



The M&M Swing



On behalf of Marshall University and Miami University it is our pleasure to invite you to our 2nd annual M&M Invitational Swing Tournament to be held on the Miami University campus in Oxford, OH on Saturday & Sunday, January 14 – 15, 2012. We will be hosting two tournaments which will feature all of the AFA Individual Events, Forensics Criticism, and NFA LD on Saturday; AFA Individual Events, Forensics Criticism, and Parliamentary Debate on Sunday. We will also offer our usual hospitality which features a continental breakfast each morning and a variety of baked goods for the judge's lounge and a reasonably priced lunch (and the time to eat it).

We will award as many trophies as we can including each participant in elimination rounds of each event, debate speaker awards, and individual sweepstakes to the top six contestants entered in four events. Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top five schools at each half of the swing as well as a combined award for the weekend. Also we will recognize the top three debate schools at each tournament.

The biggest reason that Miami University has been reluctant to host tournaments is because of the prices of hotel rooms in Oxford. The hotels in town have a closed market and they know it. The cheapest rates in town are roughly \$100 a night and the next closest hotel is a good 30 minute drive. However, we have secured a deal with a resort just 7 miles outside of town called Hueston Woods. They have set aside 40 rooms for us under **MFT** (Miami Forensics Tournament).

They are offering us \$69.00 for a Queen Dbl Room. \$150 Family Cabins (2 bedroom cabins which can sleep 6 people and has a full kitchen). Their address is 5282 Lodge Road, College Corner OH 45003 (513-664-3500). Ask for the **MFT** Rate (Miami Forensics Tournament Rate). **The release date on the rooms will be December 14th** but they will honor the rate after that providing they have rooms. You can learn more about the lodge at www.huestonwoodsstateparklodge.com

This invitation should provide all the information you will need to attend our tournament. However, if you have any questions, please contact Tournament Director, Danny Ray at 304-654-0587 or ray102@marshall.edu. A copy of this invitation can also be found on <http://www.marshall.edu/commstu/>. We sincerely hope you will add this to your spring travel schedule. Entry deadline is Wednesday, January 11 at 12:00 PM. Please register for both halves of the swing at <http://forensictournament.net/>

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M&M Swing
Hosted on Miami University's Campus in Oxford OH
Tentative Schedule

Saturday, January 15th

7:00 – 7:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast, Benton Hall (GPS address: 541 E. High Street)
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Extemp Draw
8:30 – 9:45 AM	IE, Round 1A, LD Round 1
9:45 – 11:00 AM	IE Round 1B, LD Round 2
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Extemp Draw
11:30 – 12:45 PM	IE Round 2A, LD Round 3
12:45 – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 – 2:45 PM	IE, Round 2B, LD Round 4
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Extemp Draw
3:30 – 5:00 PM	IE Finals Group A, LD Elimination Round 1
5:00 – 6:30 PM	IE Finals Group B, LD Elimination Round 2
7:00 PM	Awards (ASAP)

If more than two sets of elimination rounds are needed for LD they will be held after Awards

Sunday, January 16th

7:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast, Farmer School of Business (GPS address: 909 E. High St)
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Extemp Draw
8:30 – 9:45 AM	IE, Round 1A, Parli Round 1
9:45 – 11:00 AM	IE Round 1B, Parli Round 2
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Extemp Draw
11:30 – 12:45 PM	IE Round 2A, Parli Round 3
12:45 – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 – 2:45 PM	IE, Round 2B, Parli Round 4
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Extemp Draw
3:30 – 5:00 PM	IE Finals Group A, Parli Elimination Round 1
5:00 – 6:30 PM	IE Finals Group B, Parli Elimination Round 2
7:00 PM	Awards (ASAP)

If more than two sets of elimination rounds are needed for Parliamentary Debate they will be held after Awards

Pattern A Events (EXT, PRO, POI, PER, ADS, DUO)

Pattern B Events (IMP, POE, DI, INF, RC, FC)

ENTRIES

Competitors may enter up to three events per Group, but are personally responsible for making it to all rounds in a timely manner. There is no limit to the number of entries per school. Students who are entered in multiple events should always try to sign in to all rooms before the round begins.

