Preparing Like Champions!

Thank you for enrolling in the Gustavus Adolphus College Summer Speech Institute. We are getting excited to work with in hopes of shaping you into a topnotch competitor.

In order to facilitate your planning, I thought it would be good to share with you some important logistical information. First, you are free to check in anytime between 1:00 and 3:30 pm on Sunday, July 26th. Please enter campus via College Avenue where you will find signs clearly indicating the direction to the Jackson Campus Center. You will find parking lots located directly in front of the Jackson Campus Center. Please report to the lower level of the Jackson Campus Center to obtain your room key, housing assignment, and institute mementoes. Once you have checked in, a GAC-SSI faculty member will escort you to Uhler Hall. Our first official function will begin at 4 pm. Sunday's schedule will be as follows:

1:00-3:30 pm:	**Registration and Final Payment**
4:00-5:00 pm:	**GAC-SSI Orientation**
5:00-6:15 pm:	**Supper (Jackson Campus Center)**
6:30-7:30 pm:	**Getting to know ya activities**
7:30-8:15 pm:	**Warm-ups**
8:30-9:30 pm:	**Skills Workshop**
9:30-10:00 pm:	**Root beer Floats**

Second, when packing, you will want to bring the following:

1. **If you already have an idea(s) for topics and/or literature, please bring it with you! This will enable you to get a quicker start and reduce your stress level. If this is not feasible, we will help you locate literature and topics.**

2. **Professional tournament attire for the "GAC-SSI Tournament" and Banquet – We recommend men bring dress shoes, dress socks, suite or dress pants with sport coat, dress shirt, and tie. We recommend women bring dress shoes (no open toed shoes), nylons, and dress suit with pants or skirt.**

3. **Casual summer attire is appropriate for Sunday-Friday. The academic buildings utilized during the day are air-conditioned and can be a bit chilly. Please plan accordingly.**

4. **Laptop (If you own a laptop, you will have access to our wireless network, but not the printers. It is not a requirement to bring a computer, as you will have access to computer labs. Having a laptop will provide you with more flexibility.)**

5. **Storytellers/Extemp Readers –bring your book**

6. **Extempers-bring a tub for filing research**

7. **USB Stick/Jump drive**

8. **Fan (Your dorm room is not air conditioned!)**

9. **Alarm Clock**

10. **Pillow**

11. **Blanket (Sheets will be provided.)**

12. **Toiletries**

13. **Towel**

14. **Cash for snacks or a trip to the Gustavus Bookstore**

15. **Notebook and writing utensils**

16. **Highlighter**

17. **Desk lamp**

18. **Camera**

19. **Sunscreen**

Third, your parent(s) is invited to attend Saturday's banquet to be held at 5:45 in the Jackson Campus Center. Please be ready to provide the name(s) of the person(s) who will be attending the banquet. The cost is $12 per parent attending and payment is due at the time of registration. Your parent(s) is also invited to attend the institute tournament.

Fourth, the GAC-SSI schedule and faculty biographies are accessible via www.gustavus.edu/ssi. We have assembled a nationally recognized staff comprised of

collegiate competitors/coaches and area high school coaches. In addition to the regular GAC-SSI faculty, several area coaches throughout the week will critique you. You should walk away from GAC-SSI with a plethora of ideas and areas for improvement.

Fifth, I have attached the medical and release forms that need to be completed and presented at the time of registration. Failure to complete these forms will result in your not being able to partake in the institute and loss of $100 down payment. You can also download the forms via our website – www.gac.edu/ssi.

Finally, while we will have fun dedicating an entire week to forensics, our goal is for you to leave GAC-SSI with one event tournament ready, giving you a leg up on the competition. Be prepared to have fun, work diligently in order to maximize the opportunities afforded to you throughout the week, and never be tired. Positive attitudes make us happy!

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you on July 26th.

Sincerely,

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