

Baylor University Summer Debate Workshop

July 9 – 16, 2017

Information

We are delighted that you have chosen to participate in the Baylor Debate Workshop. We are confident that we have assembled the finest possible faculty, as I am sure you will agree when they are presented to you on Sunday evening following registration. We are also confident that we have an outstanding group of students this summer. To those of you from out of state, we say welcome to Texas. We are looking forward to showing you real Texas hospitality. To all of you, we say welcome to Baylor!!

What to bring

Dress

Texas is a warm state. Waco is even warmer. Please pack casual for warm climate. Formal “dressed up” outfits are **not necessary**. The dorms contain coin-operated washers and dryers for doing laundry during the week, should the need arise.

Debate Supplies

The particular materials depend on the individuals' preference. Students who debate “paperless” (strongly encouraged, as it is the now virtually the norm in most debate districts), will need a laptop computer, a wireless mouse (encouraged), and maybe a few flash drives. If you still choose to debate on paper, that is OK too, just be sure that in addition to your laptop computer, you bring a printer, paper, file folders, and a tub/box to keep your files in. The camp evidence and research will be available electronically. We will not be printing a set of the camp evidence for each camper. Rather, students who choose to can print the files they need on their own.

Housing Supplies

Students must bring linens, pillows, towels and blankets. The dorm beds have extra long twin mattresses.

Money

Room and board are included in the price of camp tuition. Additional money may be desired for additional debate supplies, extra meals, or late night snacks, etc. The amount depends on the student's personal lifestyle. Students are responsible for lost or late library materials. Lost books cost a minimum of \$50 to replace.

Transportation

Is basically up to you. We will NOT provide transportation to or from the Dallas or Austin airports. If you fly into either of those cities for the workshop, you must arrange your own transportation to the Baylor campus. We WILL provide a shuttle service to and from the Waco airport, but you should communicate your flight details to the workshop director no later than June 16, 2017, so that we can plan a shuttle schedule. Students are expected to walk while attending the workshop (to lectures, meals, etc). Those students who drive to the workshop will not be allowed to drive while on campus, nor will campers be allowed to ride with students who drive/commute to the workshop.

Registration

Registration for the workshop will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 9, 2017, in Castellaw Communication Center, Room 101. **Please do not go to the dorms** since your dorm room assignment will be made at registration. Following registration you will have time to move into the dorm, unpack, and have dinner prior to our first all-workshop meeting that evening.

Fees

The workshop fee covers room, board, tuition, health insurance, several handbooks, electronic copies of the camp evidence files, and an activities fee during the workshop. A deposit of \$300.00 is required of all students who are attending at the time of application, and is deducted from the total workshop fee. All fees are due by June 16, 2017. For your convenience, we will accept payments on the account up to the date when all fees are due.

Housing Information

Dorm rooms are designed to accommodate two or three people depending on the type room. If you have roommate preference(s), please so indicate on the appropriate form; otherwise, we will assign you a roommate at random. Each dorm will have a Baylor University Resident Director as well as a Debate Workshop Resident Director. Additionally, the great majority of our staff will be housed in the dorms establishing a ratio of approximately one staff member/counselor to each ten students. The dorms will also have reasonable curfews. There is no internet connection; however, you will have access through University computers after you are assigned access information.

Your workshop fee covers housing during the workshop. All workshop participants will be required to pay a cash dorm key deposit at registration. The deposit will be refunded to the student at the end of the workshop when he/she checks out of the dorm and returns the key.

Internet Access

Students will have access to the AirBear wireless internet system, and also to hard-line networked computers at Baylor University. Students are also encouraged to call home regularly, and cellphones are permitted, but may be shut off or put in silent mode during lectures or debates.

Communication-Mail

All mail sent to you during the workshop should be addressed to you as indicated below:

(Your Name)
Baylor Debaters' Workshop/Baylor University
One Bear Place # 97368
Waco, Texas 76798-7368

Express Mail, Federal Express or any overnight mail should be addressed as:

(Your Name)
Baylor Debaters' Workshop
One Bear Place #97368
150 Castellaw
Waco, TX 76798

Mail is distributed in the dorms at 11 p.m. each night. (Telephone messages that are not emergencies are delivered at this time also.)

Medical Information

Workshop fees include a health center insurance fee for each participant. During the two week period, workshop students will be covered for any illness or injury that can be treated by the Baylor Health Center. The Health Center does not set broken bones or provide x-ray service or in general treat any complicated illness or injury. Instead, the doctors at the Health Center refer cases of a serious nature to hospitals in the Waco area. Medical treatment provided outside the Baylor Health Center is not covered by the insurance. Please be advised that several facilities in the area require payment at time of service.

The insurance does not cover the cost of prescription medication provided by the Health Center. The insurance covers a workshop participant with the same services that a regular Baylor University student receives. Insurance does cover allergy injections. Students must bring a letter of instruction from his/her physician indicating the appropriate dosage. We must have the medical form completed and signed by the participant's parents before participation in any workshop activities. The medical center maintains a complete staff of doctors and nurses during the day. The Baylor Health Center contains both pharmacy and hospital facilities. Of course, we will contact parents of the workshop participants should any serious medical problems arise.

Leaving campus during the workshop

Students may leave campus only if they provide both written and verbal permission from a parent or guardian. Call the workshop director, Dr. Gerber, at 254-214-4988. The written permission can be e-mailed (matt_gerber@baylor.edu) or faxed to 254-710-1563. All of the students' needs can be met within the campus perimeter, which includes the Baylor Student Union, specialty shops, cleaners, convenience stores, post office, and fast food establishments. We discourage students from bringing a car, but if they do, they may not use it during the workshop without the consent of the workshop director. Students will be required to turn in their keys to the workshop director at registration.

Refunds

When we accept the student's application, the \$300.00 is nonrefundable and nontransferable.

No refund of any amount is available for students who are participants in the workshop and who:

- are requested to leave the workshop for disciplinary reasons
- leave the Institute in violation of workshop rules

Cancellations

We realize that from time to time a situation may arise that necessitates the cancellation of the program. In the event the workshop is cancelled by the Director of the Summer Debate Workshop, a full refund will be made.

If the registration is cancelled by a student, upon receipt of written notice of cancellation, refunds will be considered as follows:

- a. on or before June 9 (30 days in advance of start of workshop) for a full refund of amount paid (less the deposit).
- b. on or before June 23 (15 days in advance of start of workshop) for a refund of one-half the amount paid (less the deposit).
- c. no refund is available to students who cancel on or after June 23.
- d. no refund is available to students who do not present themselves for the registration process on July 9 (unless they have prior contact with and approval from the Director of the Debate Workshop).

The Director of the Debate Workshop is the only person who has the authority to approve any type of refund.

It is not unusual for schools to pay all or part of the fees for the debate workshop participants. In the event a refund is made for such participants, the refund will be made to the school.

Disciplinary Action

We do not anticipate any major discipline problems. You will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with your acceptance packet. We hope that this will take care of all disciplinary problems that should arise. Other problems will be handled by Dr. Gerber and appropriate authorities. A full discussion of the camp rules and guidelines for appropriate behavior will take place at the opening meeting,

Acceptance to the Workshop

You can assume that if you have returned all the required forms by the proper dates that your file is in order. Additional information that you need will be given to you during registration and at the orientation on Sunday. Please feel free to contact us with any further questions. We look forward to seeing you and working with you this summer!

Questions regarding the workshop may be directed to:

Dr. Matt Gerber

Workshop Director

Matt_gerber@baylor.edu

Office (254) 710-6917

Cell: (254)214-4988