

**Sunflower Swing Speech Tournament**

October 14 - October 20, 2024

Official Invite

The teams from Bethel College and Kansas State University invite you to attend the 15th annual Sunflower Swing. We look forward to a great competitive atmosphere again this year, with Bethel and K-State each hosting their respective Individual Events tournaments over the week of Oct. 14 - Oct. 20, 2024.

K- State will host an in-person tournament on their campus on Oct. 19, 2024

Bethel College will host an asynchronous/virtual tournament from Oct. 14 - Oct 20, 2024. Please see the official invite for the virtual asynchronous portion of the tournament below! And then below that you’ll find the K-State F2F invite!

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Hello Everyone!

Bethel College Forensics is excited to host you all for the asynchronous portion of the Sunflower Swing! This tournament will take place asynchronously and virtually from Oct. 14 - Oct 20, 2024. Entries are due to speechwire Tuesday, Oct. 15 by 12:00 p.m. CST:

We hope you enjoy this half of the swing and If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the tournament director, Dr. Cristy Dougherty,

Best,

Cristy Dougherty

Director of Forensics

Bethel College

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**Sunflower Swing Speech Tournament Details**

**(Virtual/Asynchronous Portion)**

*Events and Format*

Tournaments will be fully asynchronous, including finals

All 11 categories will be offered and AFA rules will be followed in all events.

There is no limit to the amount of entries a team may enter in a tournament and there is no limit to the number of events a student competes in. However, students may only compete once in each category.

All competitors in individual events compete in open division. All events with 8 or more competitors will have a final round. Events with more than 35 competitors will have a semifinal round. There will also be two preliminary rounds of competition in all eleven events.

*Entry Fees and Judges*

Entry fees will be $8.00 per entry per tournament. Each school should provide one judge for every six entries. Uncovered entries will cost $15.00 per entry in one tournament in addition to the entry fee

Entries and video links must be submitted to Speechwire by Tuesday, Oct. 15 by 12:00 p.m. CST. Any entries dropped after the deadline will be assessed the original fee plus a $10.00 per entry nuisance fee. Entry Fees will be assessed no later than Tuesday, Oct. 15 by 7:00 p.m. CST.

No additional entries will be accepted after the deadline. Entry changes can be made on SpeechWire, or if changes can no longer be made online, please contact Cristy Doughertgy by phone or email.

*Payment*

Bethel College will accept checks. Have checks made out to: Bethel College and please include "Forensics" on the memo line. Any checks sent in the mail should be sent to the following address:

Attn: Cristy Dougherty

300 East 27th St.

North Newton, KS 67117

*Tabulation*

Team points will be awarded according to students’ placements in final rounds (10 points for first place, 8 points for second place, 6 points for third place, 4 points for fourth place, 2 points for fifth place, and 1 point for sixth place or lower). Individual sweepstakes points will mirror the system for determining team sweepstakes points.

Ties will be broken in the following manner: Speaker points will be used to determine who advances to a final round. Ties in both preliminary rank and rate mean that all tied contestants will advance so long as the events are tied for fifth seed or better. Ties in final rounds will be broken by the judge's preference followed by speaker points. Ties in team points and individual sweepstakes will be broken on number of finals followed by number of firsts, seconds, thirds, etc earned in final rounds.

*Awards*

Bethel will present sweepstakes awards to the top three schools, awards to the top six finishers in each Individual Event, and awards to the top three individuals participating in four or more Individual Events. A sweepstakes award will be presented to the top student and school at both tournaments combined.

*Judging Ethics*

Judges who leave ballots blank/do not provide comments will not be compensated. Volunteers who leave ballots blank/do not provide comments will not be allowed to judge future tournaments hosted by Bethel College.

Content warnings are ENCOURAGED and judges should refrain from discouraging them on ballots.

*Accessibility*

If any coaches, judges, and/or competitors have accessibility concerns, please don’t hesitate to call or email Cristy Dougherty prior to the tournament!

**Asynchronous Tournament Schedule**

Friday, Oct. 11 by 12:00 p.m.

LP Prompts released on Speechwire

See files for download VIA speechwire

Tuesday, Oct. 15 by 12:00 p.m. CST:

Entries and videos due to Speechwire

Tuesday, Oct. 15 by 7:00 p.m CST:

Fee assessed and distributed to teams

Tuesday, Oct. 15 by 8:00 p.m. CST:

Ballots sent to Judges VIA Speechwire

Wednesday, Oct. 16 by 8:00 p.m. CST:

Preliminary Round judging, scores, and ballots due.

Thursday, Oct. 17 by 8:00 p.m. CST:

Final Rounds are Posted VIA Speechwire and sent to judges

Friday, Oct. 18 by 8:00 p.m. CST:

Round judging, scores, and ballots due.

