62nd ANNUAL GEORGE R. R. PFLAUM DEBATE TOURNAMENT

October 13-15, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

Dear colleagues:

On behalf of Emporia State University, the Department of Communication and Theatre, and Hornet Debate, it is my privilege to invite you to the 62nd Annual George R. R. Pflaum Debate Tournament in Emporia, KS. The tournament will be held October 13th through the 15th, 2017. We hope to continue the tradition of great hospitality that the Pflaum has traditionally been known for. Please let us know if there’s anything we can do to make your tournament more enjoyable.

We hope to see you in October!

Sincerely,   
  
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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

SAME AS LAST YEAR: 1) POPCORN 2) We will again hold competition in King Hall, Plumb Hall, and Roosevelt Hall. We are still utilizing challenge matching for elimination debates. 3) HOT APPLE CIDER ON SATURDAY

DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR: 1) Fees are slightly higher, we ran a significant deficit last year, but we feel the increase is modest – hopefully you agree. 2) Challenge matching, awards, and all elims on Sunday will be held in the Memorial Union.

EXTRA NOTE ABOUT ABOVE CHANGES: The facilities people were very clear about problems regarding unplugging tech in Plumb hall in the past. **PLEASE DO NOT UNPLUG ANYTHING FROM ANYWHERE.** If you need a power strip please let us know so we can insure good relations with our facilities folks in the future.

DIVISIONS: There will be Open, Junior and Novice (with sufficient entries). Time limits for the tournament are 9-3-6 with 10 min prep. We will adhere to the CEDA guidelines for eligibility in each division. The tabroom is being run by the nicest man in Missouri: Matthew Vega.

TOPIC: The 2017-2018 resolution will be used.

ENTRIES: No limit on number of entries per school so long as an appropriate number of judges are provided. Each school should arrange their own hired judging. Failure to provide enough judges could preclude additional teams being entered.

FEES: $40 per person. Each uncovered debate team will be charged $120. All fees are used to pay for tournament expenses, meals, and awards. Judging fees for uncovered teams go directly to the hired judge.

DEBATES: We are pleased to be offering 6 rounds of debate in Novice, Open, and Junior Varsity. There will be an appropriate number of elimination debates in each division.

JUDGING: Each school is expected to provide three rounds of judging for each team entered. The tournament has no hired judging. You are required to arrange your own hired judges. ALL JUDGES MUST BE AVAILABLE TO JUDGE ONE ROUND AFTER THEIR TEAMS HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented to all teams qualifying for the elimination rounds in all divisions of debate. Awards will be given to the top speakers in all divisions of debate.

REGISTRATION: Debate registration begins at 1:00pm Friday, October 13 in the King Hall lobby. The pairings for rounds 1 and 2 will be released shortly after registration.

TOURNAMENT HOTEL: Hotels will fill up fast in Emporia for the weekend of our tournament, so we encourage you to book rooms sooner rather than later.

We have blocks at two hotels:

**Holiday Inn Express, Double or Single $109/night**

3007 W 18th Ave, Emporia, KS 66801

(620) 343-1111

If you call, mention use the block code **ESU DEBATE**, or use this link: <https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=ex&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=empex&_PMID=99801505&GPC=esu&viewfullsite=true>

**Candlewood Suites, Double or Single $75/night**

2602 Candlewood Dr, Emporia, KS 66801

(620) 343-7756

This block goes live **Monday, September 11**. But the regular rate is roughly the same so you can start booking now if you’d like and not miss out on too much savings.

**Reservation Procedure**: To ensure guests receive the proper rate, please call the hotel directly (620.343.7756) and ask for the **“ESU Debate Tournament”** block.

Both blocks close on **Friday, September 22**, so book ‘em early.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries must be received by Monday, October 9. Please enter your teams on Tabroom.com. You will be charged for entries dropped after the deadline. Judge preference will be turned on after the entry deadline. All prefs must be completed prior to registration.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE  
  
**Note about challenge matching**: Challenge format will be used in all appropriate OPEN elims. JV/Novice will use standard pairing format for all elims. All challenges will be in the Ballroom.

**Friday, October 13th**

1:00-2:30p REGISTRATION (King Hall Lobby)

3:00p Round 1 (pre-set)

5:30p Round 2 (pre-set)

*(snacks & popcorn provided in King Hall Lobby all day Friday)*

**Saturday, October 14th**

7:00a BREAKFAST (King Hall Lobby)

7:30a PAIRINGS

8:00a Round 3

10:30a Round 4

12:30-1:30p LUNCH (Hornet’s Nest, Union)

2:00p Round 5

5:00-6:00p DINNER (Hornet’s Nest, Union)

6:30P Round 6

*(popcorn & hot apple cider provided in King Hall Lobby 2-7p)*

**Sunday, October 15th**

7:00a BREAKFAST (Ballroom Lobby)

7:30a Challenge Pairing & Coin Flips for Open (Ballroom)

8:00a PAIRINGS (Novice/JV)

8:30a Elim Round I

11:00a AWARDS ASSEMBLY (Ballroom)

ASAP Remaining Challenges & Elim rounds

*(snacks & popcorn provided in Ballroom Lobby 10a-7p)*