

# INVITATION

## MIDDLE SCHOOL PUBLIC DEBATE PROGRAM SOUTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018



### VENUE

#### MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

1100 N Grand Avenue  
Walnut, CA 91789

#### Campus Map

<http://www.mtsac.edu/maps/campusbird.html>

#### Directions

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/1100+N+Grand+Ave,+Walnut,+CA+91789/@34.046366,-117.843411,1805m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x80c3295ead86871d:0x3eb1ed46d12ef7b6!8m2!3d34.0469418!4d-117.8489549?hl=en>



## SW MSPDP leagues – The best of the best in dynamic debates – Public Welcome

The Public Debate Program (PDP), centered at Claremont McKenna College and the Claremont Colleges Debate Union, supports debate training for more than 800,000 secondary school teachers and students in 29 countries. One of its long-standing debate outreach initiatives is the Middle School Public Debate Program (MSPDP), among the largest and fastest-growing debate programs in the world.

The Southwest Regional Tournament is one part of the US debate championship for the MSPDP. The regional and national tournaments are an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of all students participating in MSPDP leagues throughout the country. This year, the MSPDP will significantly increase the number of competing teams by sponsoring five US Regional Championships, with a unified national championship at Claremont McKenna College. The 2018 MSPDP National Championship will be the largest single-event debate tournament in the world.

Not every student is able to participate in a regional championship tournament. But every MSPDP student makes an extraordinary effort pursuing sophisticated, professional oral communication skills – public speaking, research, critical listening, argumentation, and refutation. These skills are developed in league invitational tournaments across the country and around the world. Congratulations to all MSPDP debaters and the volunteer teachers, coaches, judges, and families supporting them!

# eligibility – guidelines – registration – travel – hotel – directions – parking – fees



“Freedom is hammered out on the anvil of discussion, dissent, and debate.” Hubert Humphrey

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**ELIGIBILITY** Each league determines eligible teams. Qualifying teams may not change team members. Please review additional guidelines.

## **RULES**

The tournament will use the MSPDP Rules for Competition. The rules are available here:

<https://highschooldebate.org/middle-school/official-rules-and-clarifications>. The rules are

supplemented with a judging guide and rubric, available here:

<https://highschooldebate.org/middle-school/mspdp-judge-trainingrubric>.

Please contact John Meany, [john.meany@cmc.edu](mailto:john.meany@cmc.edu), with any questions regarding the rules.

## **TOURNAMENT TOPICS**

The tournament has 6 rounds of debate – five preliminary debates and a grand final debate for the top two ranked teams from different schools.

All topics were announced by March 7. Topics are posted online and emailed to league presidents for distribution to coaches. They are also included in this invitation.

## **TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM Arrival and Registration Verification (actual registration is by email prior to the event)

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8:15 AM Announcements

8:30 AM Debate Round 1

10:00 AM Debate Round 2

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Lunch

12:30 PM Debate Round 3

2:15 PM Debate Round 4

4:00 PM Debate Round 5

5:30 PM Dinner

6:30 PM Awards & Grand Final Debate

8:00 PM Departure

## **DIRECTIONS AND PARKING**

There is supplemental parking information coming.

## **LEAGUE REGISTRATION AND FEES**

All important dates/deadlines are underlined.

League president registration begins Friday, March 30. League presidents register qualifying teams from their league. Each president should submit a list of qualifying teams (including school name and first and last names of debaters), as well as certified judges for the registered teams. Contact information is required. A league may not register any teams beyond the number of approved bids. Email the list by Friday, April 6 to John Meany, [john.meany@cmc.edu](mailto:john.meany@cmc.edu).

## **SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

In addition to the official league registration, schools confirm registration for teams/judges and register for fees and/or meals.

A school should submit its registration and tournament fee (\$50 per team, payable to Claremont McKenna College) to John Meany. Detailed information on registration is included in this invitation.

All registration materials and payment should arrive by Wednesday, April 18. Please contact John Meany, [john.meany@cmc.edu](mailto:john.meany@cmc.edu), for an extension.

## **REGISTRATION**

### **• ANNUAL MSPDP MEMBERSHIP DUES AND SELECTIVE LEAGUE DUES**

A number of leagues and schools have not yet paid annual MSPDP membership fees (\$25 per school) and/or selective league dues. IVDL, RCDL, PCDL/LADL, and GWDL leagues pay leagues dues, in addition to member fees. Leagues and schools must do so prior to the championship. League presidents should inform all schools. Leagues and schools must be current on annual membership and league dues. The MSPDP invoices (annual membership fees and league dues) are available at <https://highschooldebate.org/middle-school/mspdp-invoices>.

### **• LEAGUE REGISTRATION**

**Please use “League SW Regional Registration” in email subject line.**

MSPDP Registration is by league president for all league entries. This is to John Meany, [john.meany@cmc.edu](mailto:john.meany@cmc.edu), to ensure that qualifying teams are approved for the competitions. Opens Friday, March 30 and should be delivered by Friday, April 6.

#### **Registration Information**

Name of school (Schools only – Educational enrichment centers, ‘independent’ or hybrid teams, multi-school debate programs, etc. are not eligible to participate)

Name of coach or responsible party attending the tournament

Mobile phone number of coach or responsible party attending the tournament

Team Entry –

Teams should be listed by three full names, for example,  
Helen Doe and Justin Doe and Jennifer Doe

Judge Entry –

Each school must register 1 MSPDP-certified judge for each entered team

### **• SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

**“School SW Regional Registration” in email subject line.**

School confirmation of teams/judges and school registration for fees/meals is done by the school representative/teacher/coach. Opens Friday, March 30 and should be delivered by Wednesday, April 18.

The coach of a school registers the qualifying team(s) from the school and the MSPDP-certified judge for each qualifying team. One certified judge is required for each registered team.

#### **Registration Information**

Name of school (Schools only – Educational enrichment centers, ‘independent’ or hybrid teams, multi-school debate programs, etc. are not eligible to participate)

Name of coach or responsible party (approved by the school) attending the tournament

Mobile phone number of coach or responsible party attending the tournament

Team Entry –

Teams should be listed by three full names, for example,  
Helen Doe and Justin Doe and Jennifer Doe

Judge Entry –

Each school must register 1 MSPDP-certified judge for each entered team

Registration checks are payable to Claremont McKenna College. There is a \$50 fee for each registered team. The registration form is attached and should be mailed to John Meany. For meals registration, please complete the attached worksheet.

## ***Dining and Meals Registration Fees***

No one is required to eat at Mt. San Antonio College. Dining on campus is convenient and will ensure that the tournament can stay on schedule.

Schools will receive a meal worksheet with options for lunch and dinner. I have not yet received the contract from the campus dining facilities but expect that lunch will be a box lunch (\$6 – sandwich, chips cookie and bottled water) and dinner (\$7 – same items).

## TOPICS

The topics are **NOT** in round order.

- Job hunters should not have to disclose their criminal history.
- The US should adopt a universal guaranteed annual income.
- Reptiles should not be kept as pets.
- States should not be permitted to create campaign-free zones at polling places.
- A nuclear attack on North Korea should be “off the table.”
- The Olympic Games should include E-sports.