

**CT Middle School Debate League
Scrimmage, Demonstration & Workshops
Saturday, October 21, 2017, 9:30 am— 2:30 pm
Bethel Middle School, 600 Whittlesey Drive, Bethel, CT
Sponsored by the English Speaking Union, Greenwich Branch**

On behalf of Bethel Middle School and coach Cathy Emerick, the Connecticut Middle School Debate League invites you to this season's first event.

Observers are welcome. Debaters who will scrimmage should be prepared to debate on both sides of the motion:

This House believes that National Service should be compulsory in the United States.

Please refer to the [CTMSDL Handbook](#) for information on our format and rules.

Coaches should register their scrimmage debaters through tabroom.com. Download our [tabroom.com Instructions](#) for more information. On tabroom.com the event name is "CTMSDL Oct 21." There is no cap on the number of teams each school may enter.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE register your teams before Friday October 20 so we can run on time!

Coaches should also register one judge per every 6 debaters who will scrimmage. We'll use Varsity High School debaters as judges first, but we need to have back-up judges.

Coaches should make sure their judges understand the information in the CTMSDL Handbook. We will provide a judges' workshop at the scrimmage. Coaches are encouraged to bring volunteer timers. The day's schedule will be as follows:

Arrival & Registration	9:30 – 9:45
Demo Debate by Varsity High School Debaters	9:45 – 10:45
Workshops for Debaters, and Judges & Timers	10:45 – 11:45
Round 1	12:00 – 12:45
Lunch	12:45 – 1:30
Round 2	1:30 – 2:15
Debrief	2:15 – 2:30
Departure	2:30

Debaters may pack their lunches or buy tickets for pizza and drinks when they arrive. Pizza will be \$2 per slice and bottles of water and lemonade will be \$1 each. Coffees and lunch will be provided for judges.

Questions or comments? Please email Jen Posner: jen.posner@ctmsdebate.org .

PLEASE NOTE: The December 2, 2017 CTMSDL tournament will be held at Middlebrook Middle School in Wilton. The snow date is December 16, 2016.