

**Tournament Schedule,
Maps, Directions,
Internet Info &
Restaurant Guides**



2009 Georgia State University National College Debate Tournament

Friday, September 18

6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Registration: Room 1204, Marriott Century Center Hotel

Saturday, September 19

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Pairings & food available at GSU Campus (GCB 5th floor)

8:30 ROUND 1

11:00 ROUND 2

1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

3:00 ROUND 3

5:30 ROUND 4

Sunday, September 20

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Pairings & food available at GSU Campus (GCB 5th floor)

8:00 ROUND 5

11:30 ROUND 6

1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided on 5th floor GCB and 3rd floor Sparks

3:00 ROUND 7*

5:30 The awards ceremony and dinner will occur in the courtyard/plaza between GCB and Sparks.

- Pairings for elims will be distributed at the end of Awards
- Double Octa-final debates in Open*

8:00

Teams clearing announced on edebate and at the tournament hotel

* Elimination rounds in the JV and Novice divisions will begin during Open round 7. JV & Novice elims will continue during Open Double-Octafinals. Novice & JV semis and finals will take place on Monday during Open Octas and Quarters.

Monday, September 21

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Pairings available, Marriott Century Center Hotel (lobby)

8:30 Open Octafinals begin

??? Rest of elimination rounds to follow, through finals

Driving Directions

Restaurant Guides

From the Hotel to GSU

1. On the far left of the hotel parking lot (if you were facing the front of the hotel) is an exit directly onto the I-85 access road. Take a right onto this access road.
2. Merge onto I-85 South.
3. I-85 South will merge with I-75 South. Take exit 249A (Courtland Street). This is a one-way exit. Merge onto Courtland.
4. Go approximately 1.1 miles until you reach Edgewood.
5. Right on Edgewood
6. The second light is Park Place. Take a left on Park Place.
7. Go 1 block. Take a left on Decatur.
On Saturday morning, go 1 full block and turn left on Central/Peachtree Center. The GCB is immediately on your right. Unload the tubs there. When that is done, take a left at the second light, which is Edgewood. Repeat steps 6 and 7 above
8. The parking lot is immediately on your right. Don't forget to pay.

From GSU to the Hotel

1. From the parking lot, take a right on Decatur (going downhill). The first light is Central/Peachtree Center. Take a LEFT on Peachtree Center.
2. Go 0.3 miles to Ellis. Take a right on Ellis.
3. Cross over Piedmont. Stay in the left two lanes. Follow the signs to I-85/I-75 North.
4. Once you merge onto the northbound freeway, get over into one of the 3 left lanes. When the freeway splits into I-75 and I-85, stay left to follow I-85 North.
5. Take Exit 91 (Clairmont). Take a left on Clairmont.
6. In 0.4 miles, take a right on Century Blvd. Stay on that road for 0.5 miles. The hotel will be on your right.

This year, we've gone high-tech. We have expanded our traditional restaurant guides to include some of the fantastic asian and hispanic restaurants near the hotel, and we have transferred those guides to Google Maps.

We have two maps. Both contain markers for the General Classroom Building on GSU's campus and the Marriott Century Center — so you'll be able to map your own routes from the tournament to the restaurant, and back to the hotel.

Map of restaurants that are closer to the hotel (includes Buford Highway ethnic goodness):

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF&msa=0&msid=114255822689491030704.000446c818dd0fd01f854c>

