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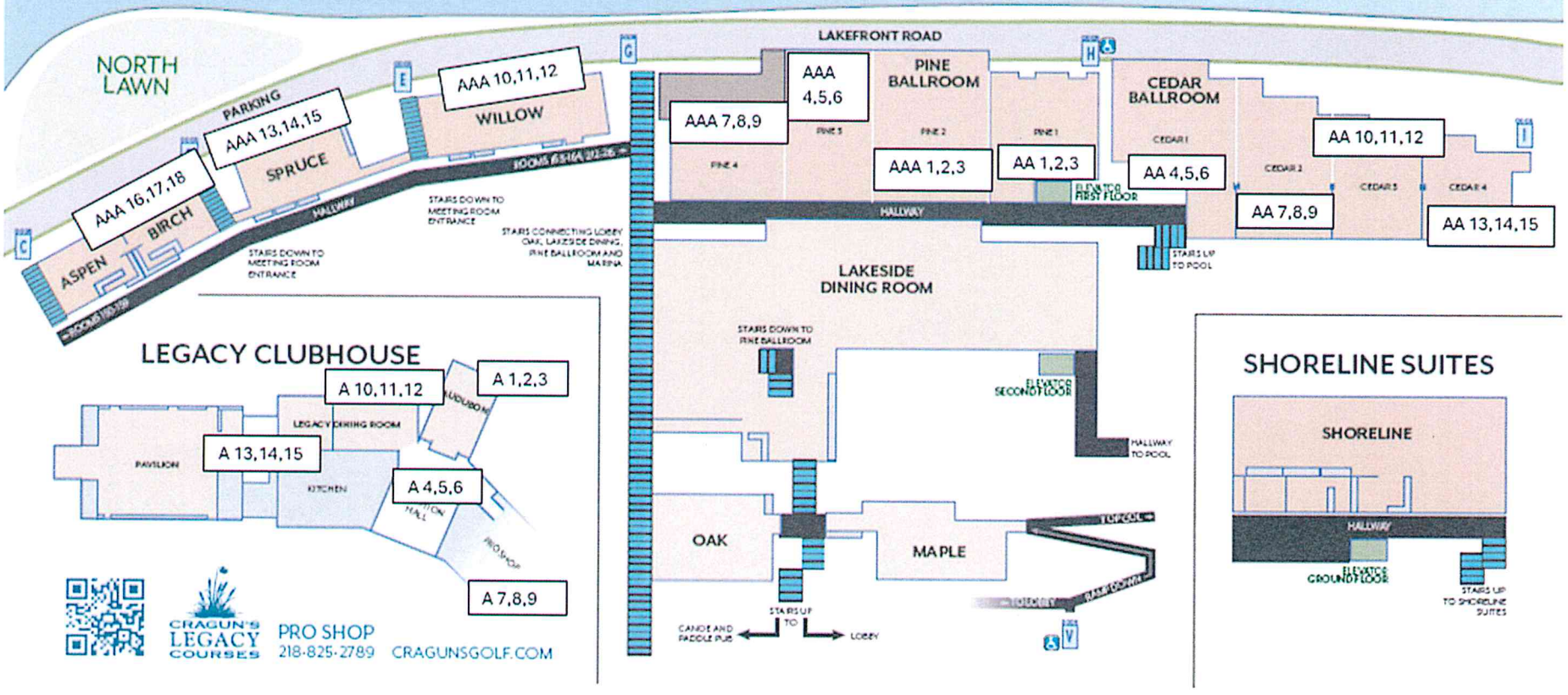
MINNESOTA SERVICE COOPERATIVES
KNOWLEDGE BOWL | SENIOR HIGH

Cragun's Conference Center
April 9 & 10, 2026

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Agenda

Thursday, April 9, 2026

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	**Registration and check-in by coach**	*Poolside*
4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	**Begin Seating for Banquet** **Welcome and Introductions** **Banquet**	*Tamarack Event Center (Sports Center)*
6:45 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	**Question Review for Readers and Judges**	*Willow*
7:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	**Meeting for Pocket Box Operators**	*Cedar 1*
7:15 p.m. - 7:25 p.m.	**Instructions for Knowledge Bowl Teams and Team Coaches**	*Pine Ballroom 1-4*
7:25 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.	**Written Round for Teams**	*Pine Ballroom 1-4*
7:25 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.	**Coaches Social**	*Cedar Ballroom 3*
8:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	**Recreation Time at Tamarack Event Center and Pool**	
9:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	**Tacos**	*Poolside*
11:30 p.m.	**Curfew** -- students in room for the night	

Friday, April 10, 2026

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	**Breakfast Buffet** **It would be helpful to pack your bags before the first oral round.* *****Remember to check out by 11:00 a.m.*** ***Luggage can be placed Poolside Upper Deck***	*Poolside*
8:30 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.	**Oral Round 1**	*See page 3 for room details*
9:20 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.	**Oral Round 2**	
10:15 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	**Oral Round 3**	

