

Atlee HS Thursday Night Talk (TNT) 2019 Thanksgiving "Wishbone" Classic

This is a "free" & shortened (two-round) tournament for Richmond Metro Area
Novice & JV Middle & High School teams only, please!

Location:

Atlee High School
9414 Atlee Station Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Date: Thursday, November 21, 2019

Time: 5PM-8PM (please arrive before 5PM!)

Contacts:

Speech & Debate Tournament Director:
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Tournament Debate Topics Offered:

Lincoln-Douglas (LD) *** Only two rounds***

2019 November/December Topic

Resolved: The United States ought to eliminate subsidies for fossil fuels.

Public Forum (PF) *** Only two rounds***

2019 November/December Topic Area: Cybersecurity

Resolved: The benefits of the United States federal government's use of offensive cyber operations outweigh the harms.

Student Congress (SC)

We will split one session into two parts, each lasting 45-minutes to one hour. We will be focusing on only two topics to maximize participation in such a short time: See SC Deadlines below for further submission information

International:

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Economic:

Minimum Wage Increase

Tournament Forensics (Speech) Offered:

The following individual speech events will be offered:

Room A: Extemporaneous Speaking (Topic: International & U.S.,) Impromptu Speaking;

Room B: Original Oratory, Poetry, Prose, Storytelling;

Room C: Dramatic & Humorous Interpretation, Duo Performance, Duo Improv.

As this is practice, students do **not** have pieces memorized!

Deadlines

Thursday, November 14th:

Registration Deadline @ 10PM (We **cannot** accept entries after this date & time!)

How to Make Your Entries:

- If you do not have a tabroom account go to <http://www.tabroom.com/>, click on the SIGN-UP link in the upper-right of the webpage. This takes you to the CREATE YOUR TABROOM ACCOUNT page. Complete the form.
- See http://docs.tabroom.com/Sign_Up for detailed instructions.
- When you have finished setting up your team account, please add your competitors and judges to it.
- Enter your student's (speech and debate) information & judges for the tournament at <http://ahs.tnt.tabroom.com>.

Thursday, November 14th @ 10:00pm:

Student Congress Bill/Resolution Deadline. (Warning: You must have a google account to access this site!)

Coaches, please upload your legislation to: <https://forms.gle/QW3JaaYnS37XjeRT8>

Student Congress Bill/Resolution Viewing: To View uploaded legislation online: (Copy & Paste the link below)
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B-7d3yM6DMF6fjA2YlhaSDZvNVk4enVHMjZMTIQ0aHZHMFdZWWhHQM9vZ3JQOXBnWnpuenc?usp=sharing>

Each registered Student Congress participant may submit either one bill or one resolution for each of the Student Congress categories listed for consideration by the committees at the start of the Congress.

Please encourage your students to try and be the Presiding Officer and coaches to observe the SC Parliamentarian for additional experience.

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, November 21st

4:30PM-5:00PM: Teams should report to the library and coaches should check-in room 206 (Atlee students volunteers will be posted at each entrance of the school to point you in the direction of the commons/cafeteria)

Please coordinate your team's dismissal from school to assure prompt arrival!

Extemp. will start drawing questions at 5:00 PM so that speeches can start at 5:30 PM.

5:00 PM: Coaches' & Judges' Meeting (Location: Room 206) Bring Pizza Order Money to this meeting!

5:00PM: Congress Session (committees, docket & PO sections) & continuous thereafter until dinner recess c. 6:00 PM, where we'll switch out the judges & continue c. 6:30 PM through 7:30 PM.

5:30PM: Round 1 PF, LD, Forensics events / 6:30PM: Round 2 PF, LD, Forensics events

Tabulations and Distribution of ballots will occur as soon as the last round is complete. Our aim is to have everyone headed home no later than 8:00pm.

Judging Requirements: (No experience necessary—great practice!)

Lincoln-Douglas	1 judge per 1-3 entries
Public Forum	1 judge per 1-3 entries
Student Congress/Forensics	1 judge per 1-6 entries

Judges' Training Videos: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/judge-training/>

Dinner:

During the coaches' meeting, we will take orders for pizza for any interested students. Please have your orders and money ready. Pizza will be \$2/slice. Students will have to eat on their breaks, as there will be no formal dinner break. Coaches and judges will have food provided. As we have done in the past, if you can bring some food or drink to share with the other judges and coaches, that would be great!

Awards:

No awards at this tournament; only the acknowledgement of honors and the priceless feedback from our illustrious judges!

Rules & Sportsmanship:

We will strive to follow the VHSL rules and sportsmanship creed. Please make sure your students are aware of these rules and policies! Please stress the importance of sportsmanship with your kids!

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