



# PINE TREE UIL ACADEMICS INVITATIONAL "A"

**January 13/14, 2022**

## Pine Tree High School UIL

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### Dear UIL Coordinator/Sponsor:

We would like to welcome you back to our long-running, **annual Invitational A opener**. All events will be in person. We hope to host a strong tournament focused on preparing all students for their district competition and providing coaches an opportunity for camaraderie. Please join us in kicking off the spring UIL season.

**EVENTS:** All UIL academic events, including the hands-on portion of the computer science test, will be offered. All UIL speech and debate and NSDA speech events will be offered. (Minimal entries will result in cancellation of NSDA events.) **Large Schools include all 5A and 6A, and Small Schools include all 1A through 4A.**

**REGISTRATION:** Please register all speech/debate AND academic contestants through our TABROOM website: <http://uilpinetree.tabroom.com>. If you need help registering, please contact Lee Branson and Chris Dickson.

**DEADLINES:** We will need your **online** registration by **5 pm, Wednesday, January 11th**, when fees are locked. You may change names after this date, but drops will result in loss of your entry fee. *If you need help registering, please contact us.*

### ENTRY FEES:

CX Entries:	\$30/team
LD Entries:	\$20
Duo:	\$10
Speech Events (except Duo):	\$8
All Other Events:	\$8 per entrant per event

**ENTRIES:** Each school can enter unlimited entries in each event *except for writing events*.

## PROCEDURES FOR OBJECTIVE EVENTS:

All events will test according to schedule. We ask that coaches make any name changes at the beginning of the contest with the contest director and be available to grade immediately following the contest. **Please register the name of your grader for each event in Tabroom.**

### Ready Writing/Journalism:

We will be able to accept up to 50 total entries for each writing event. We will cap entries from each school at **5** until the week before the tournament. Computer access and printing will be offered, but space will be available to students who wish to use their own computers and printers. Please bring your own power cords. Students may bring a thumb drive to save their essay. Students may type their essay using a Google document in Google Drive, but using the internet to find information for the essay will not be permitted.

We will provide copies of winning essays to all participating schools. Please allow us time to copy the top essays. Award for best paper of the day will be given in addition to the top six places in both divisions for both Journalism and Ready Writing. Ready Writing is not a team event, but top journalism team award will be given.

### Grading Ready Writing:

**If you would like to grade ready writing, please register the name of your grader in Tabroom or RSVP to grade by emailing Terri Davis at [tdavis@ptisd.org](mailto:tdavis@ptisd.org).** We would like 3 - 5 graders for each division, and we want coaches to judge essays in a division different from their own. We realize many coaches sponsor multiple activities, so we will do our best to arrange grading to accommodate you; however, we need enough judges for each division. We want to be finished grading ready writing by 1 pm.

### Spelling:

All contestants will test in the same room. ASW materials will be used.

PRONOUNCER: Belinda Walenta

We ask that two experienced coaches serve as pronunciation verifiers and a third coach serve as contest director. If you would like or be willing to serve in any of these capacities, please email Terri Davis at [tdavis@ptisd.org](mailto:tdavis@ptisd.org).

### Science:

We will only allow UIL-approved calculators:

Casio FX-260Solar

Sharp EL-501X

Ti-30Xa

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# SPEECH AND DEBATE

## **Extemp:**

All current UIL rules related to the disabling of Wi-Fi or other internet access must be followed.

**UIL CX:** [Resolved] The United States federal government should substantially increase its security cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in one or more of the following areas: artificial intelligence, biotechnology, cybersecurity.

**UIL LD:** [Resolved] Spring UIL LD Topic released in early December.

**UIL Congress:** All UIL State Legislation used at State Contest on January 4-5, 2023, for all classifications. State legislation will be posted here as soon as it's available.

**JUDGING and AWARDS:** Judging for all events will immediately follow the end of each contest. Verification will immediately follow judging and ranking, and medals will be awarded immediately following verification. Any questions may be directed to the contest director at the meet. In **science**, awards will be given for the top scores in each grade, top score in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, and overall 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place. In all **math** events, awards will be given for the top score in each grade, as well as the overall 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> places. Team awards will be given following UIL rules. Sweepstakes will be awarded for **each** division. First-place teams will receive plaques and individual team medals in team events. Best paper trophies will be given for Journalism and Ready Writing.

## **SPEECH & DEBATE JUDGES FEES:**

**1 judge per every 4 or portion thereof in LD Debate**

**1 judge per every 2 or portion thereof in CX Debate**

**1 judge per every 6 or portion thereof in Congress**

**1 judge per every 6 or portion thereof in Prose, Poetry, Persuasive or Informative**

**The same judge cannot be entered or judge both LD and CX Debate.**

**Missing judges will be \$150.**

**HOSPITALITY AND CONCESSIONS:** We will provide hospitality for coaches and judges, serving breakfast, lunch, snacks, and drinks. Paid concessions, including pizza for lunch, will be offered at a cost to students.

**LOCAL PIZZA PLACES:**

Little Caesar's (delivery not available): (903) 295 - 0111

Domino's: (903) 297 - 9009

Pizza Hut: (903) 297 - 4771

Milano's (delivery not available): (903) 230 - 5330

**CONFIDENTIALITY:**

All materials will be given out on the day of the meet. Coaches and directors are asked to keep the Invitational A meet materials and not post or share them since other schools will be hosting Invitational A in the following weeks.

Thank you and Good Luck!  
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Please mail payment to:

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