



Cranbrook BQD Tournament Invitation

Welcome to the Fall Cranbrook BQD Crane-vitational! The tournament will take place on **Saturday, October 21st at Cranbrook Schools**. It will be an in-person Big Questions Debate tournament with an emphasis on education. Following the tournament, there will be a 1-1.5 hour workshop for upperclassmen debaters looking to grow their debate program and teach novices. There will **ONLY** be a **NOVICE DIVISION**. Instead of competing, we would like teams' **VARSITY DEBATERS to come judge and/or attend the workshop**, as they will be invaluable learning experiences aimed to broaden your perspective. We especially encourage upperclassmen of small debate teams or teams without a coach to attend.

[Registration for the tournament is currently open](#) and will close on Friday, October 20th at 1 PM.

Please RSVP to the leadership forum [through this link](#) so that we have an estimate of attendance. Debaters who did not RSVP will still be welcomed.

Format

The topic for this tournament will be: *Belief in the supernatural is incompatible with belief in science.*

The debates will be in the BQD format. Each round will be run with the following time parameters:

Speech	Time
1st Constructive	5 min
2nd Constructive	5 min
1st Crossfire/Question Segment	3 min
1st Rebuttal	4 min

2nd Rebuttal	4 min
2nd Crossfire/Question Segment	3 min
1st Summary/Consolidation	3 min
2nd Summary/Consolidation	3 min
1st Final Focus/Rationale	3 min
2nd Final Focus/Rationale	3 min
Prep Time	3 min/team, used at any time

More information on the *function* of each speech can be found [here](#).

Additionally:

- Teams will **coin flip** for sides and speaking positions before the round.
- Each team will have **three minutes of prep** to be used at any time.
- **Judges must verbally disclose** their decisions within ten minutes of the end of the round AND provide feedback.
- Although **we encourage teams of two, teams of one are allowed**. It is possible for a team of one to compete against a team of two.
- Teams from the same school are permitted to compete against each other.

Schedule

Pairings will come out as soon as possible after each round.

General meeting in the **Student Commons**: 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Round 1: 9:30 AM -10:30 AM

Round 2: 10:50 AM - 11:50 AM

Lunch: 12-12:30

Round 3: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Semis: 1:50 PM - 2:50 PM

Finals: 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

Awards: 4:15 PM - 4:30 PM

*****FINALS AND AWARDS WILL BE IN THE AUDITORIUM**

Leadership Workshop: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

***Leadership workshop room TBD

Judging

For upperclassmen who are interested in judging this tournament, please reach out to CBRYANT@cranbrook.edu. We will need *at least* one to two judges from each school.

Judges will not judge rounds that include competitors from their schools' team.

If there are more judges than needed per round, judges will not need to judge every round.

