



The Inaugural Lake Highland LD Round Robin January 5th and 6th, 2018

It is with great honor and pleasure that we extend an invitation to _____ to participate in the Inaugural Lake Highland Lincoln Douglas Round Robin! Based on the belief that _____ represents the best in talent, hard work, and character that the national LD community possesses, it is our hope that he/she will join us at what we hope to be the first of many signature competitive tournament experiences here at Lake Highland.

Our Mission: To bring the best debaters in the United States to Orlando, Florida in early January for a memorable debate competition featuring an accomplished and diverse TOC-quality judge pool, top-notch hospitality throughout the weekend, beautiful awards for all participants, and a collegial and educative atmosphere for all participants, coaches, and judges alike. We wish to bring to Central Florida an MBA-quality Round Robin experience to be held on the first weekend of January each year,

to invite what we hope to be the most distinguished LD debaters in the country from a wide diversity of backgrounds to kick-start the highly competitive January-February tournament season. Our hope is be a new generation, hyper-competitive round robin experience.

Tournament Site: The Round Robin will take place on Friday and Saturday (January 5th and 6th) at Lake Highland Preparatory School. The address of the school is 901 N. Highland Ave. Orlando, FL 32803. It is approximately 25-30 minutes from MCO (Orlando International Airport). The Doubletree (tournament hotel) is less than ½ mile from Lake Highland's campus close to downtown Orlando.

The Field and Pods:

Our intent is to host twelve debaters, split into pods of 6 each, with the top-two ballot winners of each pod advancing to a semifinal round. The top seed of one pod will debate the second seed of the other pod to make the two semifinals. The winner of the semifinals will advance to a final round where a combination of judges and student critics will award the Champion and Runner-Up. Once the field is finalized, we will contact the coaches of the participants who will be given an opportunity to rank the field. Based on those rankings, we will set the respective pods. We haven't come up with clever names for the pods, but should have something ready by tournament time.

Debates will be on the January-February NSDA Lincoln Douglas Resolution

Cost: \$125.00 per entry. Each entry is expected to bring a qualified judge or may hire one for \$175.00. The costs will go entirely towards hiring the best judge pool that we can bring to the tournament.

Hired Judges: We are committed to the recruitment and hiring of 10-12 highly qualified judges with a commitment to accentuating the diversity in our community. We will be augmenting our pool of hires with Lake Highland and Orlando LD alumni. A list of judges will be emailed out to coaches of invited debaters as we secure commitments over the next couple of weeks.

Tournament Schedule

Friday Schedule 1/05/18:

Tournament Registration: 10:00am - 2:00pm and Hospitality to be held at the:
Double Tree by Hilton

Address: 60 S Ivanhoe Blvd, Orlando, FL 32804

Phone: [\(407\) 425-4455](tel:4074254455)

Opening Assembly: 4:00 in Lakefront Room on LHP Upper School Campus

Round One: 5:00-6:15

Dinner provided by LHPS Debate Boosters in Lakefront Room 6:15-7:30

Round Two: 7:30-8:45

9:00-11:00: Hospitality for Judges/Coaches at the Double Tree by Hilton

Saturday Schedule 1/06/18:

Breakfast Provided by LHPS Debate Boosters in Lakefront Room: 7:30-8:30

Round Three: 8:45-10:00

Round Four: 10:15-11:30

Round Five: 11:45-1:00

Lunch provided by LHPS Debate Boosters in Lakefront Room: 1:00-1:40

Announcement of semifinalists in Lakefront Room 1:40

Semifinals: 2:00-3:15

Finals and Awards (Top of the Dome): 3:30-5:15pm (Dinner will be provided at the Top of the Dome)

Participation awards will be provided to all competitors. Separate awards will be

provided for all Semifinalists, the tournament Runner-up, and the tournament Champion as well as the top three speakers.

Housing Information*

DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando (Tournament Hotel)

60 S Ivanhoe Blvd, Orlando, FL 32804

[\(407\) 425-4455](tel:4074254455)

Courtyard by Marriott Downtown (Auxiliary Hotel)

730 N. Magnolia Ave.

Orlando, FL 32803

407-996-1000

**For Student Competitors, Housing with members of LHP Varsity LD team can be accommodated by request.*

Please respond to this invitation as soon as possible, as we will need to continue finalizing commitments, securing our judge hires, and planning for what we hope to be a great tournament! Also, please keep this invitation confidential until the field has been finalized and announced to the public, since invitations will be extended over the course of the next few weeks. We look forward to hosting you!

Sincerely,

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