

LUTHERAN SPORTS ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI 8TH ANNUAL SCHOLAR BOWL



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The **TENTH ANNUAL LSAM SCHOLAR BOWL TOURNAMENT** is on **February 9 & 10, 2018** in Jackson, MO The **TOURNAMENT APPLICATION** is available online at LSAM.org for you to register your school. This is sure to be a fun and rewarding activity for your school and its students. Please complete the **REGISTRATION FORM AND ROSTER** at: <http://lsam.org> and send it via email (LSAMScholarBowl@gmail.com), FAX (573-334-8255) or mail it to LSAM Scholar Bowl, 220 Hillvale Dr, Cape Girardeau 63701 by **December 22, 2017**. There is a limit of **10 members** per team. **No exceptions!** There is a limit 24 teams being accepted this year. In order to accommodate as many schools as we can, we ask that if you have more than one team, to submit them. However, there will be a preference on getting as many schools involved as we can. If the full complement of 24 schools is not met by the deadline, then we will accept extra teams on a first submitted, first accepted basis at the discretion of the tournament director in conjunction with the Scholar Bowl tournament advisor. We need to try to keep the number of teams as even as possible. Example: If we have 17 teams applying, we will do our best to get an additional team, but if not, then we will go to a 16 team bracket. Early registration is strongly encouraged. Team selection will be made according to the guidelines established by the LSAM Board. We will do our best to seed each team fairly and objectively. Each team is required to provide either a **scorekeeper** or a **spotter** for each round. You may want to train some parents for these roles. **Ads and all payments are due no later than January 15, 2018**.

If your school wants to send more than one team, submit a separate roster for each team. Please be sure you have a coach for each team and label them as either Team #1 or Team #2 and assign a color for each team. As an example. if your school colors are blue and gold, label one team blue and the other gold. We will be seeding each team into separate pools during the preliminary rounds.

A program book listing participating teams will be published and available at the tournament. **All schools are to sponsor one full page ad.** This is a great help in keeping the registration costs down. If your school has trouble meeting this need, you may want to contact a local business in your community to help defray the cost of the ad. The advertisement can be sponsored by your school, the team members' parents, a supporter of your school or a business person in your community.

We will be following the MSHSAA Scholar Bowl rules with exceptions regarding the length of "Preliminary" (or "Pool Play") games. The categories of questions will also be modified to fit our educational emphasis on religion.

Friday activities will begin with registration along with team and individual photographs beginning at **4:30pm** at Saxony Lutheran High School in Jackson. A light meal will be offered by Saxony Supporters. The meal cost and menu will be sent in the confirmation email. Coaches will meet at 5:30pm. Our Preliminary rounds of 25 questions will begin at 6:00pm. Depending on the number of teams participating this year, we will conclude our Friday rounds by 8:00 or 8:30pm.

On Saturday our Preliminary rounds will start at 8:00 AM at Saxony Lutheran High School in Jackson. Once the Preliminary rounds are completed, we will meet in the gymnasium for our Parade of Schools followed by a worship service.

Seeding will be determined after the results from the Preliminary rounds have been tabulated. The results should be available following the worship service. Then we will begin our regular 50 question round elimination competition.

As a reminder:

⇒If there is a difference of 50 or more points after 25 minutes of preliminary play, the game is called with current score

⇒All teams will play at least 2 full games during bracket play.

⇒Scores WILL be kept on the board—**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

⇒Teams will be seeded for the Prelims. Please send your win/loss record. If you have no record, we will do our best to determine how best to place your team.

Once again concessions and lunch will be provided by our Saxony students and parents.

Awards will be given to First, Second and Third place finishers in Gold and Silver brackets and First place in Bronze. All other teams will receive a Participation Trophy. All schools will receive a plaque and all competitors will receive a medal. Join us for a great time of Scholar Competition! For additional information, contact me via any of the above methods.

Print the registration form, then fill in the needed information and complete the roster page. To expedite your registration, you can then either scan the forms into a computer and email or FAX them to me or mail them, postmarked by December 22. Your statistics need to be turned in by January 29th.

I look forward to seeing each of you on **February 9 & 10**.

Your sister in Christ,

Brenda Lowther



"Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you."

James 4:10