

August 20, 2013

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The coaches and students of John Brown University and Northwest Arkansas Community College Invite you to the Arkansas Double-Up to be held October 25-27 on the Siloam Springs campus of JBU. The 4th Annual Golden Eagle Invitational hosted by JBU features a parliamentary debate tournament on Friday (4 prelims to quarterfinals), an IPDA debate tournament on Friday and Saturday (7 prelims to octofinals), an individual events tournament on Saturday (2 prelims to semifinals, if needed), and a Team IPDA tournament on Sunday (4 prelims to quarterfinals). The 1st Annual NWACC Golden Eaglet Speech Invitational features an individual events tournament on Sunday (2 prelims to semifinals, if needed).

We are proud to offer the following at the Arkansas Double-Up:

- 1) Trophies, plaques, or nicely framed certificates for all competitors who advance to elimination rounds in all types of debate and individual events.
- 2) Novice and Open divisions of NPDA debate.
- 3) Novice, Varsity, and Professional divisions of IPDA debate.
- 4) Open Divisions of Individual Events, with awards for Rookie Competitors during the Golden Eagle Invitational (students in their first year of forensics, either college or high school).
- 5) Lots of sweepstakes awards!
- 6) A professional tab staff, including Anthony McMullin of Central Arkansas University (IPDA tab), Darren Epping of Kansas State University (IE tab), and Erick Roebuck of JBU (NPDA tab).
- 7) Wellness snacks and other hospitality treats throughout the weekend!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me! You can reach me via email at eroebuck@jbu.edu or call me at my office phone: 479-524-1615. We hope to see you at the Arkansas Double-up!

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P.S. NWACC and JBU's mascots are both The Golden Eagle. Hence the similarity in tournament names!

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1) Tournament rules. AFA, NPDA, and IPDA regulations will govern their respective divisions, unless specified elsewhere within this invitation.
- 2) Competitor Eligibility. The rules of AFA, NPDA, and IPDA will guide competitor and judge eligibility. Competitors in IE's and NPDA must be students at a 2-year or 4-year college or university who have not participated in more than eight semesters of intercollegiate forensics competition.
- 3) Entry/Facility Limitations. Though we do not anticipate having to limit entries and will make every effort to accommodate all who wish to participate, JBU reserves the right to limit entries if our campus capacity is exceeded. We will use the following priority to entries (if needed): first, entries received after the entry deadline; second, entries without sufficient judges (uncovered); and finally, time the entry is received – the earliest entries will take precedence.
- 4) JBU Student Participation. JBU students may participate in the tournament, but will not be eligible for team sweepstakes awards.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Preliminary entry is due by 5 pm Monday October 21. Fees will be assessed and final entry is due Wednesday October 23 at 5 pm. Any change after will incur a \$10 late change fee.

Entries for the debate and the first part of the IE tournament should be made at:

<https://www.forensicstournament.net/goldeneagle/13/>

Entries for the second part of the IE tournament should be made at:

<https://www.forensicstournament.net/goldeneaglet/13/>

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

- 1) Students may not enter more than THREE events per pattern. IPDA competitors may NOT enter IE competition during the first tournament.
- 2) Rookie Eligibility. Students who are in their first year of collegiate or high school individual events competition may be designated as rookie. We will give awards to the top 3 rookies in each event. If there are 10 or more rookies in an event, then we will have a breakout final with one judge for the top non-advancing rookie competitors, provided we have enough judges.
- 3) If 40 competitors complete competition in an event (no no-shows), then we will have a semifinal round.
- 4) Conflict Patterns:

Pattern A: EXT, DUO, ADS, PERS, POE, POI

Pattern B: CA, DRAMA, PROSE, IMP, INFO

IPDA DEBATE

The IPDA constitution will guide all facets of IPDA competition at the tournament. It is available at

<http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

NPDA DEBATE

- 1) Provided that there are at least seven (7) entrants per division, there will be two divisions of NPDA Debate: Novice and Open. Division rules will follow NPDA guidelines. Eligibility is determined based

upon the most experienced partner. Competition in at least three tournaments of any style of debate constitutes a semester.

2) Disclosure - Keep on schedule! Ballots are due 1 hour, 20 minutes after the announcement of the motion. Oral critiques immediately following the debates may not exceed five minutes. Delays attributed to coach/judges may result in penalties to that school's teams including automatic losses or removal from the tournament.

