

University of Central Arkansas
End of Hi-BEAR-Nation Debate Tournament
March 8 – 10, 2013

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of University of Central Arkansas Forensics and the UCA Department of Communication, we are pleased to invite you to the Fifth Annual End of Hi-BEAR-Nation Debate Tournament, to be held on our campus March 8-10, 2013. Our tournament is open to all who wish to participate.

You will notice three major changes from previous years. First, we are adjusting the schedule to allow for Team IPDA Debate on Friday. Second, our sweepstakes formula will not include out rounds in the calculation. Finally, because our tournament conflicts with another event on campus, we will be headquartered in McCastlain Hall.

All of the pertinent information is included with this invitation. We look forward to having you on our campus for a weekend of IPDA Debate.

Sincerely,

Anthony McMullen, J.D., Director of Forensics

Dr. Larry Dilday, Assistant Director of Forensics and Director of Individual Events

University of Central Arkansas Forensics

Tournament Headquarters: The tournament will be headquartered in McCastlain Hall (north of the College of Business). Feel free to park near the building, but do not park in the row of spaces marked “Enforced 24/7.”

Please encourage your competitors and judges to bring a comfortable pair of shoes. While we will try to keep the walking to a minimum, competitors and judges should expect to walk a little to get to competition rooms. We will make accommodations (such as moving competitions to a closer room or travel via golf cart) for judges or competitors need them.

The University of Central Arkansas is a non-smoking campus. The prohibition against smoking extends to all UCA property, including parking lots.

Hotel Information: Conway has a number of area hotels, but the following are right off Interstate 40 and less than ten minutes from the UCA campus. We have secured special rates at three different price points. Reference “UCA Forensics” when you call to make reservations. The following hotels are all in the same vicinity and near a number of restaurants and shopping areas.

Hilton Garden Inn: 805 Amity Road, Conway. (501) 329-1444. Rate: \$77 + tax (please make reservations by February 22 for this price). To book, call the number above or follow this link: http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/L/LITCWGI-EHB-20130308/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Hampton Inn: 810 Museum Road, Conway. (501) 329-8999. Rate: \$77 + tax

Best Western: 816 E. Oak Street, Conway. (501) 329-9855. Rate: \$55 + tax

Registration and Fees: The fee is \$25.00 per covered individual and \$35.00 per covered team. Uncovered entries are an additional \$15.00 per uncovered entry. One judge covers four individual entries or two teams. The only requirements to being an IPDA judge are an open mind and reasonable intelligence. As is standard procedure at most IPDA tournaments, judges are obligated until one round after the team’s last debater has been eliminated, and eliminated competitors may be used as judges in the out rounds, though competitors will not judge in the same division in which they competed.

The entry deadline is Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. Changes will be accepted without charge until Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. Each individual change after that will result in a \$10.00 fee. Register by sending an email to Anthony McMullen (amcmullen@uca.edu).

Tournament Notes: All of the rules guiding IPDA will apply to this tournament. These rules can be found at ipdadebate.info. In team debate, cross examination is to be closed unless all debaters and the judge agree otherwise.

UCA will compete only to fill divisions or to give novices additional experience. Every effort will be made not to have UCA competitors judged by UCA judges. In the event that more judges are needed than clean judges available, we guarantee that UCA competitors will be judged by UCA lay judges and not debate team members.

Sweepstakes and Awards: We will present awards to the top five speakers in each division, to individuals reaching the elimination rounds, and to the top three schools. Sweepstakes will be calculated as follows:

- Team IPDA wins/byes: 5 points (top two teams count)
- IPDA wins/byes: 2.5 points (top four individuals per division count)
- Speaker points: 5 points for 1st, 4 points for 2nd, etc.

We will also present a special award to the team with the highest preliminary round winning percentage across all forms and divisions of debate, regardless of size (three competitors minimum).

Tentative Tournament Schedule:

Friday, March 8:

1:30: Registration
2:00: Team Round 1
3:25: Team Round 2
4:50: Team Round 3
6:15: Team Round 4
8:15: Team Quarters

Saturday, March 9:

8:00: Team Semifinals and
Late Registration
9:30: IPDA Rd. 1
11:15: IPDA Rd. 2
1:00: IPDA Rd. 3
2:45: IPDA Rd. 4
4:30: IPDA Rd. 5
6:15: IPDA Rd. 6

Sunday, March 10:

8:00: IPDA Rd. 7
9:45: IPDA Rd. 8
11:30: Team Finals and
Coaches' Review
12:15: IPDA Octofinals
1:45: Awards
ASAP: Remaining IPDA Rounds

Plans are to provide lunch on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Schedule may be changed depending upon the number of entries.