



2012 Oak Tree Swing



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Dear IPDA Colleagues,

The LSUA Speech and Debate Team enthusiastically invites you to the **2102 OAK TREE SWING**, March 16th through 18th on the campus of Louisiana State University Alexandria. We will offer a **6-round** Team IPDA competition on Friday, and a **7-round** IPDA competition on Saturday.

In these still uncertain economic times, we offer three advantages to the mid-South debate community:

- An accessible location just a few hours from many IPDA programs.
- No early morning rounds, allowing some programs to travel early cut hotel costs.
- Our Magnolia Café down the hall from our prep ballroom for late lunches or supper on Friday, and our famous free fried catfish lunch on Saturday for competitors, judges, and coaches. Plus our on-campus SUBWAY open until late each night.

So if you're looking for a tournament with first-rate Louisiana food and hospitality, and a stress-free schedule on a lovely campus in brand-new facilities, please join us at one of the most accessible locations in the region.

Thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing you here and throughout the season.

Sincerely,

Kevin Ells
Director of Forensics
Department of Arts, English, and Humanities
Louisiana State University Alexandria

REGULATIONS

Deadline and Fees

- The entry deadline will be 5 p.m. Monday, March 12th, though early entries or even informal notes of intention to attend are much appreciated.
- We prefer you send entries to debate@lsua.edu but you may also leave a message at (318) 473-6489.
- Fees for each individual IPDA entry will be \$25, and \$35 for each Team.
- Changes will be accepted at no charge until 5 PM on Wednesday, March 14th, after which any drops or changes might be charged a processing fee of \$10.00 *per alteration*. We accept cash, or checks payable to *LSUA Speech and Debate*. **Individual entry fees include Saturday catfish lunch and Saturday evening snacks.**

Judges

You really MUST bring judges! EACH judge “covers” up to FOUR (4) IPDA competitors or TWO (2) IPDA Teams. Each uncovered IPDA competitor or team will be assessed an additional fee of \$15. All programs will be required to judge in one round beyond their highest elimination round. Competitors who do not advance may be used as judges in elimination rounds.

Rules

Each IPDA program may enter as many contestants as it wishes, space permitting. There will be PROFESSIONAL, VARSITY, NOVICE, and TEAM VARSITY divisions. If you have any questions about division eligibility, please refer to the IPDA Constitution at www.IPDADebate.info. We will follow IPDA guidelines and regulations as outlined in the Constitution. **The time format will be 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 (Aff-CX-Neg-CX-Aff2-Neg2-Aff3)** with 30 minutes between the first names called at each round’s draw and the start of each round, including strike and preparation time. All competitors have 1 minute per strike and should use timers to insure maximum prep time.

AWARDS

There will be speaker awards for the top 5 competitors in each division, trophies for all elimination rounds in each division, and sweepstakes trophies for the top 3 programs in each swing. All divisions count toward individual tournament sweepstakes. Only the top 4 competitors in each division will count toward the sweepstakes (1 point for each prelim win, 1 break point, 2 points for each outround win).

Oak Tree Award: 1st – 3rd place awards will be given. Programs with at least 3 members who post the highest win percentages as a program will receive Oak Tree Awards. This award includes all team members included in the tournament entry. The LSUA team will not be considered for sweepstakes or Oak Tree awards.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- All our LSUA faculty and staff and student and community judges
- The LSUA Student Government for assistance with trophies
- LSUA Administration for its logistical, financial, and moral support
- Erika Sparacio-Fava, who painted the original version of the image on page 1
See her work at <http://www.quailcrossingstudios.com/ehprint12p.htm>

SCHEDULE (subject to modification)

Friday, March 16th, 2012

11:00	Team IPDA Registration (Brumfield Caffey Annex)
Noon	Team IPDA Round I Draw
1:30	Team IPDA Round II Draw
3:00	Team IPDA Round III Draw
4:30	Team IPDA Round IV Draw
6:00	Team IPDA Round V Draw
7:30	Team IPDA Round VI Draw

Saturday, March 17th

7:30	Team IPDA Semi-Finals Draw
9 AM	IPDA Registration and Team IPDA Finals Draw
10:30	IPDA Round I Draw
Noon	IPDA Round II Draw
	Fried Catfish served 1 – 2 in the Magnolia Café
2 PM	IPDA Round III Draw
3:30	IPDA Round IV Draw
5 PM	IPDA Round V Draw
	Hearty snacks to appear around 6 PM
6:30	IPDA Round VI Draw
8 PM	IPDA Round VII Draw

Sunday, March 18th

8 AM	Coaches' Review
8:30	Draw for Outround #1
10 AM	AWARDS
ASAP	Remaining elimination rounds (awards in rounds)

FOOD, GAS, LODGING

Food

There is a friendly new SUBWAY restaurant on campus, several good restaurants downtown, and numerous national chain as well as authentic local Louisiana restaurants line MacArthur Drive, or can be found on Jackson Street west of MacArthur Drive. *Remember that WE provide snacks Friday and Saturday evenings and lunch on Saturday.*