Friday, Oct. 18 by 10:00 p.m. CST:

Results posted VIA Speechwire

Result packed and feedback delivered ASAP

Other Things

If you need a w9 please email Cristy Dougherty at [cadougherty@bethelks.edu](mailto:cadougherty@bethelks.edu) and she will send it your way! For any other questions please don’t hesitate to text or call Cristy Dougherty 7632275869 with any questions or concerns.

Dr. Cristy Dougherty, Director of Forensics

Bethel College

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**K-State Lynne Ross Invitation**

On ***Saturday, October 19, 2024,*** the K-State Speech Team will host a face-to-face tournament in Manhattan, KS.

**Contact Information for Questions**

Craig Brown, Director of the K-State Speech Team

AQ Miller School of Media & Communication

Kansas State University

316C Nichols Hall, 702 Mid-Campus Drive South

Manhattan, KS 66506

craigb@ksu.edu 785-313-2377

**Entries will be due** via SpeechWire no later than **Noon, Tuesday, October 15, 2024**.

**Conflict Patterns:** No student may enter more than three events per flight. AFA rules will be followed in all events.

A) ADS, CA, DUO, EXT, POE, and POI

B) DUO, IMP, INF, PER, and PRO

**Entry Fees and Judges:** Entry fees will be $8.00 per entry. Each school should provide one judge for every six entries. Uncovered entries will cost $10 per entry in addition to the entry fee. We would rather have your judges than your dollars. All judges must be available to judge one round beyond the round in which their school’s students are eliminated.

**Entry Deadline:** Entries must be entered via SpeechWire no later than Noon, Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Entry fees will be assessed at Noon that Wednesday, after which time no refunds will be given. Entries dropped after Noon that Wednesday will be assessed an additional $10 per entry drop fee. Judges dropped after Noon that Wednesday will be assessed a $50 per judge drop fee. Judges dropped at registration will be assessed a $100 per judge drop fee. Entry changes can be made up until Noon that Wednesday on SpeechWire. If the changes come after that time, please contact Craig by phone/text or email (785-313-2377 craigb@ksu.edu).

**If Paying By Check:** Make the check payable to ***KSU AQ Miller School of Communication***.

**Awards:** Team points will be awarded according to placement in final rounds (10 pts for first, 8 pts for second, 6 points for third, 4 points for fourth, 2 points for fifth, and 1 point for sixth or lower). Students who wish to be eligible for Individual Sweeps must be in a minimum of three events. Individual sweepstakes points will be awarded on the same system as team sweeps.

Ties will be broken on points to advance to finals. The tournament director will use his discretion to determine how many competitors advance to finals if there are fewer than 12 entries in that event. Ties in finals will be broken by judges preference followed by speaker points. Majority of ones will result in placing first place in finals. Ties in team and individual sweeps will be broken by the number of firsts, seconds, thirds, etc. earned in final rounds.

Awards will be given to all finalists, the top three schools in sweeps, the top three individuals in individual sweeps, the top swing sweeps school, and the top swing individual sweeps competitor. To be eligible for the swing school/individual sweeps you must compete at both the Bethel and K-State tournaments.

**Note:** For the individual events, The K-State Speech Team will be giving coffee mugs from tournaments we’ve held in the past. Because of tournament cancellations and the small sizes of tournaments coming out of the Covid era, we have awards we didn’t give out in the past.

**Food Allergies:** Breakfast items will be provided for all competitors, judges, and coaches at the tournament. Please contact Craig if anyone traveling with your team has a food allergy that needs to be addressed.

**Lunch:** We will be providing lunch for our hired judges, but not our school judges. We will provide a list of places that deliver food at registration.

**Adaptation for Physically Challenged Competitors:** If anyone traveling with your squad has a physical disability or has concerns about accessibility or adaptations, please contact Craig.

**Tournament Schedule for Saturday, October 19, 2024**

07:15 Registration- Nichols Hall Lobby

08:00 Extemp Draw

08:15 Round One A: ADS, CA, DI, POE, POI

08:30 Round One A: EXT

09:45 Round One B: DUO, IMP, INF, PER, PRO

11:15 Round Two B: DUO, IMP, INF, PER, PRO

12:30 Lunch

01:00 Extemp Draw

01:15 Round Two A: ADS, CA, DI, POE, POI

01:30 Round Two B: EXT

02:45 Finals for B Events

04:15 Extemp Draw

04:30 Finals for A Events

04:45 EXT Finals

ASAP Awards- location to be announced

**Lodging**: It’s not a football home game weekend, but Manhattan tends to fill up quickly. Arrange for a hotel as soon as possible. Wamego and Junction City are also close and they have many hotel options.