

2022 Information Packet for Decathlon Speech Volunteers

Thank you for volunteering to serve as a judge for the **Georgia Academic Decathlon Speech Competition** on **Saturday, February 26, 2022**. You will find this to be a delightful experience. We appreciate you and couldn't have this competition without you.

Please **check in at the Volunteer Table (in the cafeteria) at Parkview High School** (998 Cole Drive SW, Lilburn, GA 30047) by **8:00AM**.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

8:00 AM	Check in with at the Volunteer Table in cafeteria and go across the courtyard from the cafeteria to Media Center Room 10.150
8:15 AM	Judges' Training
9:15 AM	Judges report to and prepare rooms for competition
9:45 AM	Speech Competition begins
11:12 AM	Deli meal in the cafeteria
11:50 AM	Speech Competition resumes
12:55 PM	Speech Competition ends (estimated)

Enclosures:

- **Judging Information:** To help you feel comfortable during the competition, I suggest that you review the attached documents, especially the score sheet in conjunction with "Understanding the Speech Rubric."
- You can find my virtual judges' training video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bT3DQtkYb8>. If you would rather watch this video in place of in-person training, please let me know that you'll skip the training and arrive a little later on Saturday morning. Please note that I made the video last year when the competition was virtual. Ignore any mention of a virtual competition and just focus on the speech rubric and how to judge the speeches.
- We are asking all of our judges to bring their smart phones and/or tablets with you to the competition. You will need to create a guest account with Gwinnett County Schools for wi-fi access so that you can access the internet and the following Google form: <https://forms.gle/6bziKsdkGj2pib6B6>. Feel free to log on to the form and practice scoring speeches. Please use student numbers that begin with zero (0) as those will help us weed out practice scores from actual scores. If you would like actual speeches to practice scoring, here are links to several example USAID speeches:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQhvlYo4R5U>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PBz1-i_eis
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PH8es7NvMqo>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2qXwlBfk2I>
- **Map to Parkview High School. Please allow plenty of time for any odd Saturday morning traffic.** It is important that you arrive in time for the 8:15 AM training. Please note that the competition begins promptly at 9:35 AM and if you are late, I will place you wherever you are needed. After 10:00 AM, I will be unable to accommodate any special judging pairings.

Two important things I need to know:

- If you are affiliated with any of the teams competing this year, please let me know so that I can make sure you are part of a judging team not judging that particular school.
- If you wish to be on a judging team with another specific judge, please let me know. I will accommodate any special judge pairings as best I can. At times, I will need to split up my experienced judges to cover all 12 rooms.

If you have any questions, please call or text me at 678-522-4498 or email me at heather@dobson-th.org. Otherwise, I will count on you serving as a judge on **February 26th**. Please give me a 24-hour notice if, for any reason, you cannot attend. Life intrudes. I completely understand. Alerting me gives me time to adjust judging teams.

The PAGE staff and Decathlon students thank you for being part of the Georgia Academic Decathlon. We could not host the competition without you!

Thank you!
Heather Dobson, Speech Competition Coordinator