**Gull Lake Debate 2017 Invitational**

October 4, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

You and your team are cordially invited and encouraged to attend the 1st Annual Gull Lake Debate Invitational on November 18th, 2017. Divisions of Public Forum Debate will be offered on Saturday only.

**Entries:**

Deadline for registration is Wednesday, November 15, 2017, by 5pm. Schools may enter as many teams/competitors as they wish with a few minor limitations.

**Public Forum Debate:**

Please make your entries on **tabroom.com**. If you are not sure how to do this, please contact me at swood@gulllakecs.org.

**Fees:**

Affordability is key! Entry fees cover the cost of awards, parking, room use, and tournament administrative expenses.

 Base School Fee: $Free

Public Forum Entry: $20 per 2-person team

Hired Judges $100 per obligation fulfilled

(Requirements: 1 judge per two teams)

All Meals $8 - **PLEASE PRE-ORDER for students/coaches/judges**

Make checks payable to Gull Lake Debate & Model UN

If mailing check, please send to Sheila Wood c/o Gull Lake High School, 7753 N. 34th St., Richland, MI 49083.

**Questions/Concerns** - please contact

Sheila Wood, (269) 548-3496 or (269) 420-0224 swood@gulllakecs.org

**PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE**

Topic/Format

**Resolved: The United States should require universal background checks for all gun sales and transfer of ownership.**

Five preliminary rounds (1&2 preset, 3 lag paired, 4&5 power paired), Quarters (if necessary), Semis and Finals Awards for teams reading elimination rounds and Top 10 speakers.

**DIVISIONS**

**\*Varsity Division - ONE DAY/Two-person: Open to high school students in their 2nd - 4th season of PF competition.**

**\*Novice Division - ONE DAY/Two-person: Open to high school students in their first season of PF competition. We are particularly interested in creating a positive experience for new debaters who have been hesitant to get started!**

**Middle Level: Next year!**

**ENTRIES**

Entries are only limited by the logistics of judging for the tournament. If you are entering 6 or more teams, you will have to hire unaffiliated judges or have the tournament hire them to cover your obligations.

**JUDGING**

Judges: One judge for every (2) two-person teams or fraction thereof PER DIVISION. Any adult high school graduate, regardless of debate experience, may judge this division. Lay judges are encouraged. If you are entering 6 or more teams, you may have to hire unaffiliated judges or have the tournament hire them to cover your obligations.

**LOCATION & SCHEDULE**

All rounds will be held in Gull Lake High School.

7:30-8am Registration/Check-In Media Center

8am General Meeting Media Center

9am Round 1 (preset) 1300 and 1400 Halls

10am Round 2 (preset) 1300 and 1400 Halls

11am Round 3 (lag paired) 1300 and 1400 Halls

Noon LUNCH Cafeteria

1:30pm Round 4 (paired) 1300 and 1400 Halls

2:30pm Round 5 (pointed) 1300 and 1400 Halls

4pm Awards Media Center

5pm Semi Finals 1300 and 1400 Halls

6pm Final Round 1300 and 1400 Halls

**PARKING**

There is plenty of parking available in the school parking lot.

**MEALS**

Lunch: Variety of sub sandwiches OR pizza, fruit, chips, dessert, water.

Judges: A variety of homemade soups and bread!

Snacks for sale: cookies, candy, baked goods, etc.

If you are looking for a good place to dine afterwards, we will have a list of recommended restaurants nearby.

**HOUSING**

If you need hotel information, please contact us for more information. swood@gulllakecs.org

**Drops/Adds/Changes:** The deadline for drops/adds/changes is 5pm, November 15 after which the following fees will be assessed in addition to forfeiting the original registration fee:

 Drop/Add/Change after 5pm on November 15 $10

 Drop/Add/Change on day of event $20

Drops after 5pm Nov. 15 do not decrease your judging obligations.

Drops which involve judges hired at coach’s request by the tournament will be assessed their full fee for the judge regardless of the time at which the drop occurs.