

Ducktoberfest 2016
at
College of the Mainland
1200 Amburn Rd., Texas City, TX 77591

Dear Colleagues,

The College of the Mainland Debate Team would like to cordially extend an invitation for you to attend “Ducktoberfest 2016” in Texas City, TX on October 21-22.

The competition will feature SEVEN rounds of IPDA debate (Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional). All rounds will follow IPDA rules and regulations. Please check the IPDA constitution for any questions. All entries must be received by Tuesday, October 18, at 5:00 pm. They may be emailed to Cody H. Smith at csmith55@com.edu or phoned to (409) 933-8211. Changes will be accepted without charge until Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at which point fees will be set. Late fees will be charged for any changes after the 15th at noon (in addition to any fees associated with the entry).

We will have complimentary food on Friday night and an open concession stand in the teams area in the gym with various types of food and drinks for purchase throughout the weekend. We believe the schedule will permit you all to have a good end time on Friday and a reasonable getaway time on Saturday. This should be a great tournament to gain experience for novices as well as keep JV and varsity debaters in a mid-season swing. Joe Ganakos of Lee College will be serving as tabulation room director and we expect a pool of judges from the College of the Mainland faculty, but we will also need additional judges, to help keep the tournament running on time. In the pages that follow, you’ll find all the details for Ducktoberfest 2016. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Cody H. Smith, PhD
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Schedule

Friday, October 21

12:00-12:30 – Registration in COM Gym
1:00 – Draw Round 1
2:30 – Draw Round 2
4:00 – Draw Round 3
5:30 – Draw Round 4
7:00 – Draw Round 5
8:30 – Draw Round 6

Saturday, October 22

8:30 – Draw Round 7
9:45 – Coaches' Review
10:00 – Elim 1
12:30 – Awards
1:15 – Elim 2
ASAP – Elim 3
ASAP – Elim 4 (If needed)

Tournament Hotels

College of the Mainland has tournament deals in place with two local hotels, however, there are several other area hotels in and around the Texas City area that would be able to accommodate you and your debaters. Ask for the **College of the Mainland Rate**.

Best Western: \$69/night; 409-986-6600 (Official Tourney Hotel)

Fairfield Inn: \$89/night; 409-986-3866

Holiday Inn Express: Seasonal COM rate; 409-986-6700

Hampton Inn – League City: Seasonal COM rate; 281-614-5437

There are also numerous hotels in surrounding League City, Dickinson, Webster, and Galveston that are a short drive to the college.

Directions and Parking

Direction to College of the Mainland:

Traveling South on I-45, take the Emmett F. Lowry Expressway exit (Exit 16) on the right. Follow the Emmett F. Lowry Expressway (FM 1764) into Texas City.

Take the Amburn Rd. exit on the right.

Turn Right onto Amburn Rd.

Take the first Left available entrance into campus to Parking Lot A or B (You will see the Music and Fine Arts Building on your right, which is the closest lot to the gym).

Parking:

There is no charge for parking and no parking permit required.

Do not pull through the parking spaces facing incoming traffic; park in the direction of the parking spot or you may receive a parking ticket!

Tournament Guidelines and Procedures

All rules guiding the International Public Debate Association apply to the College of the Mainland Ducktoberfest tournament. The operations hub of the tournament will be the COM Gym. Tab room will remain closed to all competitors unless in an emergency situation.

Sweepstakes and Awards

Sweepstakes will follow the following formula: All wins and byes will be awarded 1 point. Each person breaking to out-rounds will receive 2 points. Speaker awards will count toward sweepstakes points with 1st – 5 points; 2nd – 4 points, 3rd – 3 points; 4th – 2 points, 5th – 1 point; Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity and Professional will count toward the tournament sweepstakes. There is no limit on entries, but only the top three competitors in each division will count toward the sweepstakes. There will be speaker awards for the top 5 competitors from each division, awards for all out-round finalists in each division, and sweepstakes trophies for the top 3 programs. The team with the highest winning percentage (minimum 3 competitors) will also receive the “Flying V Award”. There will also be an award for the Top Community College.

Entry Deadlines, Fees, and Judges

The entry deadline will be 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 18. Changes will be accepted at no charge until 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 19. Any drops or changes after that date will be charged a processing fee of \$15.00. Fees for each individual entry are \$25.00. Every entry MUST be covered by a judge. We are a small school with a limited judging pool, even with community involvement. There can be NO EXCEPTIONS to this requirement! COM debaters may compete to improve the breaks if necessary, but every effort will be made to prevent COM judges from judging COM debaters if it is necessary for COM debaters to enter the tournament. Each judge covers 4 slots. All schools will be required to judge one round past their highest finisher. Competitors who do not advance can and will be used as judges in the out-rounds.

**Ducktoberfest 2016
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School:

Coach:

Address:

Office Phone:

Email:

Novice Division:

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Junior Varsity Division:

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Varsity Division:

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Professional Division:

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Judges:

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Fees:

_____ competitors slots @ \$25 each = _____

(Please Make Checks Payable To: College of the Mainland)

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