Dear Coaches,

With 6 registrations already in, and 5 interested teams, space in our 18-field tournament is running out ~!

Also, if you can, *please* bring a staffer of any kind.
We desperately need more moderators to expand the field!

Finally, here's the correction to the parking situation: I'd suggest parking in either the the Terrace Place and Wesley Place garages, which are about 7-10 minutes from Buttrick, but free and likely large enough, as opposed to the reserved lots that surround the area.

I've also edited that in the announcement post in the forums so people don't get confused.

Thanks for your time!
Sincerely,
Rohan Nag

Vanderbilt Quiz Bowl, Logistics, Outreach

On Sat, Nov 30, 2013 at 2:49 PM, Rohan Nag <rohan.nag@vanderbilt.edu> wrote:

Dear Academic Bowl Coaches (and players),

It's with great pleasure that I announce the 43rd iteration of Vanderblt's Academic Bowl Tournament, a high school quizbowl tournament, to be hosted at Vanderbilt's Buttrick Hall, 2400 Vanderbilt Pl, Nashville, TN 37212, (and Stevenson 4327 auditorium) on Saturday, February 22nd, 2014 from 9 AM to about 5:00 PM.

**Location and directions:**
The tournament will take place at Buttrick Hall, 2400 Vanderbilt Pl, Nashville, TN 37212, approachable easily from I-440's exit 1A onto West End heading north, or I-40's exit 209B on Broadway heading South towards the medical center, or just from Charlotte to West End heading towards the West side of campus near the roundabout near Kirkland Hall. Note: you can't actually park near Buttrick, but you can drive up close to it (for drop-off) via West Side Row (off 24th Ave S) which will put you behind Rand dining hall and a 2 minute walk to Buttrick. Stevenson is right across from Buttrick, so no worries there.

**Parking:** Is quite limited, so I've attached the campus map as well as the Medical Center parking map at the end of this post. These two websites <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/traffic_parking/visitor-parking.php> and <http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/root/vumc.php?site=medcenterparking&doc=1487> should give adequate guidelines for parking. Tip: I'd suggest parking in one of the Medical Center garages, which are about a 10 minute walk south of Buttrick, but free and likely large enough, as opposed to the reserved lots that surround the area. To get to the Medical Center parking, either take I-40 exit 209B down to Medical Center Boulevard and pick one of the visitor/patient garages or I-440 exit 3 north towards the same point.

**Questions**:
This tournament will be using the Virginia High School States set modified to a 20/20 format as a question set, obtained from High School Academic Pyramidal Questions (HSAPQ).

**Affiliation:**

This tournament isn't certified yet, but we hope to get it PACE NSC-affiliated.

**Format:**
This tournament will use the 20 tossup/20 bonus format. Note: the distribution resembles Virginia's high school curriculum, so this is not exactly like the usual HSAPQ set. Preliminary brackets will be seeded and then playoff brackets will be determined based on record. All teams will be offered a minimum of 8 games. Trophies will be awarded to the top (likely four) teams, and book prizes will be awarded to the top individual scorers.  The Vanderbilt team reserves the right to cap the field based on availability of space and staff; *the current cap is 18 (!) teams, which will most likely increase with moderator/staffer availability.*

**Fees:**
Base fee: $80 per first team, $70 per second team, so on. There is no limit to the number of teams who can attend from one school, but **schools sending more than two teams are REQUIRED to provide a competent staffer**. *This will change if we get more than 15 or so total staffers.*
Buzzer discount: $10 off school's total fee for each fully functional system (control unit and eight activators all work). There is no limit to the number of systems you can bring. Bring tape if any latching tabs are broken. As such we cannot give you the discount if your system doesn't work when you bring it to us.
Staffer/Moderator discount: $10 off school's total fee. Coaches, parents, and students all count so long as they don't play. Volunteering staffers will likely keep score, and they must stay through all the games (except finals) in order to receive credit for their school. There is no limit to the number of staffers you can bring.
Travel: $10 off the school's fee for every 150 miles traveled one-way from your school's address to Vanderbilt University, according to Google Maps.
Minimum fee: The minimum fee is $40.
Have not competed in a pyramidal, ACF- or NAQT-style tournament in the past two (2) years: $40 off per team (schools that claim this discount have no minimum fee).

**Registration:**
For this tournament, you **MUST** e-mail us at vandyquizbowl@gmail.com with:
1. The number of teams, buzzers, and staffers you intend to bring,
2. An email address where you can be contacted with details,
3. A cell phone number belonging to someone who will be attending the tournament, so that we can track you down if you are running late.
Anything that is not an email to vandyquizbowl@gmail.com (Facebook PM, email to my personal account, forum post/PM) will only be taken as an expression of interest and I will verify with coaches if they actually want to register. However, **feel free to contact me if you need anything**. If you know of any schools that would like to attend, just forward them the link to this announcement or the email I've sent to about 200 or so schools in and around Tennessee!

**Payment:**
We prefer payment on the day of, but feel free to send checks to us ahead of time. All teams must pay by 2/22/14. Cash, personal checks, or checks from a school, school district, or quizbowl club funds are all fine. Purchase orders, credit cards, Paypal, or anything else that we can't process will not be counted as payment and you will have to pay late fees of 25$. All checks must be made out to "Vanderbilt Quiz Bowl". If you need a pre-tournament invoice or W-9 form in order to have a check written, you must let us know by let us know by February 1st, so that we can send you the paperwork in time and so your payment can be on time.

**Team size:**
If you bring more than six players for one team, you need to register a second team to have all students play. Chances for substitutions always occur after Bonus 10 in each round (half-time), and if your moderator doesn't ask you, just briefly tell them the name of the player(s) you are substituting in/out. Each player may appear on only one team's roster throughout the day, and we will keep stats as such. Teams with one to four players are welcome.

**Food:**
Neither breakfast nor lunch will be provided. However, here's a list of places, from fast-food to sit-down, that are open during lunch break which will likely be around an hour. Note: these are NOT in order of distance from Buttrick, and some are about a 15 minute walk, but Jimmy John's, Moe's, and Quiznos, San Antonio Taco Company, Panera, and Subway are closest to Buttrick. Among quizbowlers specifically, eating too much at one time is known to decrease ability to buzz in quickly- so I'd suggest buying a small snack in one of Buttrick's vending machines or bringing your own for the day of the tournament.

*Along West End*

* Taco Bell
* Checkers
* Amerigo's
* Five Guys
* Jason's Deli
* Jack in the Box
* Qdoba
* TGI Friday's
* Jimmy Johns
* Quiznos (inside Towers)
* Moe's
* PF Chang's
* Bread & Company
* Wendy's
* J. Alexander's

*Along 21st Ave S*

* San Antonio Taco Company
* Panera
* Subway
* Chipotle
* Mellow Mushroom
* Wendy's

Please email me if you have any further questions. I'm looking forward to seeing a wide variety of teams from Tennessee and surrounding states on the 22nd!
I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.
Sincerely,
Rohan Nag
Member/Logistics, Vanderbilt Quiz Bowl