



FLORIDA
BLUE KEY

*33rd Annual Florida Blue Key
Speech and Debate
Tournament
Information Packet
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Welcome Letter

Dear Coaches and Students,

It is my sincerest pleasure to welcome you to the University of Florida for the 33rd Annual Florida Blue Key Speech and Debate Tournament. Myself, the three members of the Executive Board, 14 Directors, and 37 Assistant Directors have been working since February to put on this tournament, and we could not be more excited that the weekend is finally here.

Florida Blue Key was the first tournament I attended in high school, and my partner and I had no idea what “breaking” was, or why our teammates were so excited about it. We were clueless, but the fun I had that weekend led me to pursue debate for the rest of high school.

Debate fostered my love of learning, ability to communicate, and critical thinking skills. Tournaments like Florida Blue Key bring together like-minded students to create an environment where being intelligent is admirable, and you can still be friends with people who beat you. I recognize how significant debate is to many students’ education, and how important it is to them personally. I hope to give back to the community that gave me so much by offering a fun, competitive, tournament at one of the best public universities in the country. Thank you to my dedicated staff for making this goal a reality, and for your hard work and support over the last few months.

To all of our returning schools, welcome back! To all of our new schools, welcome to the Swamp. Good luck, and Go Gators!

Sincerely,

Lauren Amos

Florida Blue Key Tournament Chair

Directions

From I-75

Take exit 384 (SR 24/Archer Road) and head east on Archer Road for 2.6 miles. Stay in the left two lanes and turn on to US 441 (13th Street) to the light at Museum Road. Left on Museum Road for 1/2 mile. The Reitz Union is on the right, just past Center Drive.

Parking

The University of Florida has strict parking restrictions. Florida Blue Key has no control over these restrictions. We have tried our best to work with the University to provide parking.

Buses:

Buses are *not* allowed to park in University of Florida parking lots during the day. Buses can drop students off at the beginning of the day and pick them up at the end, but they cannot stay in parking lots during the day.

Coaches, parents, or judges who are driving cars:

Thursday:

Each school participating in the Round Robin will be given one parking decal for the Reitz Union Welcome Center Garage.

Garage Address: Reitz Union Drive, Gainesville, FL 32603

Decals will be passed out as you drive into the Welcome Center.

Parking is open from 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM. Coaches **must park** before 8:30 AM or they lose their reserved spot.

Once coaches have parked, they **cannot** move their car or they lose their reserved spot.

Friday

Each school participating in the tournament will be given one parking decal for the Reitz Union Welcome Center Garage. This should be used by the coach registering the team.

Decals will be passed out as you drive into the Welcome Center.

Garage Address: Reitz Union Drive, Gainesville, FL 32603

Parking is open from 7:30 AM – 11:00 AM. Coaches **must park** before 11:00 AM or they lose their reserved spot.

Once coaches have parked, they **cannot** move their car or they lose their reserved spot.

Saturday and Sunday

Restrictions are lifted and coaches/parents/judges are welcome to park anywhere on UF campus.

Please contact Director of University Services Harrison Bidwell for information about parking details: universityservices@fbk.org

Registration

If teams wish to participate in eRegistration, Florida Blue Key must receive registration payment by Friday, October 14th. Teams who participate in eRegistration do not have to attend on-site registration, all relevant information will be sent to coaches via email.

Please mail checks to:

Florida Blue Key 3160 J. Wayne Reitz Union
P.O. Box 118505
Gainesville, FL 32611-8505.

On-site Registration will take place at the Reitz Union Breezeway from 9:00am-11:00am.

The Breezeway is outside the Reitz Union by Circle Drive. Exit the Welcome Center Parking Garage, make a right, and go to the end of Circle Drive.

If you participated in e-registration and your fees are up-to-date, we will send all Registration information via email. If you participated in e-registration and your fees changed, we will send you a notice requesting you come to on-site Registration.

On Thursday morning coaches attending the Round Robin have the option of completing Registration for the tournament proper. If Coaches do not wish to complete Registration on Thursday morning, they can participate in on-site Registration Friday morning.

For Registration questions, please email Registration@fbk.org

Staying Updated Throughout the Tournament

Throughout the Tournament, the best way to keep up with important updates and announcements is to follow us on Social Media.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BlueKeyDebate/>

Twitter: <http://fbkdebate.org/updates/>

We will also be posting updates on our website on the “Updates” Page:

<http://fbkdebate.org/updates/>

Please check both frequently for updates throughout the tournament!

Judge Fines

We will strictly be enforcing judge fines for all debate and speech events.

Judges must be available for all preliminary rounds, as well as the first full break round in each event. Judge obligations extend to one round after all of a school's students have dropped out of the competition. Since the first full break round for all events occurs Sunday morning, **all judges are required to be at the Sunday morning judge call at 7:30 AM.**

Schools whose judges fail to appear for an assigned round will be fined \$25 for prelim rounds or \$50 for an elimination round.

Schools with unpaid fines **will not be given ballots or awards, and will be withheld until fines are paid.**

Please relay to your judges the importance of showing up to all judge calls on time.

Forfeiture Rule

Please let your students and judges know there will be a **strictly enforced** fifteen-minute forfeiture rule following the release of pairings in each event. This is to ensure the tournament runs on time. If even one competitor or judge is late, the entire tournament has the potential to fall behind. We have worked hard to maximize our chances of staying on time, but ultimately it is up to **judges and competitors** to keep competition running in a timely manner.

