



UCA "END OF HI-BEAR-NATION"

CONWAY, AR

FEBRUARY 1-4, 2024

DEPART: Thursday, February 1 at 7:00am (departing from campus via charter)

RETURN: Monday, February 5 at 2:00am (actual return time to be TBA)

LODGING: We'll be staying at:

Hilton Garden Inn
805 Amity Rd.
Conway, AR 72032

COACH'S CONTACT INFORMATION:

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TOURNAMENT EXPECTATIONS: We're heading to UCA End-of-Hi-Bear-Nation Tournament & TIPDA National Championships. It has IPDA and TIPDA and we want to head into Nationals with absolute intensity. Please remember that you are representing Lee College and will be expected to deport yourselves professionally and respectfully at all times.

- If you have a bye or no ballot for judging you are encouraged to stay in the prep space and observe/assist. During rounds, go support a team member ... this is not optional.
- If you want to listen to movies, music, etc. you should bring headphones, ESPECIALLY in the prep room.
- UCA is a SMOKE FREE CAMPUS, INCLUDING PARKING LOTS. I don't care if others violate this policy, we will not.
- All competitors should keep their flows to compare against ballots after the tournament.
- All competitors and judges must be in tournament-level attire or an LC Debate Polo for Sunday.
- Each of you will need carry your timer and padfolio to rounds.
- Attire should be neat and professional for all the days of the tournament; if you don't dry clean your attire prior to the trip you will need to invest in a can of spray starch and look sharp. Irons are located in the hotel rooms; use them.
- Facial hair must be well groomed; bring a razor.
- Behavior at restaurants should be respectful and appropriate. We've gotten away from this and it's time to start behaving like adults in public settings again.
- BRING A COLLAPSIBLE UMBRELLA on all trips, just to be safe.

TOURNAMENT EXPECTATIONS: Please note that we will be sharing van space and hotel room space with one another. Things will be crowded so pack responsibly.

- This is a six-round IPDA tourney with a four-round TIPDA portion.
- There are likely going to be themed topic panels in rounds and you will hate everything.
- Once you're in your rooms at night you're to stay there unless you confer with me first. Additionally, males and females should not be in one another's rooms without the explicit permission of the coach. This applies to members of other teams, as well as non-debate folks, as well. Unless otherwise specified, curfew is at 10:00pm.
- As always, there is no alcohol consumption permitted on LC Debate trips. Any prescribed or non-OTC medications you're bringing with you must be documented by prescription and a list of them provided to the coach prior to travel. No exceptions to this are permitted.
- Get up, get dressed and be ready ON TIME in the mornings!!! We will not wait for you. Anyone who misses competition because they weren't ready for the van departure will no longer travel with the team.
- Cell phones are to be turned OFF during rounds. An available/accessible electronic device is grounds for a DQ.
- DO NOT make any negative comments in regards to the tournament, a judge, or another performer. You will always have to time to debrief/vent in the van in the privacy with your teammates. The "55-Miles-an-Hour Rule" is absolute.
- Get to bed at a decent hour; trips are filled with long days that start early and end late.

TOURNAMENT EXPECTATIONS: Please note that we will be sharing bus space and things will be crowded, so pack responsibly.

- Park your vehicles in Lot 11 on campus for charter bus pickup.

- Pack light, but be prepared. two days of professional attire for IPDA-only competitors, plus some comfortable clothes for the trip up and back. Team IPDA participants will need three days of competition attire. Please be sure to have any needed materials with you prior to departure. Those of you bringing laptops be sure to have your chargers with you.
- You'll be receiving a total of \$100 dollars as a per diem; as the hotel provides a complimentary hot breakfast, I've allotted \$10 for lunch and \$15 for dinner for each of you. We'll likely be doing a sit-down meal on Thursday evening. Have snacks/drinks with you before we load the van on Thursday.
- You are urged to bring extra money for any ancillary activities.
- They do have an on-campus cafeteria, as well as other food service and pizza will be served on Saturday.
- Whether you're prepping, competing, judging or relaxing, please be courteous and efficient when dealing with coaches, judges and competitors. This doesn't mean you can't have fun but work comes first.
- For anyone in the judging pool, if you have a round down go watch one of your teammates.
- Please keep the prep room / prep space neat and orderly.

WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The weather will be cool in the daytime for all four days so pack accordingly. Nighttime temps will be cold. There's a significant chance of rain for two days, so bring your umbrellas.

Thu 01	58°/40°	 Cloudy	 7%
Fri 02	63°/46°	 Partly Cloudy	 12%
Sat 03	58°/45°	 Showers	 66%
Sun 04	50°/39°	 Showers	 66%

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

There will be complimentary pizza on Saturday the 11th. Prep and Tab are in the College of Business.

TIPDA competitors will need to have tournament attire for all three days, IPDA competitors for Saturday and Sunday. Reserve team t-shirts or polos for Sunday, please.

Friday:

12:00 – Registration

12:30 – Team Rd. 1

2:00 – Team Rd. 2

3:30 – Team Rd. 3

5:00 – Team Rd. 4

7:00 – Team Quarterfinals

Saturday:

8:00 – Team Semifinals

9:30 – Team Finals

11:00 – IPDA Rd. 1

12:40 – IPDA Rd. 2

2:10 – Lunch Break

2:30 – IPDA Rd. 3

4:10 – IPDA Rd. 4

5:50 – IPDA Rd. 5

7:30 – IPDA Rd. 6

Sunday:

8:00 – Ballot Check

8:30 – IPDA Elim Rd. 1

10:15 – Awards

Remaining Elim Rds. ASAP

CAMPUS MAP:

The Tournament HQ will be in the College of Business. Time will be your greatest enemy throughout the weekend. You absolutely **MUST** leave the prep room with ample time to get to your competition room.

