

**KSPA CONTEST ADVISORY: Pittsburg Regionals**

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018

To: High School Advisers

From: Josh Letner, PSU regional contest director & Eric Thomas, KSPA executive director

You are getting this email because your students are registered to compete in the KSPA Pittsburg Regionals journalism contest. All the on-site contests will be held on the second floor of the Overman Student Center, which is located in the center of campus.

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

1) Buses and vans may unload students on Cleveland Street. From there students will need to just walk into the Overman Student Center. The student center's address is 302 East Cleveland, Pittsburg, Kansas 66763. 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) Here is the schedule for the day:

- (a) registration opens at 8:30 a.m.;
- (b) a short opening session and announcements will begin at 9 a.m.;
- (c) the first session of contests will start at 9:30 a.m. and run until 11 a.m.

Here are the contests in the first session:

Copyediting;  
Sports Writing;  
Editorial Cartoon;  
Yearbook Copy Writing;  
Feature Writing

(d) the second session of contests will start at 11:10 a.m. and run until 12:40 p.m.

Here are the contests in the second session:

News Writing;  
Cutline Writing;  
Editorial Writing;  
Yearbook Sports Writing

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) Upon registration, each adviser will receive an envelope with a ticket for each student competing. Please be sure to distribute these to students and ask them to bring them to the contest.

5) Advisers may gather in the Heritage Room while students are taking the contest for a KSPA meeting. The meeting will be hosted by Eric Thomas, KSPA executive director, once he works

with the local host to start the first session. A sign will be posted by the door. Coffee will be available and doughnuts.

6) 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.

7) Weather forecasts say we'll have cool weather with a slight chance of rain on Thursday. We hope you enjoy campus and have safe travels.

8) We will have paper and pencils, a few dictionaries and AP Stylebooks available in some of the contest rooms. However, please ask your students to bring materials, just in case. 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.

9) If you have any questions, you may call me, Josh Letner at 620-235-4809 or e-mail me at [jbletner@pittstate.edu](mailto:jbletner@pittstate.edu) or fax me at 620-235-4817. Or, you can try the KSPA office at [staff@kspaonline.org](mailto:staff@kspaonline.org) or (785) 864-0605.