

Dear Colleagues,

The Rocky Mountain College Debate team would like to cordially invite you to the BP workshop and scrimmage be held at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana on September 16-18, 2016. We will have a weekend of workshops and debating to practice British Parliamentary style of debate.

Steve Llano, Professor and Director of Debate at St. John's University in New York, is our guest lecturer during the weekend. Steve is the program director for a very successful BP debate program and a trainer at international forums about BP debate. We are fortunate to have him join us for the weekend of workshops and training.

We are excited to promote this style of debate and would like to make it a sustainable activity in our region. RMC will provide food, workshops and tournament during the weekend.

This tournament invitation includes possible hotel accommodations, tournament schedule and entry information.

We look forward to hosting this tournament and bringing everyone to the gorgeous Rocky campus. Please consider joining us for a great weekend of learning and competition.

Sincerely,

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Tournament/Workshop Specifics

BP/Worlds Style Debate:

There will be one division of BP debate open to any level of competitor. A list of rules and regulations for this style will be provided at the training session. The rounds will consist of 4 teams (Opening Government, Closing Government, Opening Opposition, Closing Opposition). There will be a panel of judges in each round that will collaborate on ranking of the round. Preparation time will be 20 minutes and each speech will be 7 minutes. The topics and start time for BP debate will be the same for Parliamentary debate. There will be a central announcement of the topics.

BP debate is communicative and persuasive in nature. Teams prepare individually with no help from coaches or other competitors. Procedural arguments (topicality, A spec, vagueness etc.) are positions/arguments that are not involved in this activity.

Accommodation:

Accommodation options for Billings, MT can be found at http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g45086-Billings_Montana-Hotels.html. Any hotel in the Downtown Billings area, hospital area or near King Avenue will be close to RMC. Please let me know if you have any specific questions.

Transportation:

Billings is accessible by air (Northwest, United, Delta, Frontier, Alaska, and America West all have gates at Billings Logan International Airport) or by car. Most of you who come in via car will enter on Interstate 90; if you take the 27th Street Exit, go north and then turn left onto Rimrock Drive, the campus will be on your left. The Bair Family Student Center will be the headquarters for the tournament. Maps of campus are available at www.rocky.edu.

Entries:

Please **e-mail** all entries to longsj@rocky.edu by 5:00 PM on Tuesday September 13, 2016. Entries should include **School Name, Director of Forensics, Contact Phone, and Contact E-mail address**. **Please enter teams of two.** I can accommodate hybrids, please indicate that in your e-mail entry.

Fees:

There is no entry fee for competitors. I only ask that you contribute 10\$ per person to cover food costs. I will provide breakfast, lunch, and snacks in the afternoons during the workshops and tournaments

Tentative Tournament Schedule

Friday, September 16, 2016

5:30-6:00 PM	Check-In
6:00-7:00 PM	BP/Worlds debate training session (Losekamp auditorium)
	- Students & Coaches
7:00-8:30 PM	Mock Debate
8:30 PM	Q & A session

Saturday, September 17, 2016

8:00-8:30 AM	Check-In and announcements (Losekamp auditorium)
	Breakfast provided
	Losekamp Auditorium
8:30-9:30 AM	Workshops (beginner & intermediate)
	Locations TBA
9:30-11:30 AM	Round 1
	Post round critique
11:30-12:30 AM	Lunch - Bair Student Center
12:30-2:30 PM	Round 2
	Critique
2:45-4:45 PM	Round 3
	Critique
	Snacks provided by the tournament
5:15-7:15 PM	Round 4

Sunday, September 18, 2016

8:30-9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Round 5
	Critique
10:45-12:15	Finals



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Rimview
Residence
Hall

Jorgenson
Residence
Hall

Alden
Hall

Fortin
Education
Center

Technology
Hall

Tyler
Hall

Bair
Science
Center

Eaton
Hall

Paul Adams
Library

Bair
Student
Center

Losekamp
Hall

Prescott
Hall

Widenhouse
Residence

Kimble
Hall

Poly Drive

Rimrock Road