
GlenOak Speech & Debate

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Dear Colleague,

This is not our usual formal, stodgy invitation! Well, part of it is, but in our Covid reality, we are having some fun this year! So, please read on and we hope to “see” you and your debaters “at” GlenOak!

The GlenOak Adult Booster Club and the GlenOak High School Speech & Debate Teams cordially invite your debaters to participate in the 2020 GlenOak Adult Booster Club Debate Tournament on Friday, December 18, and Saturday, December 19, 2020.

We are pleased to offer two days of competition in Policy Debate, Lincoln/Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate and Congressional Debate.

Canton McKinley High School, approximately six miles from GlenOak High School, **but right at your fingertips in our virtual world**, is hosting a tournament featuring the nine OSDA speech events, Congressional Debate and a power round in speech, on Saturday, December 19. Please see the Canton McKinley invitation at www.speechwire.com or contact Manny Halkias, 330-493-0283 or halkias_m@ccsdistrict.org, if you would like an invitation.

Please consult the enclosed tournament details for specific information and registration deadlines. **(The info will tickle you, or not, and the deadlines will pretty much be virtual!)**

We will offer your debaters and judges quality competition and the virtual hospitality of GlenOak High School and the Plain Local School District. We look forward to “seeing” you “at” GlenOak High School on December 18 and 19, 2020!

Tom Mosberger
Director of Forensics

Nick Bollas
Tournament Director

2020 GlenOak Adult Booster Club Debate Tournament

When: Friday, December 18 and Saturday, December 19, 2020

Where: **The comfort of your office, study, dining room, family room, bedroom, classroom(s), or any other area from which you coach, compete or judge. It just ain't gonna be at GlenOak High School!**

Events: Policy Debate, Lincoln/Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, and Congressional Debate – Friday, December 18 and Saturday, December 19, 2020.

Entries: Enter as many debaters or teams as you can “haul” to GlenOak and for which you can supply judges!

Judges: Please provide qualified judges in the following ratio:
One (1) judge for every two (2), or fraction of, Policy teams, Public Forum teams and Lincoln/Douglas debaters. Each school entering Congressional Debate must provide a Congress judge for every five (5) entries or fraction thereof. **Please let us now of judges who can serve as parliamentarians!**

Judges must commit to 2 rounds of service AFTER the elimination of their teams' competitors!

***** If you have extra judges, “bring” them! Please understand that we cannot guarantee requests for hired judges at this time.

Competition: **All competition will be on *SpeechWire* and *NSDA Campus*. We cannot use *Zoom*! Plain Local students are prohibited from using *Zoom*. *Zoom* is blocked on our Student Chromebook and Guest Wi-Fi networks!**

We are determined to offer 5 preliminary rounds of Policy Debate; 6 preliminary rounds of Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum debates; each event to have the appropriate break rounds culminating in a Final Round.

Congressional Debate will have 4 preliminary sessions culminating in a Final Session.

Fees: **We did not raise fees! We did not lower fees! They are the same fees as in 2019. But, we did eliminate the base entry fee and judge fees (we still gotta have judges!) - Oh Happy Day! As usual, we always work with teams struggling with \$\$\$ issues!**

Policy Debate \$ 24.00 per team
Public Forum Debate \$ 24.00 per team
Lincoln/Douglas Debate \$ 12.00 per debater
Congress \$12.00 per Congressperson

**Checks payable to: GlenOak High School or Plain Local School District
(After 30+ years of being made payable to GlenOak Speech & Debate, we have been informed that checks MUST be made to “GlenOak High School” or “Plain Local School District.” Sigh . . . Please, help us and advise your Treasurer/CFO's office or your business office! Thanks!)**

Resolutions: **Deep, Double Sigh . . . We really wanted to use the January 2021 resolutions in Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas, BUT our tardiness in opening *The GOABCDT* means we will stay with the tired, repetitive, mind numbing NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2020 resolutions in those events! However, any Public Forum debater who pronounces nuclear as “nuke-you-ler” will be assessed 65 Bollas demerits! He is getting old and cranky!**

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Lincoln-Douglas Debate: **Resolved: The United States ought to provide a federal jobs guarantee.**

Public Forum Debate: **Resolved: The United States should adopt a declaratory nuclear policy of no first use.**

Policy Debate will debate the NSDA 2020-2021 resolution: **Resolved: The United States federal government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following: forensic science, policing, sentencing.**

Congressional legislation will be the OSDA legislation for **ALL** of November & December, 2020. The Calendar of Legislation for preliminary sessions and the final session will be posted under "Files for Download" on our *SpeechWire* site.

Awards: We are still working on this! But certainly a "Well done!" from Bollas will be available!

Hotels: **Stay home! But, if you would like to support Stark's ravaged hospitality industry and compete from a hotel:** the Belden Village area is the dining and entertainment Mecca of Stark County, with many fine hotels. It is also quite convenient to GlenOak High School (**which you are NOT getting into!**). Please contact us if you need specific hotel information.

