



My name is Rob Jackson, and I am the head coach of the speech and debate team at Fossil Ridge High School. Myself and Kelly Pollard, the assistant coach, and the rest of our team, invite you to the ***The Cat's Meow at Fossil Ridge*** on Saturday, February 8. We hope you are able to join us and feel free to register at [catsmeow.tabroom.com](http://catsmeow.tabroom.com).

**Events:**

*Green Wave*

Cross Examination Debate

Public Forum Debate

Humorous Interpretation

Dramatic Interpretation

Original Oratory

Congress A

Program Oral Interpretation

U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking

*Black Wave*

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Poetry Interpretation

Duo Interpretation

International Extemporaneous Speaking

Informative Speaking

Congress B

\*\*\*WiFi is permitted for all events\*\*\*

**Tournament Clarifications:**

- Doubling is encouraged, but is restricted and qualified on the following points:
  - No double entering within the same wave
  - No doubling between CX and LD debate events is allowed.
  - Competitors double-entered in extemporaneous speaking may not receive full prep time.
- Finals for all events will begin as soon as possible following the conclusion of preliminary rounds.
- Legislation for congress will be e-mailed out to coaches who are registered on tabroom. Please submit all legislation to Rob Jackson at [rjackson@psdschools.org](mailto:rjackson@psdschools.org) by January 24!

**Resolutions for Debate Events:**

Lincoln-Douglas: States ought to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

Public Forum: The United States should replace means-tested welfare programs with a universal basic income.

Cross Examination: The United States federal government should substantially reduce Direct Commercial Sales and/or Foreign Military Sales of arms from the United States.

**Fees:** Registration costs are \$10 per event entries, and \$20 for all events with partners. Congress is \$6. Fees will be assessed based on registration numbers on February 6! Please make checks payable to Fossil Ridge High School Forensics.

**Judging:** Fort Collins has access to many former debaters and young people interested in education currently in attendance at Colorado State, Northern Colorado, Aims Community College, and Front Range Community College. In addition, the parent community is passionate and enthusiastic and brings diverse perspectives from their career backgrounds.

Coaches may be asked to judge two rounds free of charge. Any coach not wishing to judge may excuse themselves by paying a \$30 judging fee. Please do your best to bring judges with you. We'll be paying \$10 per round/session.

**Lunch:** Lunch will be served to coaches and judges. A concession stand will also be available to students near the commons area.

**PLEASE PHONE IN DROPS!** To start the tournament on time, please notify me of drops by 7:30 a.m. You can either let me know in person at the registration table, or call or text me at 815-719-5472. If texting, please include your school's name and first and last name of student who is dropping!

**Awards:** Every student frankly deserves an award for competing against the best-of-the-best from other schools, but sadly that is not the case. Awards will be given to the top six in each event and the top two and presiding officer in congressional chambers will also be recognized.

**The Cat's Meow at Fossil Ridge** will also introduce the very first ever *Megan Rapinoe/LeBron James Style Award* to all qualifying students. What is this you ask? It is adhering to the style set by King James who was wrongly snubbed of the Athlete of the Decade by *The New York Times*. A picture is included for visual reference. This award is for everyone.



A separate grievance committee of venerable, esteemed coaches will be established for all issues affecting this award and includes titans of the Rocky Mountain North such as Pat DeMartine, Dr. Jason Clarke, and others. We are very lucky to have these two because both have served on grievance panels at the State Tournament and regional qualifiers, and are perhaps over-qualified for this adjudicating body.

**Requirements:**

- Shorts that are the same color as the suit jacket.
- Sneaker footwear.
- Shorts that shall show the sculpted musculature of the kneecap and calves, but not expose much fleshy thigh area.

\*\*\*Students who participate will be recognized with an award\*\*\*

### **Tentative Schedule**

*Registration from 7:00 to 7:30*

8:00 a.m.      Green Wave Round 1 (Cross Examination debate to begin earlier if possible)  
9:45 a.m.      Black Wave Round 1  
11:30 a.m.     Green Wave Round 2

#### *Lunch*

1:00 p.m.      Black Wave Round 2  
2:45 p.m.      Green Wave Round 3  
4:30 p.m.      Black Wave Round 3  
  
5:00 p.m.      Finals, Green Wave events  
6:00 p.m.      Finals, Black Wave events  
7:30 p.m.      Awards

Location: The beautiful and easily navigable Fossil Ridge High School is located in Fort Collins, CO, ranked the fourth happiest city in the U.S. according to *National Geographic*. We are at 5400 Ziegler Road. Buses can drop off students at the main entrance; the bus loop is located at the front entrance as well!

If you have any questions or comments, please call Rob Jackson at 815-719-5472 or email at [rjackson@psdschools.org](mailto:rjackson@psdschools.org). From the entire team, we all look forward to seeing you!

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