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Dear Colleague,

The Bethel Park High School Forensic Team is pleased to host its *ANNUAL BLACK HAWK SPEECH AND DEBATE INVITATIONAL*. Mark Friday, February 9 and Saturday, February 10, 2018 on your calendar. We will provide a full range of competition in the NFL Individual Events, Congress, LD, Public Forum plus Prose and Poetry.

There will be five preliminary rounds of speaking in all individual speech events, a quarter, semi and a final round. Rounds 1 thru 3 will be preset and rounds 4 and 5 powered. Quarter Finals will be dropped in events with less than 24 competitors.

Tournament Location:

Speech events:

Bethel Park High School at 309 Church Rd. Enter the school via BlackHawk Drive. Please have your buses drop you off in front of the school then continue through the roundabout to the parking lot. The entrance to the lot is on the left. Do not use the Stadium lot.

Debate events:

Independence Middle School at 2807 Bethel Church Road Bethel Park, PA 15102. Please have busses drop you off in front of school. All busses will use the BPHS upper lot as a parking area.

FEES: \$10.00 per speaker in Speech, LD and Congress.
\$20.00 per Team in PFD and DUO
\$30.00 per Parli Team
\$10.00 School Fee - School Fee waived to teams with less than 5 competitors.

We regret that there can be NO REFUNDS for drops made after the close of registration at 5:00PM on Tuesday, February 6.

Checks are payable to: BETHEL PARK ACTIVITIES FUND.

JUDGES: We are targeting ALL online balloting!
Please have technology to facilitate that request and we will provide the wifi.

1 per 5 students (or fraction thereof) in Individual Events
1 per 2 Debate Teams: (or fraction thereof) in LD, PFD and Parli
1 per 8 Congress participants (or fraction thereof)

We have a limited number of individual events and debate judges for hire at \$200 (*I had to out-source judges so fee has changed 1/10/18*) per judge. It is presumed that each hired judge will judge five rounds.

PLEASE REMIND ALL OF YOUR JUDGES TO ATTEND THEIR MEETINGS. ALL QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED AT THAT TIME AND JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED. Those judges not scheduled in a round should be available in the hospitality area should they be needed. All judges should have a tabroom account already, including their cell numbers.

TOPICS:

- DEBATE: The LD topic is that for January/February 2018
PFD will use the February topic.
- PARLI: Prepared: This House Will preserve its national parks.
- EXTEMP: Topics areas: Food, Clothing, Shelter, Technology, Water

CONGRESS: All schools participating in Congress may submit bills for consideration in the houses. Bills must be submitted via email to robb.christine@bphawks.org by Friday, January 26, 2018 @ noon (*time clarification 1/10/18*). The bills will be posted on www.tabroom.com on January 27.

EVENTS: NFL rules apply to all events with the exception of the PHSSL events of Parliamentary Debate, Prose and Poetry.

LD	Oratory	DI	Poetry
PFD	Informative	HI	Prose
PARLI	Extemp	DUO	POI

Pairing Particulars:

There will be five preliminary rounds, quarters-, semis- and a final round in CX, LD, and Public Forum Debate. Rounds one thru three in all debates will be pre-paired. Rounds 4 and 5 will be straight power, with quarters and semis protect in brackets.

REGISTRATION:

Registration will open on December 20, 2017. All registration is to be done online through www.tabroom.com

You may register until Tuesday, February 6, 2016 at 5:00PM.

If you do not have a Tab Room account you will need to create one. Drops and adds to your registration can be made by going to the same site and by opening your registration.

After the closing date, you may email Christine at robb.christine@bphawks.org.

In the event of a delayed arrival call ahead with any changes to your registration contact Christine directly at 412-670-4133

*** Donations to SHIM ***

: To carry on the tradition of service, We are asking that you contribute non-perishable items that we may donate our local mission. We embrace all that we have and in gratitude we willingly share it with all to receive. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

TOURNAMENT: (Tentative Schedule)

Friday:

- 3:00 - 4:00 Registration
Speech will be running at BPHS. Registration will be in the Main Lobby
Debate will be running at IMS (Independence Middle School).

Registration will be in the Cafeteria

4:15 Welcome/Opening Remarks in Auditorium
4:30 Round 1 - All Debates(IMS)
4:45 Round 1 - Speech(BPHS)
5:00 Session 1 - Congress
6:00 Round 2 - All Debates(IMS)
6:15 Round 2 - Speech(BPHS)
7:30 Round 3 - All Debates(IMS)
7:45 Round 3 - Speech(BPHS)

Saturday:

7:30 All competitors and judges: Please report to the Cafeteria
7:30 Extemp to the Prep Room
8:00 Round 4 - Speech & Debate
9:00 Session 2 - Congress
9:30 Round 5 - Speech & Debate

All events will move to BPHS for the remaining rounds. Lunch will be served ONLY at BPHS

Please advise transportation

11:00 Quarters - Speech & Debate
1:00 Semis - Speech & Debate
Congress Super Session
2:30 Finals - Speech & Debate
5:00 Awards

Quarter-finals will be dropped in speech events with less than 24 entries
and in debate events with less than 8 entries.

FRIDAY: Snacks, soft drinks, grilled cheese sandwiches, Mac&Cheese, veggie wraps
and walking tacos will be sold.

SATURDAY: Lunch will be served to all contestants who purchase tickets at a cost of \$6.00.
Lunch is a pasta and salad bar and includes a soft drink, and cookies. Lunch
tickets will be sold in the Cafeteria(IMS & BPHS during Friday evening and
Saturday morning.

HOSPITALITY: A hospitality area for all adults (coaches, judges & drivers) will be available
on Friday and Saturday. Our parents will once again provide their delicious buffet as our
thank you.

POSTING: All speech and debate round schematics/judge assignments will be electronic
(paper postings, if required, will be posted in the rotunda and on dedicated webpage)

Extemp Announcements and changes will be made in the prep room.

HOUSING:

A block of rooms, Bethel Park Forensics, has been reserved at the Crowne Plaza, Pittsburgh
South on Fort Couch Road. The rate is: \$109.00 plus a 14% Occupancy Tax

Contact Person: Colleen Rogers

Phone: 412-347-0357

THE BLOCK CLOSES ON JANUARY 22 AND ALL UNRESERVED ROOMS WILL BE RELEASED.

There are 55 double/queen and 5 king. Check in After 3pm February 9, 2018 Check out
February 10, 2018 before 12PM.