3) Preliminary Rounds – Rounds One and Two will be randomly matched. Rounds Three will be lag-matched high-low within brackets based on the results of all previously tabulated debates. Round Four will be power-matched high-low within brackets based upon the results of all previous rounds.

4) Elimination Rounds - Advancement to and seeding in elimination rounds will be first based upon record, followed by adjusted speaker points, then total speaker points, next by opposition record, and finally by Z-Score.

SWEEPSTAKES

We will offer top 3 university awards and top 3 community college awards in the following categories:

1) IE Swing Sweeps

2) Golden Eagle Invitational Overall Sweeps (Debate plus IE. Pro IPDA does not count for this.)

3) IPDA Sweeps (Team plus Individual Debate. Pro IPDA counts. Award for Top Overall Program as well.)

We will offer the 5 individuals awards in the following categories:

1) IE Swing Competitor (Points earned at both IE tournaments)

2) Overall IE + Debate Competitor (Points earned at both tournaments)

We will use the following formula for sweeps

1) IE Placement---1st-12, 2nd-10, 3rd-8, 4th-6, 5th-5, 6th-4, 7th and below/semifinalists-2.

3) IPDA Debate---Prelim-2 pts per win (top 4 teams per division), Elims (all teams advancing)-Octofinalist-2, Quarterfinalist-3, Semifinalist-6, 2nd Place-9, 1st Place-12.

4) Team IPDA/NPDA---Prelim-3 pts per win (Top 4 teams per division), Elims-Quarterfinalist-6, Semifinalist-12, 2nd Place-18, 1st Place-24

FEES/JUDGING

\$8 per IE slot. \$10 per uncovered IE entry. 1 judge covers 8 slots.

\$25 per IPDA entry. \$25 per uncovered entry. 1 judge covers 4 entries.

\$40 per NPDA/IPDA Team Entry. \$40 per uncovered entry. 1 judge covers 2 entries.

\$10 late change fee.

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HOTELS

Blocks of non-smoking rooms is being held at the following hotels in town:

1) Best Western Stateline Lodge

273 S Highway 59, W Siloam Springs, OK... (918) 422-4444

\$74 for the 2 queen bedrooms and \$70 for the King bedrooms. The rooms are blocked as JBU Debate until

October 18th.

2) Quality Inn

1300 US Highway 412 West, Siloam Springs, AR... (479) 524-8080

Mention JBU or the Golden Eagle Invitational to get the JBU rate. Two queens for \$64 plus tax, and room with one king is \$59 plus tax.

When the blocks above fill up, try these options (in order of most to least desirable). We do not have blocks at these establishments.

1) Hampton Inn

2171 Ravenwood Plaza, Siloam Springs, AR (479) 215-1000

<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=FYVSSHX>

2) Super 8

1800 Hwy 412 West Siloam Springs, AR... (479) 524-8898

<http://www.super8.com/>

3) Cherokee Casino and Hotel

2416 U.S. 412 West Siloam Springs, OK 74964 (800) 754-4111

<http://cherokeecasino.com>

4) America's Best Value Inn

1801 Highway 412 West Siloam Springs, AR 72761 (479) 524-2025

<http://www.americasbestvalueinn.com/>

5) Super 7 Inn

Siloam Springs 1951 Highway 412 East Siloam Springs, AR

<https://reservation.magnusonhotels.com/bbe/page1.aspx?propertyID=8703>

6) Budget Inn

2400 Highway 412 East, Siloam Springs, AR (479) 524-5127

<http://budgetinnsiloamsprings.magnusonhotels.com/>

7) Stone Inn 1150 U.S. 412 Siloam Springs, AR (479) 524-5172

If you cannot find acceptable lodging in Siloam Springs, Springdale, AR is a little over 20 country miles to the east on US-412. You will find many more hotels there, plus a greater variety of restaurants for team dinners.

Map of the Campus

<http://www.jbu.edu/about/map/>

On Friday and Saturday, the tournament will be headquartered in Simmons Great Hall (33 on the map). On Sunday, the tournament will be headquartered in the Walker Student Center (5 on the map). You may park in the closet lots to Simmons Great Hall.

Directions to Campus

<http://www.jbu.edu/about/directions/>

If you happen to be flying to the tournament, the closest airports are XNA (Northwest Arkansas Airport---22 miles) or TUL (Tulsa Int'l Airport---79.8 miles)