Directions and Accommodations

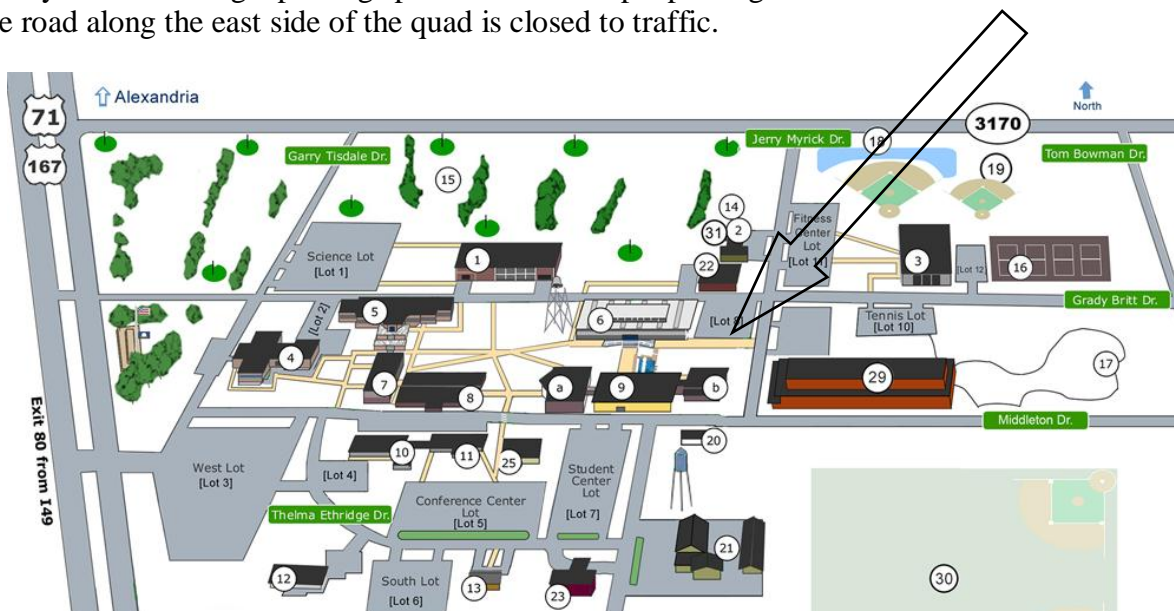
Hotels ranging in price and amenities from the Marriott through Motel 6 are situated all along MacArthur Drive, the Business Loop of LA State Highway 71S. Teams from Louisiana schools should be able to stay tax-free if they have appropriate paperwork prepared in advance and present it at check-in time. Several Alexandria hotels are listed at the Web sites below:

- Enter Hotels Alexandria, LA at <http://maps.google.com/>
- <http://www.therealplaces.com/hotels-on-street/LA/Alexandria/North%20Macarthur%20Drive>
- http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g29458-Alexandria_Louisiana-Hotels.html

Alexandria is located at the intersection of LA state highways 1, 28, 71, 165, 167, and the I-49. From I-49, take exit 86 to MacArthur Drive north, or 80 to LSUA. LSUA is on highway 71S, and MacArthur Drive is this highway's Business Loop through Alexandria. Hwys 28 and 165 intersect MacArthur Drive. If you are flying into the Alexandria airport, we will be happy to assist with ground transportation.

On campus

Take any entrance to LSUA from either direction on Hwy 71, and park near the library (6) or Fitness Center (3) or Student Center (9) or Multipurpose Academic Center [MPAC] (29). Debate HQ is in the ballroom of the Brumfield Caffey Annex (9b), located on the SE corner of the quad, directly across the road from the new MPAC building, and indicated below. Parking shouldn't be too much of a problem on Friday, but you might want to drop off teams and competitors on Friday before finding a parking space. There is ample parking over the weekend. Please note that the road along the east side of the quad is closed to traffic.



ENTRY FORM

Entries should be received by Mon., March 12th, 2012 at 5 pm. Fees assessed Wed. October 21st @ 5 pm.
Email entries preferred: debate@LSUA.edu

INSERT ADDITIONAL ROWS OR LINES AS NECESSARY

IPDA VARSITY TEAMS

#	Name 1	Name 2

IPDA: Public Debate Individual Competitors

PROFESSIONAL

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

VARSAITY

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

NOVICE

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Judges: List judges. Check Team or IPDA.

Name	TEAM	IPDA

FEES

IPDA TEAM slots @ \$35 ea. _____

Uncovered IPDA TEAMS @ \$50 ea. _____

Individual IPDA entries @ \$25 ea. _____

Uncovered Individual IPDA entries @ \$40 ea. _____

Drops/Changes @ \$10 ea. _____

TOTAL FEES _____

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