

A Teaching Tournament

Featuring the inimitable **Megan Towles** *University of Denver*
Co-CA of WUDC in Alaska

Carroll College, Helena, Montana
Sept. 18-20

Carroll College and Rocky Mountain College would like to invite you to the 4th annual Montana BP Teaching Tournament. Rocky and Carroll alternate: 2015 is Carroll's turn.

The emphasis is teaching, not competition – though we offer a low-key four-round tournament (and a final). We offer “framing” lectures before rounds 1, 2, 3 to guide debaters to success.

The weekend begins Friday night with a showcase debate with post debate analysis/discussion.

Oh by the way: No entry fee! We will offer campus dining room lunches on Saturday and Sunday for \$5 per meal. We will have donuts and juice for breakfast. On your own for dinners. And we will strive to find free Crash billeting for out-of-country friends or long-distance travelers!

Megan Towles will provide focused lectures followed by an educational mini-tournament. Megan spent her summer teaching at BP workshops at Cornell, Clemson and Vermont. She was co-CA at the national BP championships in Alaska.

The first three rounds will be preceded by a brief overview of how to frame different styles of topics, followed by a debate featuring that type of topic.

- Round 1: Policy frameworks: “This US congress should ratify the Iran treaty.”
- Round 2: Value frameworks: “This house prefers Bernie to Hillary.”
- Round 3: Cool topics: “If offered, this house would decline to live forever.”

The teams will then take that knowledge into prep sessions to prepare for the round. The fourth prelim and the final will be run normally. Megan will judge a round each time, providing a decision plus lessons in strategy afterwards.

A total beginner would be warmly welcomed in “Brent for Beginners” and would leave ready to compete in BP! More experienced debaters will also be tuned up by Megan for the season.

Come one, come all. We seldom hold events here because, well, we are in the middle of Montana! The state is, for the record, 630 miles wide...which is further than the distance from Yale to Ohio State University! Or SF to PDX! Put that in your Google Map and drive it!

It gets lonely in Montana. We'd enjoy some visitors at our Teaching Tournament.

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Edmonton Mall to Helena Mall: 901 km, 9 hours, 1 border!
Calgary to Helena: 647 km, 6.2 hours, 1 border!
Denver to Helena: 792 miles, 11.25 hours, 2 state lines
Spokane to Helena: 310 miles, 4.75 hours, 2 state lines
Kirkland to Helena: 588 miles, 9 hours, 2 state lines
Ephraim's One Stoplight to Helena: 600 miles, 8.6 hours, 2 state lines
Powell to Helena: 4.4 hours, 285 miles, 1 state line
From Anchorage to Ushuaia, Argentina: 182 hours at 50 mph (including Panamanian water jumps)

SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 18 (On your own for Friday food)

Showcase debate & illuminating critique 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19

“Brent for Beginners” Workshop 8:30-10 a.m.

Megan’s Regular Workshop 8:30-10 a.m.

Megan’s Advanced Workshop 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30-12:30 p.m.

Round 1: Policy topic 12:30 p.m.

Round 2 Value topic 2:45 p.m.

Round 3 “Cool” topic 5 p.m.

Saturday Dinner On your own

Sunday, Sept. 20

Round 4 9-11 a.m.

Brunch 11 a.m.

Finals 12:15 p.m. topic draw

Start the drive home 2 p.m.