Additionally, students competing in Lincoln – Douglas debate or Parliamentary Debate may only enter one event per pattern and must go to their IE round first. Debaters CANNOT enter Extemp, sorry.

DEBATE

Lincoln-Douglas Debate – will follow the NFA-LD Debate rules located at:

<http://cas.bethel.edu/dept/comm/nfa/ldrules.html> and utilize the 2010 – 2011 NFA-LD debate topic: Resolved: the United States Federal Government should substantially change its trade policy and/or practices with the People's Republic of China. Speech times for LD will be the standard 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 with four minutes of prep time. A ten minute forfeiture rule will be in place for LD. If a debater is not present and prepared to begin the debate ten minutes after the scheduled start time for the round, judges will be instructed to forfeit the absent debater. A forfeit will result in a loss and zero speaker points for the round. Any debater scheduled to debate an individual that forfeits will receive a win and averaged speaker points for the round.

Parliamentary Debate – will follow the rules located at: <http://www.parl Debate.org/>

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Competition will be offered in all 10 NFA events, POI and Forensics Criticism and will follow the guidelines set forth by the NFA at [this link](#) POI will follow the rules set forth by the AFA NIET: at [this link](#) The events will be divided into the following Groups:

Group A: After Dinner Speaking, Duo, Extemp, Persuasion, Program Oral Interp, & Prose

Group B: Drama Interp, Forensics Criticism, Impromptu, Informative, Poetry, & Rhet. Crit.

Competitors will be allowed to compete in three events per group but it will be their responsibility to make it to rounds on time and notifying the judges that they will be arriving late. Judges will be asked to leave the room when the scheduled time for the end of the round arrives. ***Students entering debate may only do one IE in either flight and MAY NOT do Extemp.***

JUDGES

Each school is required to provide one judge for every six IE slots entered. They are required to provide 1 judge for every two Lincoln – Douglas individuals or Public Forum Teams entered. These individuals must be made available for all rounds including elimination rounds.

DROPS

If you must drop an entry that can be done online until noon on Wednesday and after that you should contact Danny Ray at [304-654-0587](tel:304-654-0587). The drop fee becomes more unpleasant with each passing day. Finally, there is no excuse for a student not showing up to a round or being an unreported drop; consequently a stiff nuisance fee is included.

DEADLINE

Entries must be submitted by email to ray102@marshall.edu by 5:00 pm, Tuesday January 10, 2012. You will get a confirmation email once the entry has been received. If you do not receive an email confirming your entry within 24 hours, consider it lost and resubmit it.

AWARDS

At each half of the swing, awards will be presented to all participants in elimination rounds, and the top non-advancing novice will be recognized in each event. Additionally, the top six contestants in Individual Sweepstakes and Sweepstakes to the top six schools will be awarded. The top three schools in debate will be awarded at each half of the swing. There will also be a combined Sweepstakes for the top school competing in both halves of the swing and at least one debate tournament. A quality award will be presented to the coach of the team with the highest average point total per slot.

Fees

LD / Parliamentary Entry	\$30.00
IE Slots	\$8/per slot
LD/PF Judges	\$50.00 / uncovered debate entry
IE Judges	\$12.00 /per uncovered slot
Lunch	\$5.00 per person (not automatic)
Drops after noon Tuesday, January 10	\$5.00
Drops on Wednesday, January 11	\$10.00
Drops on Thursday, January 12	\$15.00
Drops on Friday, January 13	\$25.00
Drops on Saturday, January 14	\$50.00
Dropped Judges on Thursday, January 13 or later	\$50.00 plus \$10.00 per round scheduled
No-Show/Unreported Drop	\$75.00

All fees (entries, judges, drops, and no-shows/unreported drops) must be paid before elimination rounds are posted. Failure to do so will result in all entries from that school being declared ineligible to advance to any elimination round or to be eligible to win any sweepstakes award.

