

Dear State Bound Adviser!

We are so happy that you will be making the trip to Eastern Illinois University for the Illinois High School Association state journalism competition. Congratulations to you and your students for their performance at sectionals.

To make the experience Friday as smooth as possible, I am sending you some basic instructions about the campus, the day and the contest.

Eastern Illinois University is located in Charleston, Illinois. We are off Interstate 57, on Highway 16, which becomes Lincoln Avenue in Charleston. The Buzzard Building, where the contest will take place, is south on Ninth Street, one building past the stop sign on Grant Avenue. You can park in any parking lot marked student parking. No one will be ticketed. Directions to the site and a map can also be found on the IHSA website at www.ihsa.org.

We encourage you to arrive around 9 a.m. to get registered and familiar with the surroundings. Registration will take place in the building's atrium area, with the opening at 10 a.m. in the auditorium. All contests except photography and review writing will take place in Buzzard. More instructions will be given at the opening session.

We will have doughnuts and milk for the students in the morning; however, they should bring money for their lunches. A variety of food services are available in the area: fast food restaurants, the student union food court and a food vendor in the lobby. The lobby and atrium area can serve as a meeting place for you and your students to spread out and relax. There is also an outdoor festival on campus this weekend called Celebration: A Festival of the Arts, which features art activities and food booths on the University's Library Quad.

An advisers' meeting will take place beginning at 10:30 a.m. We'll have some treats there, too. You certainly deserve them! In addition, reporters and editors will be available to give tours of WEIU-TV and The Daily Eastern News throughout the day.

If you have students who need handicapped accommodations, please let me know in advance.

****The forecast calls for rain so make sure to bring an umbrella!**

We look forward to meeting all of you. If you have any questions or concerns, call me at (217) 581-6003 during the day or on my cell phone that morning (217) 512-0036.

Have a safe trip to Charleston, and good luck!

Sincerely,

Sally Turner
Eastern Illinois University