Shikellamy High School Forensics – Blue, Maroon, and White Tournament

November 27, 2017

Dear Forensic Coach,

The Shikellamy High School Forensics Team invites you to attend the 45th annual Blue, Maroon, and White Tournament, the oldest continuing major high school invitational tournament in Pennsylvania. This year’s tournament will be held at Shikellamy High School in Sunbury, PA on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

Past tournaments have welcomed over 600 students from more than 50 schools throughout Pennsylvania and surrounding states. We are proud of our tradition. This year’s tournament will offer some special features in celebration of our 45 year history.  Come celebrate with us as we enjoy some great competition in central Pennsylvania.

We are proud to announce we are a NIETOC bid tournament this year. The winners of Duo, DI, HI, Duet, and Oratory receive a bid to the NIETOC tournament in Denver, Colorado on May 11-13, 2018.

Enclosed you will find:

        1.      General tournament information

        2.      Directions to Shikellamy High School

        3.      Event descriptions

        4.      Registration Information

Please join us on January 14, 2017

Sincerely,

Ellen Boyer, Director

Shikellamy Forensics

**General Tournament Information**

**Date:                          January 13, 2018**

**Place:**                                         Shikellamy High School, Sunbury, PA

**Registration:**                              8:00-8:30 am

**Awards Assembly:**                     6:30-7:15 pm

**Registration Deadline:**               Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 8 PM

**Registration:                  USE [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com/). The site is very easy**

**to navigate. Set up an account and go to the**

**BMW Tournament.**

**Cost:**                                          $15.00 school fee

                                                  $8.00 per speech/LD contestant entered

                                                  $16.00 per duo team

                                                  $16.00 per debate/public forum team

                                 $24.00 per parliamentary team

**Judging requirements lock Tuesday night. Drops may be made on tabroom.com until 4:00pm Thursday, January 11.  After this time, all fees are locked. On Saturday, there will be a $5.00 fee for all drops in addition to the registration fee. It will not be possible to add students or change events on Saturday. Simple name changes are always free.**

Make your check payable to **“Shikellamy Forensics.**"

**Lincoln-Douglas Topic:**             January/February Topic <https://www.speechanddebate.org/topics/>

**Public Forum Topic:**                  January Topic

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/topics/>

**Parliamentary Topics:** (prepared)- This house believes that the United States should have a single-payer healthcare system.

                                     (impromptu) - see the 2016 - 2017 PHSSL list

ENTRY LIMITS – **Novice -** •3 entries per Speech event

                                              \*2 LD entries

                                                  •2 public forum teams (PHSSL rules)

* **There will be no NOVICE CROSS-X.**
* **NO DOUBLE ENTRY IN NOVICE EVENTS.**

                      **Varsity -** •3 entries per Speech event, including Congress

                                                  •2 debate teams (2 person, switch sides)

                                             \*2 LD entries

                                                  •2 public forum teams (PHSSL rules)

                                             \*2 parliamentary teams (PHSSL rules)

* **DOUBLE ENTRY PERMITTED IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS: Duet Acting, DI, HI, Duo, Informative, Oratory, Poetry, Prose (VARSITY EVENTS ONLY)**

**Novice definition:**  Any 9th or 10th grader — or — any junior or senior in their **first** year of forensics competition.

**Judging Requirements:**             •**1 judge** for **every 1 or 2** Cross X debateteams

                                                  •**1 judge** for **every 1 or 2** L/D debaters

                                                  •**1 judge** for every **5 slots or portion thereof** in IE

                                                  •**1 judge** for every **1 or 2** Public Forum Teams

                                              \***1 judge** for every **1 or 2** Parliamentary Teams

**Judges For Hire:**                      A limited supply of judges will be available at a cost of $70.00 per judge. **You must notify us of your need to hire a judge at the time you register**.  **JUDGE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SET AS OF REGISTRATION ON WED. Jan. 11th at 4:00 PM.  Dropping students after Wed. WILL NOT DECREASE YOUR JUDGE QUOTAS.**  No extra judges will be available on the day of the tournament. **Policy Debate judges will not be available for hire**.

**Lunch -**Lunch will be served in the cafeteria.  Lunch tickets can be ordered online at [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com/) at a price of $7.00 each.  Students and observers can also purchase lunch tickets in the lobby during registration.   Lunch will be provided for coaches and judges.