Friday, April 10, 2026

10:50 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.	**Lunch Buffet and poolside check-out**	*Poolside*
11:00 a.m.	**Check-out**	*Poolside*
11:50 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.	**Oral Round 4**	
12:35 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.	**Oral Round 5**	
1:15 p.m.	**Tie Breaker (if necessary)**	
1:25 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	**Awards Presentation**	*Poolside*

Check scores online after each round at:

A Division	AA Division	AAA Division
www.tiny.cc/Ascores SCAN ME	www.tiny.cc/AAscores SCAN ME	www.tiny.cc/AAAscores SCAN ME

Regional Knowledge Bowl Coordinators

Region 1 & 2, Northwest - *Mercedes Coan/Sadie Miller*

Region 3, Northeast - *Kijo Stallings*

Region 4, Lakes Country - *Monica Thompson/Jolene King*

Region 5, North Central - *Crysta Blake*

Region 6 & 8, Southwest/West Central - *Gail Polejewski*

Region 7, Central - *Shari Bishop*

Region 9, South Central - *Cassi Wanous*

Region 10, Southeast - *Katie Hartman*

Region 11, Metro - *Madi Ericksen/Betsy Narr*

State Knowledge Bowl Coordinator - *Monica Thompson*

State Knowledge Bowl Assistant - *Jolene King*

Readers, judges, and pocket box operators are assigned to the following rooms for Oral Round #1. Readers and judges will rotate rooms after subsequent oral rounds in the direction of the arrows. Pocket box operators will remain in their assigned rooms with their own equipment throughout the five rounds. **Please leave the scoring sheets in the room you are vacating!**

"A" Tier

Room Name	Ranking	Room	Reader	Judge	PB Operator	Pocket Box
Audubon	1,2,3	1	Denise Lachinski	Dave Dettmann	Samuel Borntrager	Martin County West
Grille	4,5,6	2	Mara Gust	Casey Foertsch	Piper Rigge	Redwood Area
Pro Shop	7,8,9	3	Rodney Hommerding	Karen Hartke	Dakota Holm	Ulen-Hitterdal
East Dining	10,11,12	4	Josh Connor	Meghan Peterson	Milena Kacer	Wrenshall
West Dining	13,14,15	5	Allison Hackenmiller	William Grieger	Roland Bjerke	Spring Grove

"AA" Tier

Room Name	Ranking	Room	Reader	Judge	PB Operator	Pocket Box
Pine 1	1,2,3	1	Mary Hall	Jim Jacobson	Lola Lueth/ Mallory Larson	New Ulm
Cedar 1	4,5,6	2	Paulette Jibben	Carrie Beisel	Melanie Hammes	Sartell-St. Stephen
Cedar 2	7,8,9	3	Zach Boser	Darin Walling	Kylie Lamb	Perham
Cedar 3	10,11,12	4	Isaak Anderson	Chris Hunter	Grace Koester	Bemidji
Cedar 4	13,14,15	5	Anthony Sonnek	Jenny Janssen	Zach Nelson	Melrose

"AAA" Tier

Room Name	Ranking	Room	Reader	Judge	PB Operator	Pocket Box
Pine 2	1,2,3	1	Jim Doran	Amanda Meyer	CaiLan Barlass	Duluth Marshall
Pine 3	4,5,6	2	Jill Bakken	Joe Simms	Brighton Muklebust	New Ulm
Pine 4	7,8,9	3	Kristin Steen	Harrison Aakre	Konnor Felling	Albany
Willow	10,11,12	4	Brian Olsen	Courtney Roatch	Teresa Nix	St. John's Prep
Spruce	13,14,15	5	Laura Gudmundson	Molly Schenck	Alyson Leslie	New Ulm
Birch	16,17,18	6	Jeff Iverson	Joel McDonough	Brennen Thooft	Marshall

Minnesota Service Cooperatives' KNOWLEDGE BOWL

2026 Senior High State Competition

Heritage Spirit Awards

The reader, judge, and pocket box operator will meet briefly after each round to choose one team best representing a positive spirit according to the criteria found below. The reader, judge, and pocket box operator will reach a consensus and write reasons why the particular team was chosen during that round. These reasons must be specific.

It is the judge's responsibility to make sure that the selection process occurs after each round and the form is completed in each competition room. Immediately following the fifth oral round, the judge should deliver the voting form to the Directors Room (Room 221) Knowledge Bowl headquarters.

Criteria: The definition of team spirit:

"The qualities and conduct becoming to a champion competitor."

Attitude toward all members of the team.

Attitude toward other teams.

Attitude toward readers/judges/pocket box operators.

Attitude toward the team advisors.

Attitude in winning/losing; accepting victory or defeat graciously.

In general, overall conduct.

