

Shikellamy H. S. Forensics

Earlybird Tournament

Dear Forensics Coach,

The annual Earlybird Tournament has been a huge success and a fun day of “low-keyed”, friendly competition for beginning speakers. This year the event will be hosted at the Shikellamy High School in Sunbury on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018.

Any first year competitor, regardless of age, is eligible to compete in this three-round event. (Middle school students are also welcome) Experienced juniors and seniors may judge at this tournament. Also feel free to bring interested "non-competing" students along to participate in a workshop and observe rounds of competition. Our plan is to include workshops in: Oral Interp, Speech, LD/PFD Debate, and perhaps, Congress. Students may attend a workshop and then go see the event in action.

Events: Debate: LD, Public Forum (the NOVEMBER topics!!!)
Speech: Informative, Persuasive, Extemp,
Impromptu, Declamation
Interp: Prose, Poetry, Dramatic, Humorous, Duo

Depending on the number of entries, we may combine events (ex. Informative and Persuasive or Dramatic and Humorous). Notes may be used for Extemp, Informative, or Persuasive. DI, HI, and Duo may also use scripts or binders for this event.

Registration Fees: School Fee - \$5.00
Per Competitor - \$3.00 (ex. Duo or PF team is \$6.00)
Per Observer/Workshop Participant - \$1.00

Schedule: 8:00-8:30 Registration Shikellamy High School Lobby
8:30-9:00 Opening Meeting - Auditorium
9:00 Workshops and Coaches Clinic
10:00 Round 1 – All Events
11:00 Round 2 – All Events
12:00 Round 3 - All Events
12:45-1:45 LUNCH - Cafeteria
2:00 AWARDS - Cafeteria

Lunch: Two slices of pizza, chips, water, and a cookie will be available for lunch at five dollars per student. There will also be some breakfast and lunch items available for snack purchases. Lunch counts should be submitted to tabroom by Thursday at 6PM.

Coaches and Judges: Lunch will be provided for all coaches and judges. Coffee and doughnuts will also be available in the morning.

New Judges Workshop: A workshop for new judges, interested parents, and any potential helpers will be held during the workshop time slot. We will discuss the speech and interp events, ballots, round procedures, and helpful judging tips, as well as opening the floor for questions. Debate coaches and judges should attend the debate workshop where ballots and procedures will be covered.

Judges: If possible please provide 1 judge for every 5 speech entries, and 1 judge for every 2 debate entries. **REMEMBER:** Experienced juniors and seniors may judge at this event. If you are a new school just getting started, don't worry about having a full quota of judges, we'll help you cover your interested students.

Deadline: Tues. Oct. 23 at 6PM - Register at tabroom.com

Drop deadline – Thurs. Oct. 25th at 6PM . There will be a \$3.00 drop fee for any changes made after that time. Name changes can be made without charge.

Checks should be made payable to: Shikellamy HS Forensics

We look forward to seeing you on Sat. Oct. 27.

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