

Coaches:

Audubon High School Speech Team is honored to welcome your presence and talent at the IHSSA Southwest District Large Group Contest in Audubon on Saturday January 24, 2015!

Please check out the information on the Audubon District Large Group website. <http://audubonspeech.weebly.com/> The link to the contest website is also available on our school website and the IHSSA website.

The rules/nuts and bolts:

- The superintendent's office and boardroom will serve as our headquarters and will be open at 7:00 A.M. Coaches need to check in at the office as soon as they arrive.
- Ratings will be posted INSIDE the South Gym.
- Contest centers will begin at 8:00 A.M.
- Please make schedules available for the parents of your students. Complete schedules with maps will be available for \$2 for spectators if interested.
- You must have your students at their centers early! Inform audience members who might be attending that centers sometimes run early and can't wait for a family member to arrive before starting.
- If there are problems with the schedule, please email me at lgranger@audubon.k12.ia.us I do have a phone in my room (712) 563-2607 #213, but it's on silent during the school day. Email is the best way to get ahold of me. If you have any drops, please let me know as soon as possible.
- Additionally, a reminder that ALL special requests must be submitted to CRAIG IHNEN at the IHSSA State office by telephone. Please do not make special requests to me, as I will only ask you to contact Mr. Ihnen.

The rules/nuts and bolts continued:

- We will not allow you to pick up comment sheets until all ratings are posted. If you wish to leave before your ratings are posted, leave a self-addressed, heavily stamped envelope for me to send them on.
- Please remember your ballots. If you forget, extras will be available at the office for .25 cents.
- If you can't determine your school code, email me and I'll be happy to give it.
- Coaches should be with students and supervising. Please impress upon your students that this is a contest and not a sleep over, party, or a carnival. The SOUTH GYM will serve as one large "homeroom" for all schools. IHSSA rules state that radios and "boom boxes" are to be left at home. Misbehavior will not be tolerated. Please help keep the halls QUIET. Audubon remodeled eight years ago and we would like to keep it clean and tidy. Ultimately, we are all on the same "team"—the IHSSA Family. We must all work together.
- Weather related information will be available on Radio Stations 96.5 KSOM www.965ksom.com 93.7 KKRL www.937kkrl.com and TV station KCCI Channel 8 CBS www.kcci.com I won't make any decisions until 6:30 a.m. Please provide me with your cell phone number so I can alert coaches of any weather-related delays or contest changes.

Schedule:

The completed schedule will be emailed to coaches after January 13. It will also be posted online. Schedules with a map will be available at the contest for \$2.

Reader's Theatre:

If you are in need of uniform chairs, please email me ASAP at lgranger@audubon.k12.ia.us.

Bus Parking:

- Buses should drop students off in the loading zone circular drive in front of the school. (This is the WEST entrance to the school.)
- Then bus drivers should park in the **bus barn parking lot, which is 1 block south of the high school on Third Ave.** There should be room for at least 10-15 buses.
- There will be a shuttle van driving bus drivers up to the school from the bus barn. If bus drivers need a ride back to the bus barn parking lot, just have them tell one of the ladies in the office.
- If it is really cold that day, the bus barn parking lot has plugs for buses to plug into in order to keep warm.
- There will be a bus drivers'/coaches' lounge on the first floor near the cafeteria.
- School vans/suburbans should park on Third Ave.
- Do **NOT** park buses in the NORTH and SOUTH parking lots. There isn't a lot of parking at the school, so visitors may have to park on the street as well.
- For directions use our school address, which is 800 3rd Ave. Audubon, IA 50025

Getting around AHS:

Maps of Audubon High School will NOT be posted on the web site. The school will be heavily "signed". Maps will be available for coaches in the office when they come to check in. Visitors can purchase a schedule with a map for \$2. Centers 1-3 are on the first floor and Centers 4-10 are on the second floor. We will also have ample volunteers in bright red t-shirts throughout the school to provide directions/assistance.

Food:

Please do not leave campus for eating. We depend on your \$\$\$ to make our contest profitable for our speech team. Without it, we (and probably no one else) cannot afford to host. We are offering great menu options for patrons. NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES will be permitted outside of the cafeteria or in the GYM.

Please remind parents of the following:

- Donation boxes will be at all entrances. Suggested donations are \$3/person. This money goes to help our speech team.
- No photography or video of performances is allowed without the permission of the IHSSA STATE OFFICE.
- All cell phones and pagers must be turned off or on silent (NOT VIBRATE) while attending performances.
- Parents should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to a performance. The rooms often run ahead of schedule and cannot wait for spectators.

Please come into the office and introduce yourself and say, "Hello!" I'm looking forward to seeing you all! I am looking forward to contest! See you Saturday, January 24th!

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