

DEATH VALLEY

IPDA Swing

Dear Colleagues,

The Louisiana State University Speech and Debate program cordially invites you to its first annual **Death Valley Swing** in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, from October 28th to 30th, 2011. This swing will offer IPDA debate—6 preliminary rounds in both halves. The tab room will be run by representatives of Louisiana State University.

Below you will find information about the tournament, accommodations and fees. *Please email (cmcd014@tigers.lsu.edu) your entries for both halves of the swing to Austin McDonald. We request all entries by 5 pm Monday, October 24th. Additionally, each change after noon on Wednesday, October 26th will result in an additional \$15 charge.* Information is also available on our web site at www.lsu.edu/debate. Please contact us if we can provide you with any additional help. We look forward to seeing you!

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HOTEL INFORMATION

La Quinta Inn Baton Rouge University Area

2333 S. Acadian Thruway
Baton Rouge, LA 70808-2304
Phone: 1-225-924-9600
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They're offering a **great** rate of \$52 + tax a night starting the night of October 27th. This includes High Speed Wireless and Breakfast (starting at 6AM). Be sure to mention "LSU Speech and Debate" when you make reservations. The cut-off to make reservations is October 2nd and there are a limited number of rooms (15).

Directions from the Hotel:

Take a left out of the hotel parking lot onto Acadian Thruway (going underneath the interstate). Drive for a couple of miles. Eventually you will see one of the university lakes on your right. When you see the lake and a little parking area, stay in the right lane and turn right at the light. This will be Stadium Drive. Follow this road until you get to Highland Avenue and take a right onto Highland. Go through several lights on campus until you see our big lawn on the left. At the next light (you'll see the Episcopal Church on your right and the visitors' center across the street on the left), take a left onto Dalrymple Drive. Take your first left (before the booth/gate) towards the big Chimes Tower. Coates Hall is just beyond the barrier (that will be closed off on Friday until 4:30 PM).

EVENT INFORMATION

1. The Death Valley Swing will offer all three divisions of IPDA.
2. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event, however only the top 4 entries in each division will count for sweepstakes awards.
 - A. All IPDA debate rounds shall follow the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format. Divisions offered will be Novice, Varsity and Professional. Both halves will offer 6 preliminary rounds, as well as the appropriate number of elimination rounds.
3. Awards shall be presented to all elimination round participants in each division. Awards shall be presented to the top three speakers in each division. An award shall also be presented to the top community college. Additionally, the top three schools will receive awards for each half as well as the overall weekend.

General information

- A. No minimum number of entries is required for schools to count toward sweepstakes awards.
- B. Schools must be entered in both halves of the swing in order to be eligible for the overall sweepstakes competition.

JUDGES

We really need your judges! One judge during debate rounds covers 4 IPDA debaters. Covered entry fees are \$25. We also offer Super-covered entry fees (one judge for every two entries) at \$15.

*****Note: Competitors not advancing to out rounds may be asked to judge.**

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 28th

7:15 - Registration
8:00 - Round I Draw
9:45 - Round II Draw
11:30 - Round III Draw
1:15 - Round IV Draw
3:30 - Round V Draw (An extra 30 min. between Round 4 & 5 for food)
5:15 - Round VI Draw
7:15 - Coaches Review
7:30 - Outround I
8:45 - Outround II

SATURDAY 29th

8:00 - Outround III (registration for 2nd half)
9:30 - Outround IV
11:00 - Round I
12:45 - Round II
2:30 - Round III
4:15 - Round IV
6:00 - Round V
7:45 - Round VI
9:30 - AWARDS

SUNDAY 30th

8:30 - Coaches Review
9:00 - Outround I
10:15 - Outround II
11:30 - Outround III
12:45 - Outround IV
(Second half outround awards presented in rounds)

Entry forms begin on the next page.