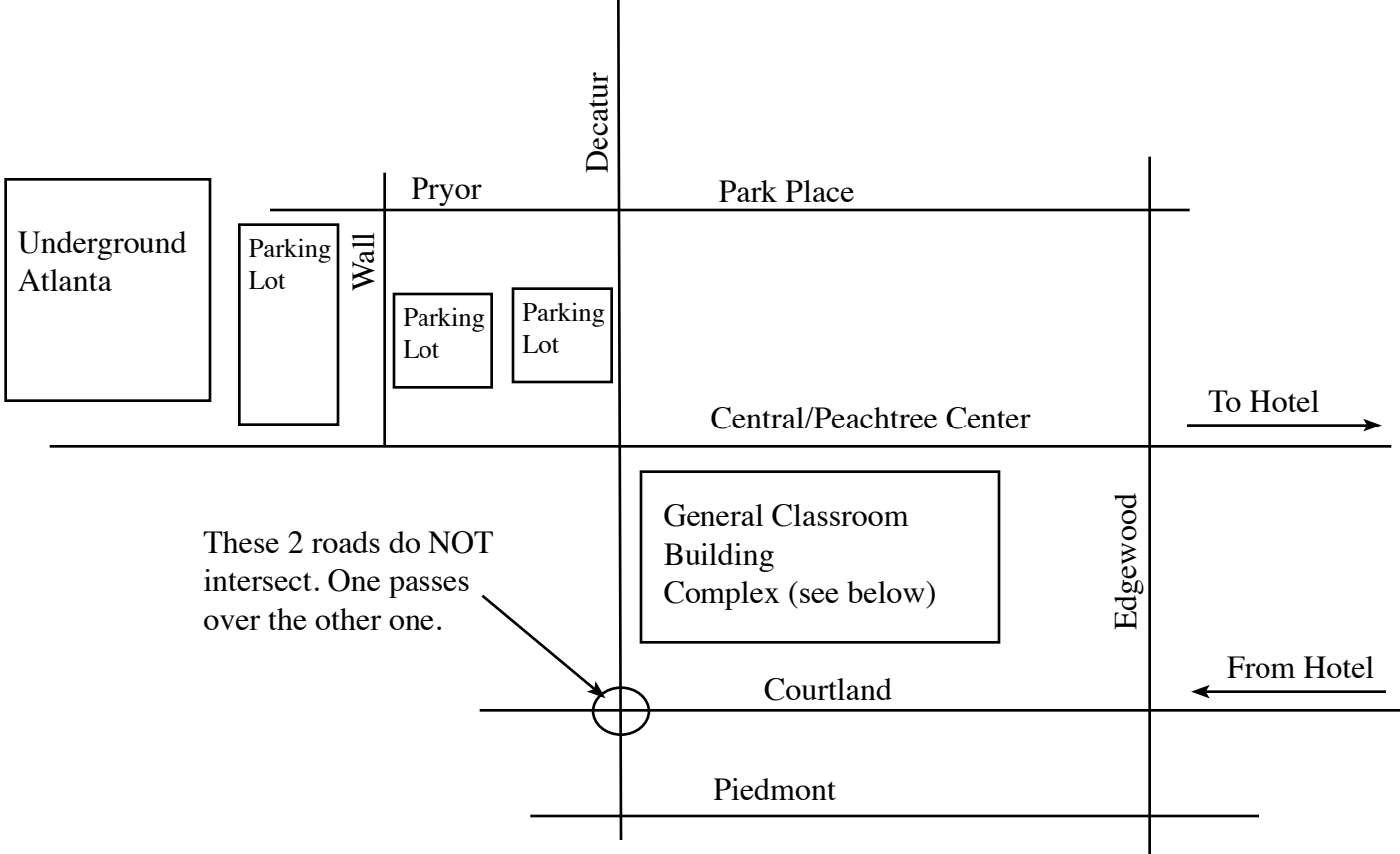
Map of restaurants that are near campus, on the way to the hotel, or have been popular with past participants:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF&msa=0&msid=114255822689491030704.000455eb20da9917f854c>

Crucial Note on GSU Parking

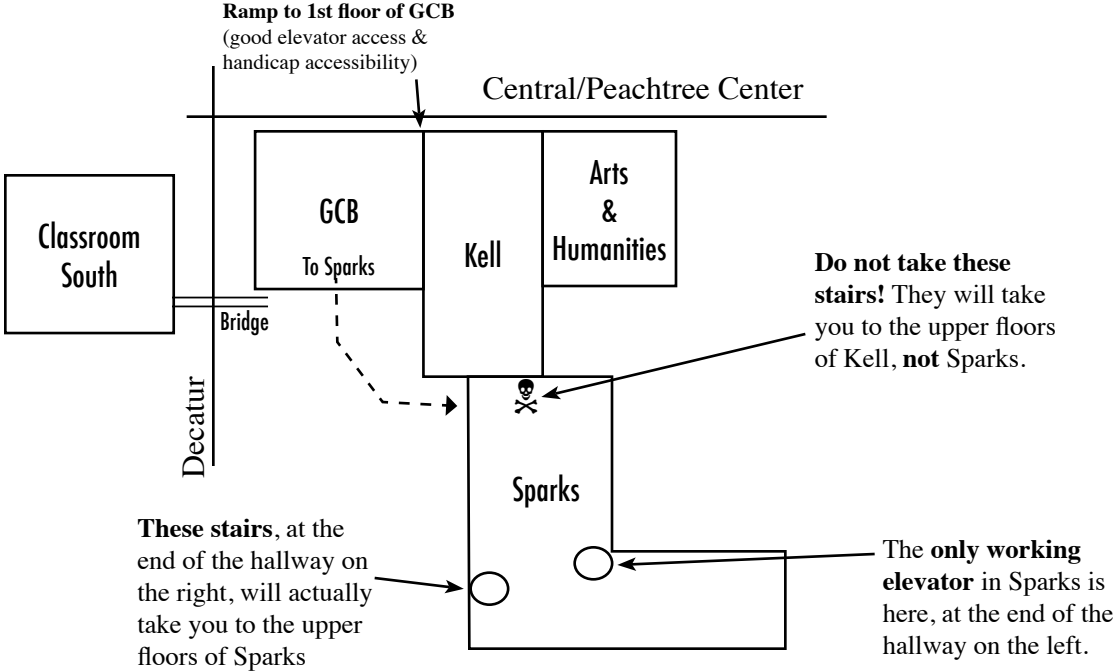
PAY the fee to park your car. Most of the lots near GSU have electronic paying systems. The surface lot on Decatur sometimes has an attendant. Listen to the announcements on the loudspeaker at the electronic pay lots. Criminals have been posing as parking attendants to rip you off and make you pay twice. **IF YOU DO NOT PAY CORRECTLY, THE LOT WILL BOOT YOUR VEHICLE!**

