

KSPA CONTEST ADVISORY

Pittsburg Regionals Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016

To: High School Advisers

From: Gerard Attoun, PSU regional contest director

You are getting this email because your students are registered to compete in the KSPA Pittsburg Regionals journalism contest.

All the onsite contests will be held on the second floor of the Overman Student Center, which is located in the Oval of the campus.

Things you need to know before you get here for the KSPA contest:

- 1) Buses and vans may unload students on Lindburg Avenue west of Joplin Street and then park by the softball fields on Rouse Street. It's a long walk from Rouse to the Overman Student Center. If you arrive by car, you can park in one of the Visitor parking spots on Cleveland. If you receive a parking ticket, let me know so I can take care of it.
- 2) First contest events will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. However, registration starts at 8:30 a.m. in the Crimson and Gold Ballroom on the second floor of the Overman Student Center.
- 3) Contest rooms will be on the same floor as the ballroom. Signs will be posted by the rooms, listing what contests will be held in what rooms.
- 4) Each student should have a contest number. The students should write this contest number on their contest entries. They cannot write their names on the contest entry. Otherwise, they will be disqualified. If they write the wrong number, they will be disqualified.
- 5) Each student will be provided with a nametag at the contest site. The tag will carry that student's assigned contest number.
- 6) Advisers may gather in the Heritage Room while students are taking the contest. A sign will be posted by the door. Coffee will be available and doughnuts.
- 7) For lunch, the Gorilla Crossing will be open on the main floor of the Student Center. Lunches run about \$6-\$7 with drinks. Also, a snack bar as well as an Einstein Bros. Bagels and a Mexican Grill, will be available at the U-Club in the basement level of the student center.
- 8) Weather forecasts say we'll have mild weather on Thursday, but you know what to do in case that changes and we have inclement weather. Drive safely. But always keep an ear open on weather bulletins. In all cases, though, you must use your own good judgment as to whether road conditions are hazardous for the trip to Pittsburg. The KSPA executive board has instituted a no-refund policy even if the contest is canceled because of bad weather.
- 9) We will have paper and pencils, a few dictionaries and AP Stylebooks available in some of the contest rooms. However, it would be a good idea if some of your students brought

a few copies to share. No electronic instruments (laptops, tablets, smartphones, etc.) will be allowed to be used during the contests. Proctors will be in the contest rooms to ensure that the contests start on time and that all rules are followed.

10) If you have any questions, you may call me at 620-235-4809 or e-mail me at gattoun@pittstate.edu or fax me at 620-235-4817.