# The 2014 Robert D. Clark Championship Invitational

Hosted by the University of Oregon

Friday, February 21 – Saturday, February 22, 2014

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We would like to invite you to the 2014 Robert D. Clark Invitational held on Friday, February, 21st and Saturday, February 22nd. For nearly 50 years Oregon has hosted one of the largest high school tournaments on the West Coast. We are continuing our more recent tradition of charging **NO REGISTRATION FEES** if programs provide enough judges to cover their entries.

The Clark Invitational features five preliminary rounds of debate in four different formats, and three preliminary rounds of individual events. This year the tournament has an NIETOC bid in all qualifying IEs. We run and efficient and on-time tournament with excellent competition and professionalism.

The tournament offers:

**•All OSAA events offered, following all OSAA rules**

**•Two-day schedule**

**•Fully catered coaches’ meeting**

**•NO FEES**

We are excited to encourage you to attend our summer institute, the Oregon Global Debate Institute. Students attending the Clark Invitational receive a tuition discount for the summer institute.

We will continue to offer at least one Robert D. Clark Forensics scholarship providing a $1000 tuition remission. Students interested in attending U of O for the fall of 2014 are encouraged to apply. The full application process is described on the tournament website: http://clarkinvitational.wordpress.com

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**Events**

Students may enter one debate event and any two individual events, with a single exception: students entered in CX debate may only enter pattern A events, not pattern B.

**– Debate**

CX will use the 2013-2014 topic. As per longstanding tradition, Public Forum will use the March topic, and LD will use the March/April topic. Public topics will be written by the tournament.

We will be offering two divisions (junior and senior) in each of the formats, as long as we have sufficient entries.

Debate will follow OSAA rules. All conflicts and interpretations of the rules will be settled by the tournament director and will be considered final.

**– Individual Events**

Pattern A: Pattern B: (CX Debaters may not enter pattern B)

ADS ELL-Interp

Expository Memorized-Humorous

Impromptu Oratory

Memorized-Serious Dual Interpretation

Prose Extemporaneous

 Poetry

 Radio

We will offer Junior and Senior divisions in all events with sufficient entries. If collapsed events we will recognize the top 3 finishers in the junior division.

The tournament reserves the right to collapse similar events if entries are below the OSAA Alternate Qualification threshold.

All individual events will follow OSAA rules and will use OSAA ballots. Please visit: http://www.osaa.org/publications/handbook/1112SPEECHHandbook.pdf for a detailed description of the events.

With the addition of the NIETOC bid we are very excited to see an increased entry turnout for the 2014 Clark tournament. Here is more information about the NIETOC. http://www.nietoc.com/faq.asp

**Fees**

**MAKE THE CHECKS OUT TO: U of O Forensics**

School Fee – FREE

Debate entry – FREE ($20/team for late entry)

Individual Events – FREE ($10/entry for late additions)

Uncovered debate round penalty: 150 dollars per team

Uncovered IE round penalty: 25 dollars per entry

**Judging**

One judge can cover 2 CX entries, 2 Public debate entries or 4 LD/PF debate entries; and the same judge can cover up to 6 IE entries (double-entries count as two entries).

We intend to use coaches as sparingly as possible until elimination rounds. Because the Clark Invitational is a large tournament *it is imperative that you either cover your judging obligations, or let us know in advance that you cannot* so that we know how many judges to hire. Judges are obligated one round beyond the final round in which they have a student competing.

**Registration**

Entries will be done via [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net) and entry procedures detailed there.

If your entries as of the Thursday deadline are over your judging commitment you will be assessed for all uncovered entry fees in full even if the number of entries remaining after then are covered by your judges. We welcome unexpected judges but they will only reduce by half the uncovered penalty that they would have resolved had they been entered properly.

**LODGING:**

Look for information about a hotel block closer to the tournament date. This information will appear at the tournament website: http://clarkinvitational.wordpress.com

Options in Eugene include:

PHOENIX INN SUITES

850 Franklin Boulevard, Eugene, OR (541) 344-0001 ‎phoenixinn.com

BEST WESTERN

1655 Franklin Boulevard, Eugene, OR (541) 683-3669 ‎ · book.bestwestern.com

Information for other nearby hotels:

SLEEP INN & SUITES

599 East Broadway, Eugene, OR (541) 345-2331 ‎ · sleepinn.com

DAYS INN EUGENE DOWNTOWN/UNIVERSITY

1859 Franklin Boulevard, Eugene, OR (541) 342-6383 ‎ · daysinn.com

**Further Information**

Please send any questions or concerns to the UO forensics coordinator

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541-531-3534 🡨 This will be the tab help phone

**Schedule**

*Friday, February 21st*

8:00 Registration

10:00 Debate, Round 1

12:00 Debate, Round 2

2:00 IE Pattern A, Round 1

3:30 Debate, Round 3

4:45 IE Pattern B, Round 1

6:15 Debate, Round 4

8:15 IE Pattern A, Round 2

*Saturday, February 22nd*

8:00 Debate, Round 5

9:15 IE Pattern B, Round 2

10:45 IE Pattern A, Round 3

12:45 Debate, Elim 1

2:15 IE Pattern A, Finals + IE Pattern B, Round 3

3:45 Debate, Elim 2 + Coaches’ Meeting

5:15 Debate, Elim 3 + IE Pattern B, Finals

6:45 Awards

8:15 Debate, Elim 4