Campus/Parking Map



Classroom Complex Map

A lot of the rounds will be in General Classroom. To get to Sparks, enter the General Classroom Building. Go up 1/2 flight of stairs to the second floor lobby. Go straight through the lobby and out the doors into the plaza. Sparks will be across the plaza and to your left.



Internet Access Issues

Internet at the Marriott

In-room Internet access at the Marriott is \$12.95 per day. However, you will only be charged once per room. Up to 4 distinct users can access the internet from each room per day without any additional charges. The Marriott tells us they have routers available at the front desk to make multiple-user access easier. The only exception to this rule is Monday night, when the hotel will allow only 1 unique user per room.

You will be able to get free wireless access in the hotel lobby. We have also arranged for you to be able to use the hotel restaurant space (not the bar, the restaurant) at night for no charge. The hotel will place power strips in the restaurant for your use on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide Internet access in the convention space on Monday. The cost is astronomical. However, you will still be able to access the free wireless in the hotel lobby, which is directly connected to the convention space.

Wireless Internet at GSU

The entire classroom complex where the tournament will take place is part of the GSU wireless network, called CatChat (we're the panthers, get it?). In order to sign on to the network, you will need to have a User Name and Password. We will be distributing these to schools at registration. Only one person can use one user name/password combination at a time. Remember that most of the GCB classrooms also have one direct Ethernet connection that does not require a password (see "Other Internet Options")

How the passwords work. Select "CatChat" as your wireless network. Wait for a moment, then start your web browser. You will automatically be redirected to the wireless network sign-in page. Enter your user name and password. You will now be able to use the Internet.

Other Internet Options

In some classrooms, you should see an ethernet cable (or, in Sparks, it might just be an ethernet jack). Plug your computer directly in to that cable/jack. It should not require a password (if it does, the ones above should work). Be aware that, in GCB, the ethernet cable is most likely to be located at the instructor's desk.

Evidence Storage at the Marriott

The Marriott folks have thoughtfully provided a room for evidence storage at the hotel. You can store your tubs in the **Decatur 2** room in the convention center Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. The room will be open until around Midnight, then will be re-opened early in the morning. No debates will take place in this room, just storage. However, **all evidence must be out of this room by noon on Monday.**

Caselist Issues

How to contribute before the tournament: To qualify for our discounted entry fee, we will need a full 1AC disclosure from each team. The best way to get this to us is to e-mail it to us. Our e-mail address is: gsucaselist@gmail.com. If for some reason you cannot e-mail 1AC disclosure to us prior to the tournament, you could bring a copy via jumpdrive or other storage device to registration. Talk to Alysia Davis, who is heading up our caselist effort.

Our caselist "goon squad": In years past, we have largely relied on Alysia's incredible productivity and the kindness of strangers for our caselist information. This year, things have changed. Several of the big schools in District 6 have contributed one of the graduate assistants to the effort. These friendly individuals will be roaming around the tournament helping us collect full aff and neg intel from everyone. Please give them your fullest cooperation.

Where to find the caselist: Once again, we are going to use the Wiki that Wake Forest has been so kind to set up for the debate community. You can find it at: <http://opencaselist.wikispaces.com/home>. We will start putting intel up on that site after the start of Round 2. We will then update the information as we receive it. During day one, we will prioritize affirmative information. We will try to fill in the negative blanks on day two.

Why we're delaying: We are trying to minimize the extent to which teams that are responsible and give us their information early get screwed over by teams that do not. We solemnly swear that we will not post the pre-tournament intel you give us until after Round 2 is underway. That way, it will have been theoretically possible for a team you are affirming against in Round 3 to have collected that info from one of your opponents from rounds 1 or 2. Slackers may still get some strategic advantage, but it's the best we can do.

How to contribute during the tournament: Prior to the start of Round 2, e-mail us any intel that you collect. Our e-mail address is: gsucaselist@gmail.com. After the start of Round 2, you can either e-mail us or input the information directly on the Wiki if you know how. Failing any of that, we will have paper scouting sheets for you to fill out. Turn any scouting sheets in to the ballot tables.