Sweepstakes

Debate – For the purpose of calculating sweepstakes, a school will be awarded 3 points for each preliminary round win and 1 point for each loss. Points will be awarded in Elimination Rounds as follows: Champion – 12 points, runner-up 9 points, elimination round two – 5 points and elimination round one – 2 points.

Individual Events – Sweepstakes points will be awarded as follows: In preliminary rounds, all contestants will accumulate points with each rank of:

Prelim Points	Finals Points
1 st – 3 points	1 st – 12 points
2 nd – 2 points	2 nd – 10 points
3 rd – 1 point	3 rd – 8 points
	4 th – 7 points
	5 th – 5 points
	6 th – 3 points

Directions / Parking

We assume that everyone can use a mapping program or GPS to find their way to Oxford. If you are headed to the Hueston Woods Resort/Hotel the address they recommend is 5282 Lodge Road, *College Corner*, OH 45003 (513-664-3500). It is a seven miles outside of Oxford and will take you about 15 minutes to get to the campus. We are currently planning to hold registration on Saturday in Benton Hall. The GPS street address for that is 541 East High Street, Oxford, OH.

Parking: The best place to park will be in the North Parking Garage located underneath the School of Engineering on East High Street with access from Withrow Lane, which runs west off North Patterson Avenue. It does cost \$5.00 per day (or \$.50 per hour).

Food

Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday will be provided. We will also be bringing in lunch. Oxford has a few of the basic fast food places (McDonalds, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Jimmy Johns, etc.) but none are conveniently located for lunch. We would encourage you to take advantage of the lunch we are offering. We will have vegetarian options available.

Directions To Hueston Woods

A

5282 Lodge Rd
College Corner, OH 45003-9038
[Add a Note](#) [Search Nearby](#) [Zoom](#)
Not what you were looking for?

Online Offers: [Motels in College Corner](#)

