# Welcome Students and Parents

Welcome to the 2018 RKS Summer Debate Workshops for High School Students. We’re pleased that you (or your student) decided to spend some of your summer with us, and we look forward to helping you develop skills that will serve you during your years of competitive debate, in high school and beyond.

This packet contains the information you’ll need to prepare for your week in Winston-Salem. Included are answers to frequent questions about what to bring, arrival and departure information, and a checklist to help you efficiently complete the preparation process.

Sincerely,

Justin Green Dr. Jarrod Atchison

Workshop Director/Head Coach Director of Debate

Assoc. Prof. of the Practice Associate Professor

Samantha Rippetoe (Sammi)

Assistant Debate Coach

Dorm Director/Logistics Coordinator

**Contact Information**

All requests for information and non-emergency communication can be sent to [**debate@wfu.edu**](mailto:debate@wfu.edu) Justin Green, Head Debate Coach and Workshop Director, will answer these requests before the workshop starts. Once it starts, Sammi Rippetoe, Dorm Director and Logistics Coordinator will serve as the primary responder. If at all possible, we strongly prefer to receive communication via email. Sammi, Justin and Jarrod will all engage in instruction, many times answering phone calls comes at a direct trade-off with teaching students. We promise to have a response very quickly.

In the event that talking to an adult is necessary, if possible, a short email explaining the reason for calling is appreciated. We will call back as soon as possible. Our workshop number is **(336) 701-2457**. This will be forwarded to the cell phone of the individual in charge.

Sammi Rippetoe for information requests, travel and luggage problems, minor disciplinary issues, special dietary needs, and anything else that needs to be addressed from a logistics standpoint. [debate@wfu.edu](mailto:debate@wfu.edu) -

Justin Green and Jarrod Atchison for curriculum planning, safety concerns, illicit/illegal substance use, threatening behavior, and any other issues of a severe nature.

**Evidence Packet Delivery/Laptop (Policy)**

We will send out a pre-workshop set of evidence a week or two prior to the start of the workshop. It will be varied in terms of its arguments. Our workshop operates on a paperless model. A laptop of some variety is very, very strongly encouraged. We can offer little in the way of technical assistance upon arrival, but will do what we can.

**Arrival and Departure**

Arrival. Check in is between 2 PM and 5 PM on Sundays of arrival. Anyone arriving earlier will be escorted to the Wake Forest Debate squad room for the afternoon where they will have wi-fi and air conditioning. We strongly encourage students to arrive before 7 PM so they have time to settle into the dorm before our opening events which begin at 7:30 PM. If a later travel time is unavoidable, we can make specific arrangements to accommodate it. We will provide pizza the first night upon arrival. All subsequent meals are provided through the award winning University Meal Services.

Departure. Ideally, students will depart after breakfast on July 29th. Shuttles to GSO airport will begin as early as 4 AM, as appropriate. There are no workshop-related events on the last day, so the camp is officially finished that morning, other than final transportation for departing students. If you are picking up your child, 9 AM-10 AM is an appropriate pick-up window. If later than noon is needed, please let us know far in advance.

**Shuttle Transportation**

On Scheduled SUNDAYS of arrival and departure we will provide shuttles to and from Greensboro airport/train station at a round-trip cost of $40. Trips to the Winston-Salem bus station are provided at no cost. We make no money off of these shuttles, but our hope is to provide a safe point of travel for your student. You can also enter your flight information on the payments page of our website. As this information comes in, we are building a schedule for transportation to minimize wait and travel times. As we get closer, we will send out the final transportation schedule, along with the names, contact information, and meeting places for the drivers assigned to each run so that you can communicate with them directly in the event of flight delay.

When providing flight information, make sure to include:

Airline and Flight Number

Arrival or Departure Time

Arrival or Departure Airport

The website fields can accommodate longer text entries, but if you have special instructions or concerns, you can send them to [debate@wfu.edu](mailto:debate@wfu.edu).

# Non-Shuttle Transportation

On non-Sunday arrivals, students will be on their own. We simply cannot provide rides on any other day besides Sunday. There are several options:

* Uber and Lyft offer services from GSO to campus and the cost is usally around $35-40 each way.
* Triad Taxi/Van services can also be reached at - (336) 668-9808
* The PART bus system will also provide a bus from the airport to the main Greensboro terminal and then to the downtown Winston bus terminal. A simple google search of “GSO to Winston Salem” will outline the steps. This usually takes between 1.5 hours instead of the 35 minutes via car.

**Tentative Schedule**

Our schedule is designed to challenge the students in the same way that they are challenged by tournaments. We’ve incorporated social events and free time into the schedule, so it isn’t all work, but it will help them build the mental stamina required to succeed on elim day.

Normal Day Schedule

8:30 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Practice Debate followed by practice speech

12:30 AM Lunch

1:15 PM Guided discussion

2:45 PM Argument creation/research

5:30 PM Dinner

6:30 PM Social Event, Practice, Seminar or Theory Workshops

9:00 PM Dorm check

10:00 PM Room check

**Atmosphere and Standards of Behavior**

Our desire is for students to strike a balance between the competition necessary for good debates and the support required for a good learning experience. To that end, we will not tolerate rude or mean-spirited behavior, including badgering of other students or judges, taunting or bullying, or harassment. Penalties for excessive behavior of this sort can run from Sunday 7 AM clean-up duty to expulsion, depending on the severity of the infraction. Any student found to be under the influence or in possession of alcohol or illicit drugs will be sent home immediately; we do not possess the power to negotiate on this question. If parents/guardians need to be called, the student will be making the phone call and explaining their version of what happened before passing the phone off to Jarrod or Justin.

