

2018 Westridge All-Womxn's Round Robin

We cordially invite any all-womxn middle school and novice public forum teams to compete in the first ever Westridge Community Action Project All-Womxn's Invitational Tournament. We are proud to offer 24 teams of womxn novices the opportunity to practice debating in an environment geared toward not only creating a space free from sexism, but empowering debaters to actively fight sexism in the debate community as a whole. In order to increasing accessibility, we welcome hybrid teams (teams with debaters from different schools), maverick debaters (teams consisting of only one debater), and independent entries. We will be using the **April** Public Forum topic (Resolved: The United States federal government should increase its quota of H-1B visas).

Who can enter?

All femme/female identifying individuals who face resultant marginalization in debate are welcome. If you navigate the debate community/world as a feminine-identifying or ID'd person and experience sexism, this tournament is designed as a safe-space for you.

What about male chaperones?

While we respect that some teams may have male coaches or parents who need to chaperone the tournament, rounds themselves are designed as spaces where womxn can feel safe. As such, males are welcome, although they are asked not to watch rounds and judge. We appreciate your cooperation in helping keep this tournament the safe-space that womxn too often don't have access to in this activity.

Registration Fees

Registration fees are \$20 and all the proceeds will go to the Voices Foundation, an organization dedicated to making speech and debate more accessible. If this fee is prohibitive, please email us (rh19596@westridge.org) and we will do our best to waive the fee, as we want to give everyone who wants to compete the opportunity to do so.

Location

The tournament will be on Sunday, April 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Westridge School for Girls in Pasadena, California.

324 Madeline Drive, Pasadena, CA 91105

WiFi

WiFi details will be published on tabroom.com closer to the tournament.

Judging

In order to preserve the quality of judging and feedback, we ask that teams bring a qualified womxn judge (including varsity level high school competitors, womxn coaches, college competitors, or other judges with knowledge of flowing, tabroom, and the norms of debate) for every two entries. We ask that all judges have a paradigm on tabroom, experience with debate (coaching, judging, or competing), and identify as femme/female. Due to the nature of the request, schools that cannot provide a qualified womxn judge will still be accommodated. If you are unable to meet these requirements please contact us (rh19596@westridge.org). There will be no fee, we just need to know how many judges to provide. If we are not contacted about judging by April 12th, we will assume that you are bringing a qualified judge for every two entries. Should you not contact us by April 12th and your judge is either unqualified, not a womxn, or not present, your entries may be dropped if we are unable to find another judge at the last minute.

Contact Info

If you have any questions, concerns, would like to request a fee waiver or Westridge judge, or need any other information, please do not hesitate to contact us at rh19596@westridge.org.

Parking

Please park in the State street parking lot (off of State street). It is very important that you do not park on the street because it upsets the neighbors and makes hosting another tournament like this impossible.

Tournament Schedule

8:00 - Campus opens
8:30 - Announcements/Ballots posted
9:00 - Round 1
10:00 - Round 2
11:00 - Round 3
12:00 - Lunch break
1:00 - Round 4
2:00 - Round 5
3:00 - Semi Finals
4:00 - Finals
5:30 - Awards

Lunch

Pizza and drinks will be provided for sale. All proceeds will go to the Voices Foundation.

Events Offered

Public Forum (Novice teams, Hybrid novice teams, MS teams welcome)

Break

Based on entries, each team will be placed into a pod with other competing teams. These pod teams will hit each other. The top team from each pod will advance to a Semi-Final, and then Final Round.

