

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, Ill. 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 Web site at www.ihsa.org.

We encourage you to arrive no later than 8:30 a.m. to get registered and familiar with the surroundings. Registration will take place in the building's atrium area, with the opening at 9 a.m. in the auditorium. Most contests 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. It is the last day of classes at Eastern, so the campus will be fairly busy.

The annual **Advisers' Breakfast** will begin at **9:30ish a.m.** It is a time to eat, relax, and celebrate. We will hear from winner of the 2017 Tidwell Award, given to an outstanding high school adviser. A special thank you to the IJEA for sponsoring the breakfast.

In addition, reporters and editors will be available to give tours of WEIU-TV and FM and The Daily Eastern News and the Warbler yearbook offices during Blocks A and B, and prior to the awards ceremony.

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

We look forward to seeing all of you. These amazing students are here because of you, and we want to make this a great day for all of you. If you have questions or concerns, call me at 217-581-6003 during the day or on my cell phone 217-512-0036.

Have a safe trip to Charleston, and good luck! It'll be a fast, fun day!

Sincerely,

Sally Renaud
Eastern Illinois University