**Living Arrangements**

Students, supervised by Wake Debaters serving as Resident Assistants, will live in Dormitory on the Wake Forest campus, just like students here at Wake. While there aren’t any college students living in the dorm at the time, we hope that the workshop students will get an introduction to the semi-independent living of a college campus.

Magnolia Hall is a lovely new dorm at Wake Forest, where the debate team and workshop are housed to minimize walk time to and from debates. It is an apartment-style dormitory, with halls containing several suites of rooms connected to a common living space and bathroom. The building also has study lounges and a gorgeous marble-tiled first floor lobby. For more information, and to view photos of the dorm, you can visit:

<http://rlh.wfu.edu/residences/magnolia-residence-hall/>

There is no deposit required for key cards, but lost cards incur a fee of $75. This is because a lost card requires all the cards for that dorm to be re-keyed for safety reasons.

**Residence Assistants**

A Residence Assistant will be on call 24 hours a day, and we have RAs of multiple genders on duty to make sure every student has someone they feel comfortable with. In addition to the Workshop Staff who are primarily responsible for student behavior, the University provides additional non-debate RAs who will live on the halls. We place emphasis on making sure the students settle into dorm life as much as possible, as we believe it sleeping well and enough is critical to their successful learning during workshop activities.

Sammi Rippetoe will be staying and supervising in the dormitory. In addition to her many years of debate, certified emergency response training; she has also been a dorm supervisor during the year for Humboldt State University. She does a great job of fostering a positive, flourishing environment for all.

**Roommate and Partner Requests**

Both roommate and partner requests will be honored where mutual. If you have requests not noted on the form, please reach out to us. We will supply contact information for your roommate prior to arrival. These will be sent out the week before arrival.

**Campus Safety**

The Wake Forest campus is very secure. Entrance to campus is permitted through three gates, each of which requires authorized entry after hours. The dorms use key-card access, so only those staying in that specific dorm can gain entry at any time. The Wake Forest Police are friendly and competent, and regularly patrol the campus day and night. For more information about campus safety provisions, you can access their website here:

<http://police.wfu.edu/>

During workshop events, judges, RAs, and the Workshop Director will supervise the students. Given the nature of the workshop, there will be one staff member for every four students. Each day is divided up into debates, so if a student oversleeps or forgets where they are supposed to be, it will be noticed immediately.

We do not allow students to leave the campus without staff supervision. If there are family or friends who wish to arrive and take a student off campus during the week, please contact the Sammi ahead of time.

**Food**

Other than a couple special evening meals, students will eat in the Wake Forest cafeterias, which are quite good. Students will have a swipe card that allows them access to a wide variety of healthy food choices. The main dining hall, which Wake students affectionately refer to as “The Pit”, is included in the workshop tuition and has everything from pizza to an excellent salad bar. This cafeteria has won national awards and gives several Las Vegas buffets a run for their money.

There are also a variety of other options on campus, including Subway, Moe’s, Chick-Fil-A, Starbucks, and several convenience stores. These are not included

in the meal plan, however, and will have to be purchased by the students with their spending money.

If you have special dietary needs, please communicate those to us via e-mail at [debate@wfu.edu](mailto:debate@wfu.edu). Accommodations can be made through the dining hall, and we are happy to assist.

**What to Bring**

We recommend bring the following items to Wake Forest for the workshop. Since the dorms are designed for college students, there are outlets, internet access, and desk space, so students can bring other items if they like.

Laptop (highly recommended, internet access provided)

Cell Phone

Linens + Pillow (twin long size – not as rare as it sounds)

Clothes (all casual)

“Yard” Clothes (for Frisbee, etc.)

Pens / Paper / Flow Pads

Toiletries

Towels

Spending Money

NOTE: This year, linens (including a pillow) are available for purchase on our website for $40. For those who are flying in, this might be a more convenient and cheaper option than bringing linens from home.

**Spending Money**

Tuition covers room, meals, and instruction. There are a variety of places on campus where students will use spending money, from the bookstore to the Starbucks. We encourage students to bring an appropriate amount of spending money to the workshop to cover drinks, snacks, etc. Many students bring a pre-paid debit card to use at, but a small amount of cash will probably be useful. There is also an ATM on campus where students can withdraw cash.

**Laundry Facilities**

Laundry facilities are available. We encourage students to bring their own detergent. We will acquire some available for purchase at a nominal fee.

**Final Payment**

Final payment is due by the start of the workshop. Payment can be made through our website. If you find yourself in a situation to where that will not work, please reach out to us, we are confident we can still make it happen.

**Checklist**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Medical Forms Submitted

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student Google Form Submitted

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Risk Release Form Submitted

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Final Payment Rendered

**All Forms Should Be Sent To:**

**Justin Green – RKS Debate**

**Box 7347**

**Reynolda Station**

**Winston-Salem, NC, 27109**

**or filled out, signed, scanned as pdf and e-mailed to** [**debate@wfu.edu**](mailto:debate@wfu.edu)