Tournament Travel Notice – Gate City Invitational

November 10, 2021

To the Parents of a Speech and Debate Student:

On Friday, November 12th, your student, along with the other members of our team, will travel to Highland High School in Pocatello for the 2021 Gate City Invitational Tournament. I wanted to give you a “heads up” on what will be happening the two days of the tournament, so you are “in the know”. If you have any questions about what is happening, please do not hesitate to call me at 208-887-7939 or e-mail me at [jstoppenhagen@nsd131.org](mailto:jstoppenhagen@nsd131.org)

There is no school that day, so my plan is to stop at some educational and fun places on the way. For this tournament, students will be leaving school Friday morning at 8:00 am and are required to take the school arranged transportation provided for us to and from the tournament. The bus will leave the Skyview High School parking promptly at 8 am on Friday and we will return as soon as we are finished with competition on Saturday evening. Here is the tournament schedule:

**Schedule Friday November 12th**

**Check in: 3:45-4:00**

**Opening Assembly: 4:00-4:15**

**Round 1: 4:15-5:30**

**Round 2: 5:30-6:45**

**Round 3: 6:45-8:00**

**Finals: 8:15-9:45**

**Schedule Saturday November 14th**

**Check in: 8:45am-9:00am**

**Congress Session 1: 9:30am-1:00pm (Includes P.O. elections + Setting Docket)**

**Round 1: 9:00am-11:00am (Novices will do an event specific workshop)**

**Round 2: 11:00am-1:00pm**

**Lunch: 1:00pm-1:30pm**

**Congress Session 2: 1:30pm-4:30pm**

**Round 3: 1:30pm-3:30pm**

**Round 4: 3:30pm-5:30pm**

**Super Congress: 5:00pm-7:30pm**

**Round 5: 5:30pm-7:30pm**

**Awards: 8:00pm**

My plan is to stop along the way for fuel and snacks, as well as any appropriate meals. They will be providing concessions for purchase at the tournament so your student may want to bring some money for them as well as meals and snacks. A team meal, at some point, will be provided. We will be staying at the Red Lion in Pocatello Friday evening. Their phone number is 208-233-2200. They have a breakfast buffet on Saturday morning for the students.

Please know that they will be supervised on this trip, and I take their safety and security as very important. They have worked hard for this tournament, and I am excited they will be representing their team and the school.

Best regards,

**Jeff**

Jeff Stoppenhagen, Teacher/Coach