



Sumner Academy Spooktacular Novice Debate Invitational

Dear Coach,

The Sumner Academy Speech and Debate Team invites you to enter our Spooktacular Novice Debate Invitational on November 1st at Sumner Academy of Arts and Science.

We will host a Saturday-only competition for Novice. Entry fees are \$5 each. **There are no entry fees for Debate-Kansas City UDL schools.** We are asking students to refrain from wearing costumes as this can cause a distraction in the rounds.

I have about 30-35 rooms available (60-70 teams). I will initially limit schools to **6 total entries but anticipate being able to accommodate extras** particularly for schools who meet the following criteria: 1) are EKNSDA schools 2) are schools whose tournaments we attend 3) schools that provide us with additional entries at their host tournament. **Sign up at sumnerdb8.tabroom.com.**

We will be asking for 1 judge for every 3 entries. If that is difficult to do, please let me know. I don't want that to stop you from attending. **Please ask your experienced high school debaters to help judge.** Preferred juniors-seniors. Use your best judgement. I will even sign off on community service hours for them if that gets them to the tournament. We will feed them too!

The tournament will have 5 novice rounds on Saturday with no elimination rounds.

The Novice division is for students in their first year of Debate. They will be debating the topic:

Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic.

The Novice division will adhere to the NDCA case areas:

- Domain Awareness
- Native Renewables
- Russian Natural Gas
- Science Diplomacy

Use the same advantage areas as the packet, but debaters are not restricted to only using the packet evidence. Same with negative; run the same arguments, but feel free to use more than just the packet evidence.

Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top three schools based on the cumulative record of your best 4 teams. Top 8 teams and Top 6 speakers will also be awarded.

Saturday, November 1st Round Schedule (subject to change)

Round 1: 8:00a-9:30a

Round 2: 9:45a-11:15a

Round 3: 11:30a-1:00p

Lunch - Pizza Lunch and Concessions For Sale

Round 4: 1:30p-3:00p

Round 5: 3:15p-4:45p

Our awards assembly will follow A.S.A.P.

Halloween candy will also be given throughout the day!

Building WiFi Information:

Network: usd500_wifi

Password: d1str1ctw1ftc

We look forward to hosting your squad at this year's tournament!

Thanks,

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Rules and Regulations

1. Prep time will be 8 minutes for all divisions.
2. Entry fees will be \$5.00 per team (or whatever you charge).
3. The registration deadline is October 27 at 5:00 pm.
4. Your invoice will reflect the number of entries you have on file at the deadline, or the number who actually compete, whichever is greater. Please keep your numbers up to date!
5. All coaches/sponsors are on standby to judge. If you would like to be placed in our first-line judge pool, please contact us.
6. Any team more than 10 minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit the round.
7. Extras will be awarded sparingly and distributed fairly on the week and day of the tournament.
9. We will observe KSHSAA rules. We plan to offer guest wireless access to all competitors and judges.
10. Tabroom.com will be utilized for all tournament functions. Limited paper schedules will be available, but students will be encouraged to use the features of Tabroom.
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