parliamentary Debate, Prose and Poetry.

LD	Oratory	DI	Poetry
PFD	Informative	HI	Prose
PARLI	Extemp	DUO	POI

PARLI DEBATE TOPICS:

Prepared: This House Believes that humanitarian efforts must subsume military aggression.
Impromptu Rounds Topic Areas: The Environment, US-Russia Relations, Public Education

CONGRESS: All schools participating in Congress may submit bills for consideration in the houses. B/R must be submitted via email to ajursin@yahoo.com by **Friday, January 14**.
Posted: Jan. 15.

AWARDS: Trophies will be awarded to ALL FINALISTS (1 thru 6) and SEMI-FINALISTS (7-12)
Our distinctive medals will be awarded to ALL QUARTER-FINALISTS

CONGRESS AWARDS: Gavels to the Presiding Officers and trophies to six finalists.
Semi-finalist trophies will be awarded speakers 7-12 in the Super Session.

SWEEPS: Sweepstakes Awards will be given to the top three schools in Speech and to the top three ranking schools in Debate. Two schools will be recognized in the overall category. **In addition, two schools with less than 10 entries will be recognized in the overall category.**

SPEECH: Tab Room will choose your 10 best speakers. Sweeps Awards will be based upon the five preliminary rounds of competition.

DEBATE: Tab Room will determine your 8 best teams in debate and 2 best in Congress. Sweeps points will be awarded based upon the preliminary rounds of all debates and the two sessions of Congress. Please note that the maximum number of points recorded by session for sweeps purposes will not exceed 24 points per session.

OVERALL: Total of Speech and Debate Sweeps points.

REGISTRATION: Registration will open on December 1. All registration is to be done online at:
www.tabroom.com

You may register until **Wednesday, February 8, 2016 at Midnight.**

If you do not have a Tab Room account you will need to create one. Drops and adds to your registration can be made by going to the same site and by opening your registration. After the closing date, you may email Christine at robb.christine@bphawks.org or Alice at ajursin@yahoo.com.

In the event of a delayed arrival call ahead with any changes to your registration.

Christine Robb: 412-670-4133

Alice Ursin: 412-951-2654

HOUSING: A block of rooms, Bethel Park Forensics, has been reserved at the Crowne Plaza, Pittsburgh South on Fort Couch Road. **The block closes Jan. 23.**

The rate is: \$109.00 plus a 14% Occupancy Tax

Contact Person: Colleen Rogers

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TOURNAMENT: (Tentative Schedule)

Friday:

3:00 -4:00	Registration	Library (Coaches ONLY)
4:15	Meeting for ALL DEBATE Competitors & Judges	Rotunda, Level 4
4:15	Extempores to the Prep Room	M430
4:30	Meeting for All I.E. & Congress Competitors & Judges	Auditorium
4:30	Round 1 – All Debates	
4:45	Round 1 – Speech	
5:00	Session 1 - Congress	
6:00	Round 2 – All Debates	
6:15	Round 2 - Speech	
7:30	Round 3 – All Debates	
7:45	Round 3 – Speech	

Saturday:

7:30	All competitors and judges	Report to the Cafeteria
7:30	Extempores to the Prep Room	
8:00	Round 4 – Speech & Debate	
9:00	Session 2 - Congress	
9:30	Round 5 – Speech & Debate	
11:00	Quarters – Speech & Debate	
1:00	Semis – Speech & Debate	
	Congress Super Session	
2:30	Finals – Speech & Debate	
5:00	Awards in the Auditorium	

* Quarter-finals will be dropped in speech events with less than 24 entries and in debate events with less than 8 entries.

PLEASE REMIND ALL OF YOUR JUDGES TO ATTEND THEIR MEETINGS. ALL QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED AT THAT TIME AND JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED. Those judges not scheduled in a round should be available in the hospitality area should they be needed.

FRIDAY: Snacks, soft drinks, grilled cheese sandwiches, veggie wraps and walking tacos will be sold.

SATURDAY: Lunch will be served to all contestants **who purchase tickets** at a cost of \$6.00. Lunch is a pasta and salad bar and includes a soft drink, and cookies. **Lunch tickets will be sold in the Cafeteria during the registration hours on Friday and Saturday morning.**

HOSPITALITY: A hospitality area for all adults (coaches, judges, drivers) will be available on Friday and Saturday. Our parents will once again provide their delicious buffet as our thank you.

POSTING: All speech and debate round schematics/judge assignments will be posted on the TV screens located in the Rotundas on the competition levels and the lobby.

Extemp Announcements and changes will be made in the prep room.