Emergencies: GlenOak High School - 330-491-3800 (**Don't bother! Nobody will answer!**). Tom Cell - 330-323-4901. Nick Cell -- 330-313-0635.

Food: **There ain't none! Feast from your own refrigerators! Sady, we depend on our concession profits - oh well!**

Please contact Nick Bollas, Tournament Director, at bollasn@plainlocal.org - cell 330-313-0635, or Tom Mosberger, Director of Forensics, at mosbergert@plainlocal.org - cell 330-323-4901, if you require further information. We look forward to seeing you"at" GlenOak High School on December 18 & 19, 2020!

2020 GlenOak Adult Booster Club Debate Tournament

Friday, December 18 and Saturday, December 19, 2020

Our school day concludes at **2:20 p.m.** on Friday, December 18, **please, do not arrive at GlenOak High School! You couldn't enter our building with an order from Gov. DeWine!** It still takes us a while to clear the busses and students from the lots **even with a "multi-phased" dismissal!** **This year, you will not be underfoot** as we try to get the Commons cleaned and registration set-up!!

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

A detailed tournament schedule is available through *SpeechWire*. **We are STILL working on that schedule. It will be ready shortly!** The reality of that schedule remains to be seen. Please observe the following general tournament schedule.

Friday, December 18, 2020

3:30 p.m. Registration **opens for all events!**

4:45 - 5:00 p.m. Round I (or as soon as judges are present!) **Policy Debate will be given first priority! We would like to have 3 rounds of Policy Debate and 4 rounds of Lincoln-Douglas Debate & Public Forum Debate and 2 sessions of Congressional Debate on Friday night. However, we don't believe we will start any rounds after 9:15 pm. After all, we have ALL day on Saturday to finish this puppy!**

Saturday, December 19, 2020

7:45 am Check-in for schools and judges opens.

8:15 am Postings for Policy, Lincoln/Douglas & Public Forum Congress.

8:30 am Rounds Begin

SPEECHWIRE ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2020 GlenOak Adult Booster Club Debate Tournament will be through ***SpeechWire Tournament Services*** -- www.speechwire.com.

In order to facilitate our tournament preparations, our registration deadline is **registration on Friday!** **We would like to know what schools are coming BEFORE Friday, but we aren't prepping any food and we don't have to worry about using REAL rooms, so no pressure for final numbers until registration!**

INFORMATION, QUESTIONS, CONCERNS?!?!?

Telephone: Tom Mosberger or Nick Bolas

Tom Cell -- 330-323-4901 Nick Cell -- 330-313-0635

Email Tom Mosberger – mosbergert@plainlocal.org

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Directions and Parking and Stuff

All competitors and judges WILL NOT enter the building from the Student Commons entrance – Door 17!!! You will not enter the building from any of our entrances, ‘cuz you ain’t gonna be here!

Parking: (You aren’t gonna park anywhere! But it is part of the tradition of the GOABCDT and it will make next year’s invite easier to “fix!”

If you come to GlenOak HS via Schneider Rd. from the WEST, use the second driveway. Follow the signs to EVENT PARKING. Your bus may drop off competitors at Door 17. Tell your driver to park at the rear of the lot.

If you come to GlenOak HS via Schneider Rd from the EAST, use the first driveway. Follow the signs to EVENT PARKING. Your bus may drop competitors at Door 17. Tell your driver to park at the rear of the lot.

If you come to GlenOak HS via Easton St, either EAST or WEST, the driveway will take you to EVENT PARKING. Your bus may drop competitors at Door 17. Tell your driver to park at the rear of the lot.

Those judges and competitors coming by car or van should follow the above directions. Please do not park in the front parking lot on Schneider Street, which is reserved for the Plain Community Branch of the Stark County District Library and Saturday Enrichment classes. Access to the building for the tournament will be from the Student Commons entrance – Door 17. Parking in front will entail a very long walk!

(This disclaimer makes Mosberger very happy! Since you won’t be here, he doesn’t have to look for lost jackets, shoes, chargers, laptops and other detritus left behind by your kiddos & judges!)

Because of the many activities in our building on both days, the Plain Local School District, GlenOak High School and the GlenOak HS Speech & Debate Teams are NOT responsible for the personal items of your competitors, judges or coaches.

Refreshments: All food and beverage must be contained in the Main Commons and posted Judge Area at the east end of the Main Commons. The only exception is plain, bottled water. Kindly avoid bringing peanut OR nut-based products into the building. **This year, eat where you darn well want! We won’t have to explain to faculty and administration why cold pizza was left on a teacher’s desk in the Upper B Wing!**

The Library is a shared facility with the Stark County District Library. The Library will be open on Friday and Saturday until 5:00 pm, your bus drivers, judges and competitors are welcome to use the Library. **Good luck! If possible, their building hours are even more stringent than ours!**

Please contact us with any special requests or needs that you, your competitors or your judges may have!

Thanks!

Tom, Nick, & the GlenOak Speech & Debate Teams

Go Buckeyes! Go Browns! Go Bengals (yeah, even the Bengals)!