1. Start out going NORTH on LODGE RD. 0.6 mi

2. Turn RIGHT. 0.02 mi
If you reach CABIN RD you've gone a little too far

3. Turn RIGHT onto MAIN LOOP RD. 1.6 mi

4. Turn RIGHT onto OH-732. 4.7 mi

5. Turn LEFT onto E HIGH ST/US-27/OH-73. 0.4 mi
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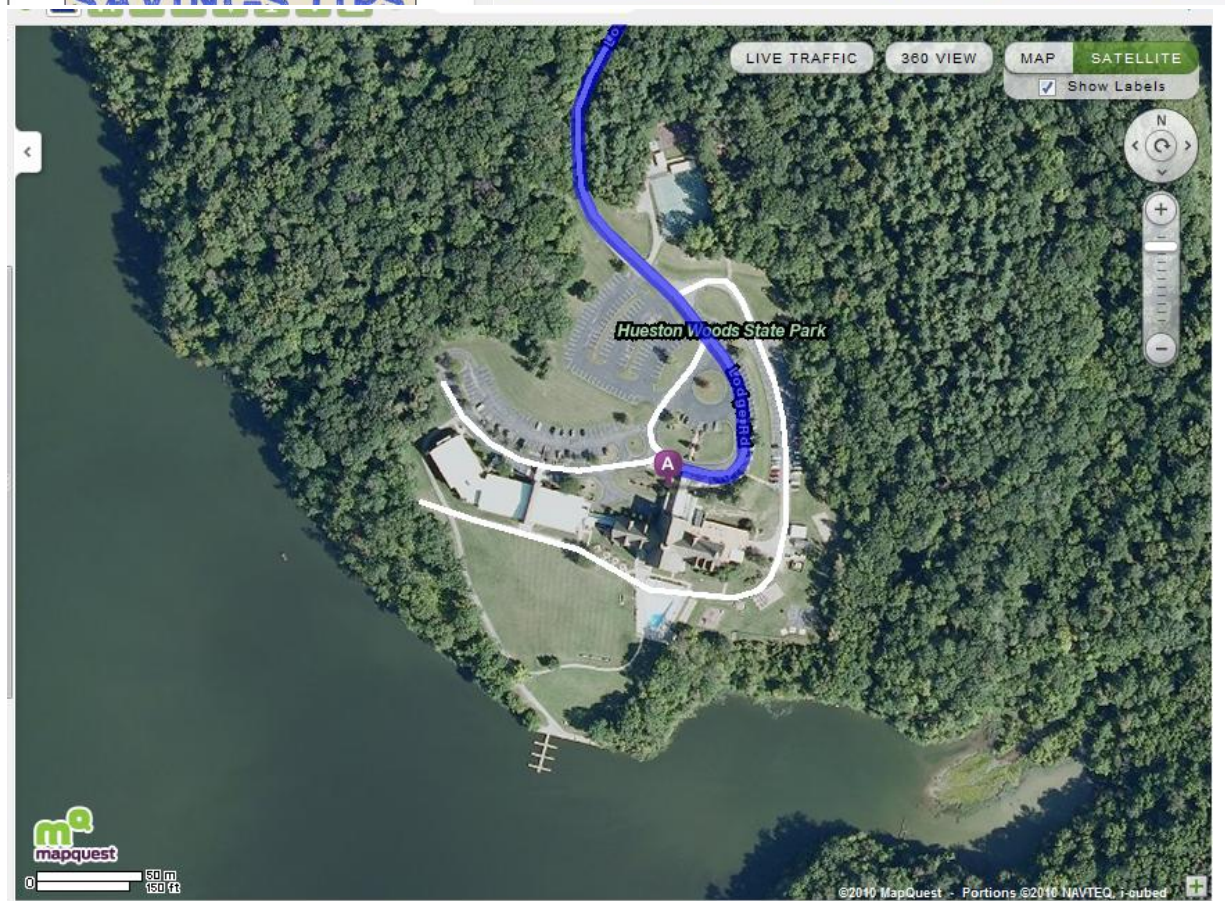
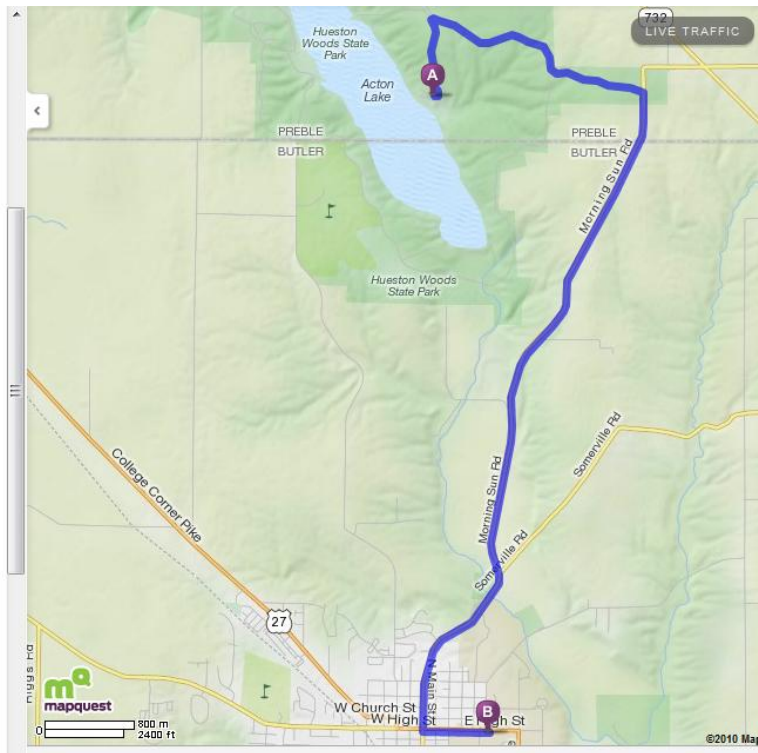
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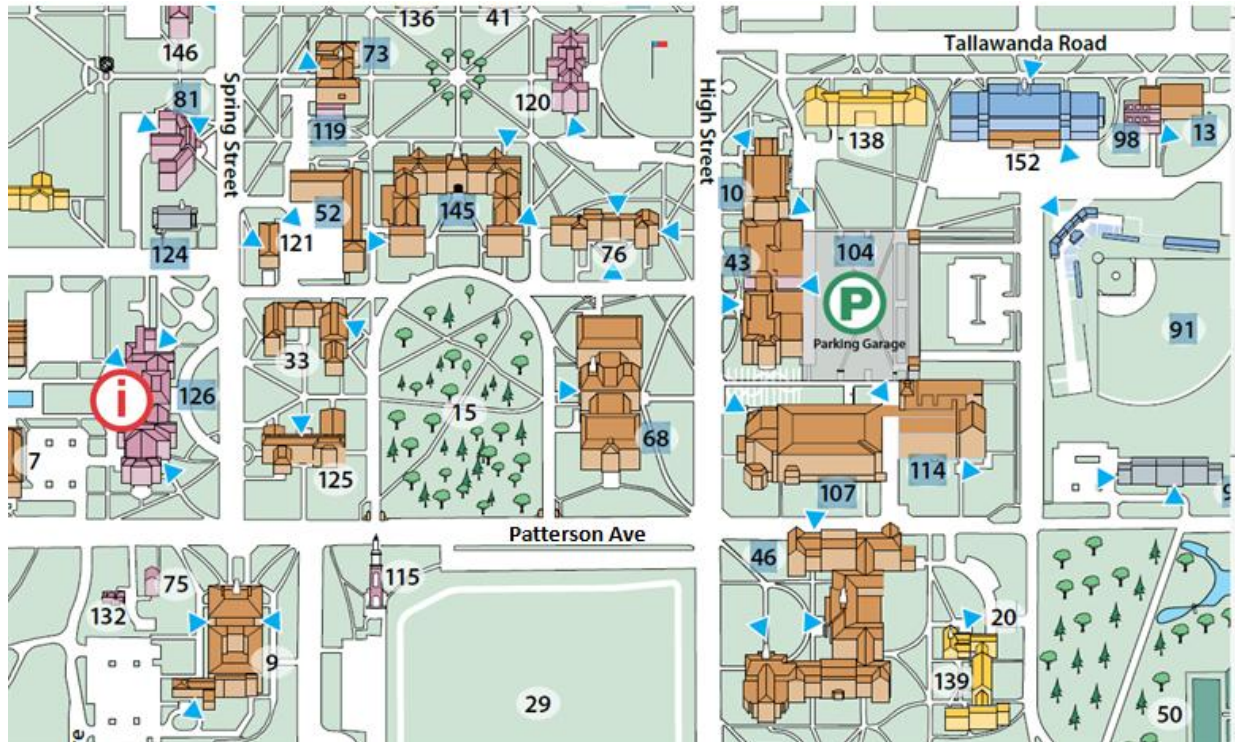
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SAVINGS TIDE





10 Benton Hall (BEN) **Registration**

43 Engineering Bldg (EGB)

68 Hughes Laboratory (HUG)

107 Pearson (PSN)

114 Psychology Bldg (PSYC)

46 Farmer School of Business**

104 is the North Parking Garage

**Registration and all rounds (we hope) on Sunday will be held in the Farmer School of Business

Full Campus Maps at

http://www.miami.muohio.edu/documents/about-miami/Campus_Map_2010.pdf

We hope you will join us for a weekend of fun competition, excellent hospitality and really good trophies (because Danny & Todd both love good trophies)