**Tournament Contact:**              Ellen Boyer

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**Special Attention**:

* **No additions will be permitted after Wednesday, January 11 at 8:00pm.**

**Substitutions will be permitted up to and including registration.**

* **Drops after Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 8:00 pm will be assessed a $5.00 fee per drop.** **Changes should be made on** [**www.tabroom.com**](http://www.tabroom.com/) **before 8:00 pm. Fees and judging assignments will be frozen at that time.**
* **IF YOU DROP STUDENTS AFTER THIS DATE, YOU STILL NEED TO BRING ALL REGISTERED JUDGES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
* **Drops may be made Thursday by 4PM for a 5.00 fee but this does not change your judging requirements.**

**Coaches:** Please include your **school phone, cell phone, e-mail** and **home phone** on the registration.

**CONGRESS BILLS:  One Congress bill per school** should be e-mailed to **spechtc@shikbraves.org** by noon on December 16, 2016. Bills will be available on-line by December 19th at 4:00 pm. The website is: http://bmwcongressbills.wikispaces.com/

**Cancellation policy:** Since Philadelphia and Pittsburgh schools will be attending the tournament; any decision to cancel will be made by Friday, January 13 at 7:30 am. If you have not heard from us by 8:15 am on Friday, the tournament will be held regardless of inclement weather. Of course, we do not want you to take unneeded risks, so if you decide not to come on Saturday morning because of weather, please call Ellen Boyer

(570) 809-0939**. It is also very helpful if you can text or call with any Sat. drops or changes by 7:30 am. Sat. morning.**

**Awards:** Over 100 trophies will be given at the awards ceremony. In past years we have always been pleased with the fact that so many of our guests took home awards.

**Further questions:** Please call Ellen Boyer at **(570) 809-0939, or e-mail at boyere@shikbraves.org.**

Debate Topics

Lincoln-Douglas Debate – NSDA 2018 Jan/Feb Topic

Public Forum Debate – NSDA 2018 Jan Topic

Policy Debate – 2017-2018 Topic

**Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States.**

**Parliamentary Topics:**(prepared)- This house believes that the United States should have a single-payer healthcare system.

                                     (impromptu) - see the 2016 - 2017 PHSSL list below:

1. Humanities 2. Russia 3. Healthcare 4. Travel 5. The Future 6. Privacy

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**Directions to Shikellamy High School**

**• From Philadelphia, Lancaster, Harrisburg:**

                                                                    **PA Turnpike** west to **exit 19 (Harrisburg East exit)**. Follow the signs to **Lewistown (Route 322)** until you have crossed the Susquehanna River. Within a few miles of the river take **Route 11 North (Selinsgrove).** Follow **Route 11 North** until you reach Shamokin Dam and The Inn at Shamokin Dam. Take the **exit to your right** to Sunbury. Stay in right hand lane on bridge. Once you cross the bridge **go straight** to the stop sign (Weis warehouse is directly ahead of you). **Turn left** onto Second Street. Proceed several blocks to Walnut Street. **Turn right onto Walnut**. School is on left (approximately 3 1/2 blocks). Park in the front lot across the street from the school. Buses may continue on Second Street to the traffic light which is Chestnut Street.  Take a right onto Chestnut and continue approximately five blocks to Tenth Street.  Turn right on Tenth and proceed to Walnut Street.  Make a right on Walnut and students can be unloaded in front of the school.  Buses should then proceed past the field house, turn right, and park behind the school.

**• From Scranton:**

                                                                    Use **Route 80** to the **Danville exit**. Proceed **into the town of Danville** to the stoplight. **Turn right** onto Route 11 and proceed into the town of Northumberland (11 miles). Follow Route 11 as it turns left to a stoplight. **Proceed straight through the stop light** (Do not follow Route 11!).  Then cross two river bridges. After the second bridge, **bear right** onto Front Street. **Turn left** at second light onto Market Street. Proceed to the second stoplight. **Turn right** onto Fourth Street. Proceed to the second stop sign. **Turn left** onto Walnut Street. School is on left approximately 2 1/2 blocks. Park in the front lot across the street from the school. **BUSES** should **Turn right** onto Fourth Street and then LEFT at the FIRST stop sign which is Chestnut St.  Continue approximately 3 blocks to Tenth Street.  Turn right on Tenth and proceed to Walnut St.  Make a right on Walnut and students can be unloaded in front of the school.  Buses should then proceed past the field house, turn right, and park behind the school.

**• From Western PA:**

            Take **Route 80** to **Route 147 exit,** just after you cross the Susquehanna River. Take **147 South** into the town of Northumberland. Make a LEFT at the stop light where **147** meets **Route 11 North.**  **Take Rt. 11 North** to the next stop light TURN RIGHT and cross the two river bridges.