**Crater Debate Invitational**

December 9, 2017

at Crater High School

Dear Coaches and Students,

Crater High School Speech & Debate and Phoenix High School Speech & Debate invite you to an invitational Southern Oregon debate tournament. This will be a one-day event that is **debate only**.

We will use all online ballots through Tabroom. Please make sure judges have linked Tabroom accounts and bring smart devices. (Computers are available for ballot entry as needed.)

All students will compete in the open division—we will not offer a novice division. We will also host a congress chamber.

**Debate Topics**

Public Forum will use the December NSDA topic:

***Resolved: NCAA student athletes ought to be recognized as employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act.***

Lincoln Douglas will use the Nov/Dec topic:

*Resolved: Wealthy nations have an obligation to provide development assistance to other nations.*

Parliamentary Debate will feature three topics each round with the government (aff) striking one and the opposition (neg) then choosing which will be debated followed by 15 minutes of closed preparation time. Only a dictionary is allowed during prep. Topics will be common knowledge of current events.

Congress will feature bills authored by students—please e-mail to [Kristen.sullivan@district6.org](mailto:Kristen.sullivan@district6.org) by Friday, Dec. 1—the entire packet will be e-mailed out on Monday, Dec. 4th. If we do not have enough student submissions, we will supplement with the December NSDA bill packet.

We are excited to feature Big Questions debate, an NSDA event that asks competitors to analyze complex existential topics. The Big Questions topic for this year is *"Resolved: Humans are fundamentally different from other animals."* Our Big Questions event will consist of 1- or 2-person teams. We will follow all NSDA rules for Big Questions, which can be found here along with sample cases and other resources: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/big-questions/>

Students can enter one style of debate OR congress.

We will follow OSAA and NSDA guidelines for all events.

**Tournament Fees**

The entry fee for each school is $25. Every student entry is $5.

**Judge Coverage**

Schools should provide at least one judge for every two debate teams/ entries OR one for any number of congress entries. We do not have the network at this point to offer hired judges, so please bring judges.

**Schedule**

***Please park in the student parking lot—if you’re on 3rd, turn on Stadium Way and park in the gravel lot. We will have other events on campus that day, so please do not park in the 3rd St. lot.***

Registration for All Teams – 8-8:30 AM

Judge’s training – 8:30 AM

Debate Round 1 – 9 AM-10:30 AM

Congress Session 1 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

Debate Round 2—10:30 AM- 12 PM

Lunch 12-1 PM—Feel free to take your team out—we will not offer lunch, but we will have snacks available for purchase throughout the day. Students can also walk to Ray’s and other nearby establishments.

Debate Round 3—1:15-2:45 PM

Congress Session 2 1:30 PM-3:30 PM

Semi-finals—3 PM-4:30 PM

Finals—4:30-6 PM

Awards 6:30-7 PM

Registration Deadlines:

Register entries by Wednesday, Dec. 6th by 5 PM

Fees locked Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 5 PM

Judges in by Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 5 PM

Drops can be made online until Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 5 PM

Please email with any drops after that:  [Kristen.sullivan@district6.org](mailto:Kristen.sullivan@district6.org)

**Food:**

We will provide snacks for judges. We will have snacks available for purchase for students. We will not offer a full concessions stand.

With questions or problems registering please email either Kristen Sullivan at Kristen.sullivan@district6.org or Clint Rodreick at clint.rodreick@phoenix.k12.or.us.

Thank you—we’re looking forward to an awesome day!