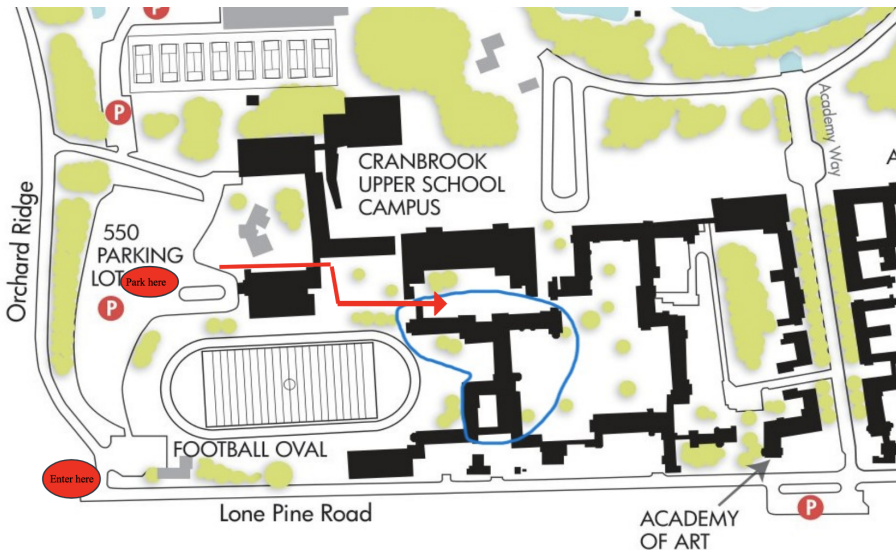
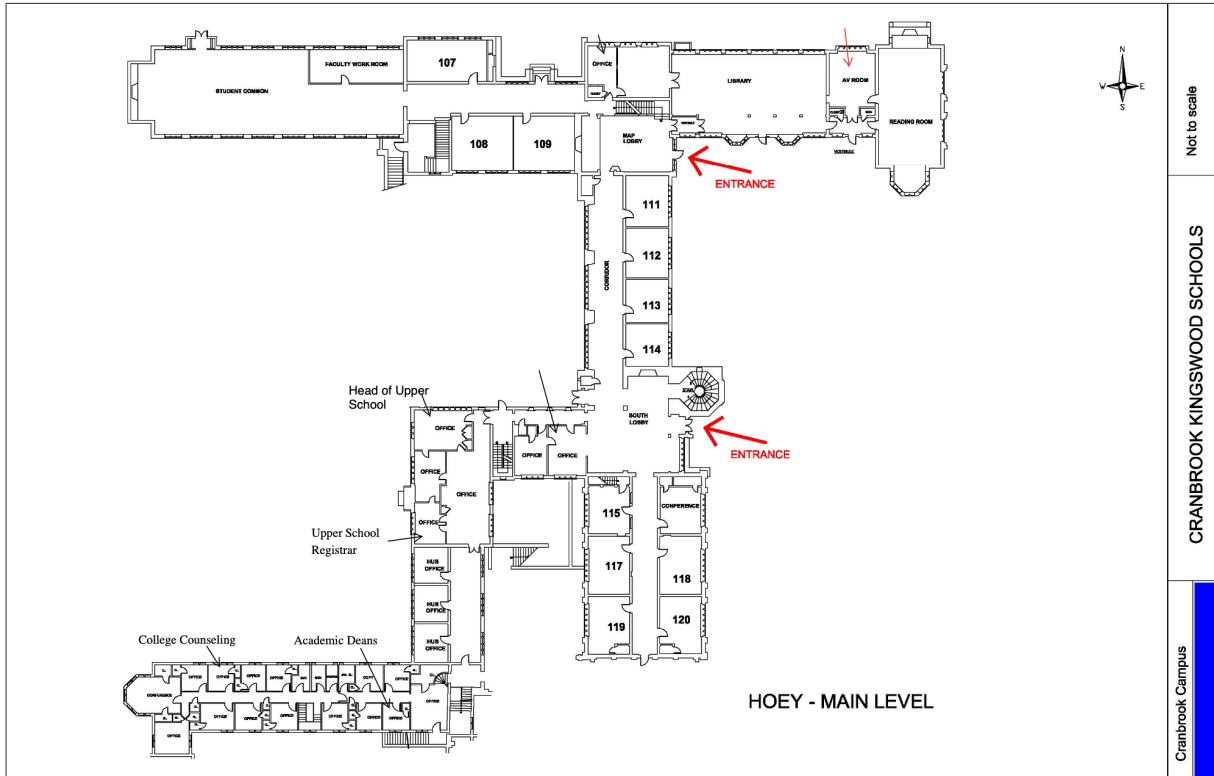
Elimination rounds will have a three-judge panel.

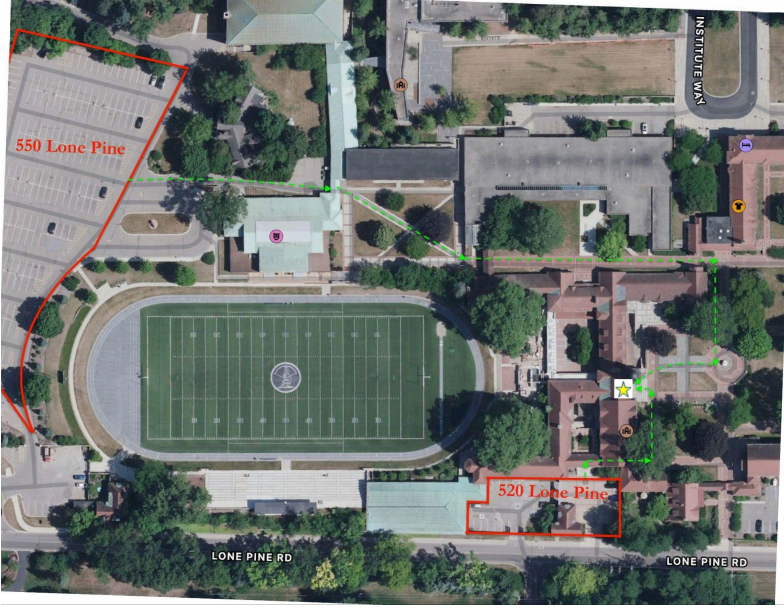
Logistics

Location: Cranbrook Campus. Set your address to 550 Lone Pine Rd, where there will be parking. The tournament will be hosted in Hoey Hall (see map). Circled in blue is Hoey Hall, which can be reached by walking up the hill from the 550 parking lot and walking until there are buildings to the right.

The room for tabroom/logistics/organization will be the Cranbrook Library.

Maps





Contacts

Direct questions, comments, or concerns to CBRYANT@cranbrook.edu. Please also CC OSHI25@cranbrook.edu and AWANG25@cranbrook.edu.