If one of the participants does not show up to a round, **either one of the student(s) or the judge must immediately notify tab.** If a judge fails to show up to a round, **one of the student(s) in the scheduled round must immediately notify the tab room.**

If competitors fail to notify the tab room that their judge or opponent is missing, after waiting fifteen minutes, **they will forfeit the round.**

Food

Judges

Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and Sunday breakfast will be provided for judges.

Students

Students **will not** be provided meals during the tournament. However, there are a variety of restaurants on-campus and nearby for students to eat meals at.

REITZ UNION	Friday 10/28/2016	Saturday 10/29/2016	Sunday 10/30/2016
Starbucks	7:00 am - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 6:00 pm	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Papa John's	10:30 am - 3:00 pm	Closed	11:15 am - 2:15 pm
Freshens / PODMarket	9:00 am - 12:00 am	1:00 pm - 10:00 pm	1:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Panda Express	10:30 am - 6:00 pm	Closed	11:15 am - 2:15 pm
Subway	7:30 am - 12:00 am	8:00 am - 12:00 am	8:00 am - 12:00 am
Wendys	10:30 am - 8:00 pm	11:00 am - 8:00 pm	11:00 am - 8:00 pm
Wing Zone	11:00 am - 11:00 pm	11:00 am - 11:00 pm	11:00 am - 11:00 pm

Midtown Area (North of campus, across University Ave)

Dunkin Donuts
Fork and Pasta
Grill Fresh
Swamp Restaurant
The Spot (Greek)

Designer Greens Salads
Relish Burgers
Flaco's Cuban Bakery
Pita Pit
Sushi Chao

Sushi-2-Go
Firehouse Subs
Mochi
Tijuana Flats
Krazy G's Hoghouse

Closing and Awards Ceremony, Ballots, and Trophies

Awards and Closing Ceremony will be in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom at 4:30 pm on Sunday.

Please pick up all awards during closing ceremonies, or arrange to have someone else do on your behalf. ***We will not mail trophies.***

We will not release ballots early, regardless of circumstances. Ballots will be available to pick-up on the way out of closing ceremonies, outside the Grand Ballroom.

If you know ahead of time you are going to be leaving early, please bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope of sufficient size for your team and postage to mail it and deliver it at registration. We will not be mailing out ballots for a week after the tournament, so please keep this timeframe in mind when making this decision.

Florida Blue Key will not release ballots or awards **until all judge and registration fees are settled.**

Round Robin

Director: Isabella Paretti
Roundrobin@fbk.org

Judge and Student Lounge	Tab	Extemp Prep
Reitz Union Rion Ballroom East	Reitz Union Rion Ballroom West	Reitz Union 3320

Check-In

Round Robin check-in will be from **7:30am- 8:30 am** Thursday morning in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom East (3rd Floor).

Coaches are responsible for paying all Round Robin drop fees and Round Robin judge fines **the morning of the Round Robin.**

Additionally, on Thursday morning coaches attending the Round Robin have the option of completing Registration for the tournament proper. If Coaches do not wish to complete Registration on Thursday morning, they can participate in on-site Registration Friday morning.

Meals

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided for judges and competitors.

Parking

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Public Forum

Director: Patrick Rizk
Publicforum@fbk.org

Topic

Public Forum will be using the November topic:
 Resolved: On balance, the benefits of the Internet of Things outweigh the harms of decreased personal privacy.

	Judge Lounge	Tab
Friday	Keene-Flint 050 Judge Check-in: 3:15 pm	Keene-Flint 105
Saturday	Keene-Flint 050 Judge Check-in: 7:15 am	Keene-Flint 105
Sunday	Reitz Union Rion Ballroom Judge Check-in: 7:15 am	Reitz Union 3305

Lincoln Douglas

Director: Nick Anderson
Lincolndouglas@fbk.org

Topic

Lincoln Douglas Varsity **and** Novice divisions will be using the November topic:
 Resolved: The United States ought to limit qualified immunity for police officers.

	Judge Lounge	Tab
Friday	FAB 103 Judge Check-in: 4:15 pm	FAB 105
Saturday	FAB 103 Judge Check-in: 7:15 am	FAB 105
Sunday	Reitz Union Rion Ballroom Judge Check-in: 7:15 am	Reitz Union 2340

Student Congress

Director: Grant Wishner
Congress@fbk.org

	Judge Lounge	Tab
Friday	Reitz Union Rion Ballroom East Judge Check-in: 5:00 pm	Reitz Union 2340
Saturday	Reitz Union Rion Ballroom East Judge Check-in: 7:15 am	Reitz Union 2340
Sunday	Reitz Union Rion Ballroom Judge Check-in: 7:15 am	Reitz Union 2360

Individual Events

Director: Kailey Introcaso
Individual events@fbk.org

	Judge Lounge	Tab	Extemp Prep
Friday	Weimar 1064 Judge Check-in: 2:45 pm	Weimar 1094	Florida Gym 260
Saturday	Weimar 1064 Judge Check-in: 7:15 am	Weimar 1094	Florida Gym 260
Sunday	Reitz Union Rion Ballroom Judge Check-in: 7:15 am	Reitz Union 2360	Reitz Union Matthew Suite (4 th Floor)

Coin Toss

Florida Blue Key will flip for Poetry vs. Prose Friday morning, and post on the website and all social media.

Policy

Director: David Ponoroff
Policy@fbk.org

	Judge Lounge	Tab
Friday	Frazier-Rogers 110 Judge Check-in: 4:15 pm	Frazier-Rogers 129
Saturday	Frazier-Rogers 110 Judge Check-in: 7:15 am	Frazier-Rogers 129
Sunday	Reitz Union Rion Ballroom Judge Check-in: 7:15 am	Reitz Union 2340