THE TEAMS COMPETING IN THE 2026 STATE EVENT ARE:

"A" Schools	"AA" Schools	"AAA" Schools
Aitkin	Albany	Bemidji
Aitkin	Bethlehem Academy	Brainerd
Ashby	Byron	Chaska
Cook County	Duluth Marshall	Duluth East
Crookston	East Grand Forks	Duluth East
Fosston	Esko	Edina
Martin County West	Glencoe-Silver Lake	Edina
Pine River Backus	Melrose	Elk River
Redwood Area	Minnesota Valley Lutheran	Fergus Falls
Roseau	Minnesota Valley Lutheran	Marshall
Rushford-Peterson	Montevideo	Marshall
Spring Grove	New Ulm	Minnetonka
Ulen-Hitterdal	Park Christian	Moorhead
United South Central	Perham	New Ulm
Wrenshall	St. John's Prep	Northfield
		Northfield
		Saint Thomas Academy
		Sartell-St. Stephen

Knowledge Bowl Champions

In 1979, Lakes Country Service Cooperative purchased the rights to "Rural Knowledge Bowl". The first year involved nine teams from that region. Over the years, more Minnesota Service Cooperatives across the state joined, and the name was legally changed to Knowledge Bowl®. Once a statewide meet began, there were still several changes. A three tier system was implemented in 2023.

List of State Champions:

1982		Fergus Falls
1983		Fergus Falls
1984		Fergus Falls
1985		Fergus Falls
1986		Little Falls
1987		Duluth Cathedral
1988		Moorhead
1989		Northfield
1990		Greenbush
1991		Bemidji
1992		Chaska
1993		Chaska
1994		Moorhead
1995		Chaska
1996	A	Grygla
1996	AA	Hibbing
1997	A	Morris
1997	AA	Chaska
1998	A	Murray Co. Central
1998	AA	Cretin-Derham Hall
1999	A	Moose Lake
1999	AA	Cretin-Derham Hall
2000	A	Moose Lake
2000	AA	St. Cloud Tech
2001	A	NRHEG
2001	AA	Hibbing
2002	A	Cook
2002	AA	Saint Thomas Academy
2003	A	Springfield
2003	AA	Chaska
2004	A	Park Christian, Moorhead
2004	AA	St. Anthony Village
2005	A	East Grand Forks
2005	AA	Saint Thomas Academy
2006	A	St. John's Prep
2006	AA	St. Anthony Village
2007	A	Glencoe-Silver Lake
2007	AA	St. Anthony Village
2008	A	St. John's Prep
2008	AA	Eden Prairie
2009	A	Loyola Catholic
2009	AA	Chaska
2010	A	Sebeka
2010	AA	St. Anthony Village
2011	A	Sebeka
2011	AA	St. Anthony Village
2012	A	St. John's Prep
2012	AA	Chaska
2013	A	Glencoe-Silver Lake
2013	AA	Spring Lake Park
2014	A	St. John's Prep
2014	AA	Buffalo
2015	A	Glencoe-Silver Lake
2015	AA	Alexandria
2016	A	St. John's Prep
2016	AA	Academy of Holy Angels
2017	A	Glencoe-Silver Lake
2017	AA	Saint Thomas Academy
2018	A	Glencoe-Silver Lake
2018	AA	Sartell St. Stephen
2019	A	MN Valley Lutheran
2019	AA	Prior Lake
2020	A	
2020	AA	
2021	A	St. John's Prep
2021	AA	Northfield
2022	A	Park Christian
2022	AA	Buffalo
2023	A	Parkers Prairie
2023	AA	Melrose
2023	AAA	Owatonna
2024	A	MN New Country School
2024	AA	New Ulm
2024	AAA	Edina
2025	A	Fosston
2025	AA	Melrose
2025	AAA	Edina

Participants

REGION 1 & 2

Bemidji
Jason Koester, Coach
Abraham Benson
Eric Bittmann
Finn Jorgensen
Grant McDermott
Sean Reed
Grace Koester, PBO

Crookston
Katelyn Stegman, Coach
Ben Capistran
Leah Johanneck
Ethan Lanctot
Xavier Mason
Lily Olmstad

East Grand Forks
Donovan Hanson, Coach
Juan Mateo Garcia
Leah Massmann
Elijah Schrage
Connor Shear
CoCo Williams

Fosston
Ron Berntson, Coach
Holly O'Shea, Coach
Ari Balstad
Avery Hruby
Lewis Johnson
Micah Malmanger
Caleb Richardson

Roseau
Carla Olsen, Coach
John Delaney
Megan Delaney
Delaynna Mortvedt
Harry Roth
Steven Wright

OFFICIALS
Jill Bakken
Carrie Beisel
Mara Gust
Kristin Steen

REGION 3

Cook County
David Liechty, Coach
Dune Bagdons
Ian Cooley
Redding Drews
Lute Jansen
Kadence Swader

Duluth East (Red)
Greg Jones, Coach
Colleen Knettel, Coach
August Capps
Kenna Huot
Ben Pilate
August Qson
Ben Thorson

Duluth East (Grey)
Greg Jones, Coach
Colleen Knettel, Coach
Owen Blascyk
Grant Faherty
Max Fisher
Gaven Greshowak
Joey Gustafson

Duluth Marshall
Tony Lockhart, Coach
Nemo An Nguyen Lac
Isaac Ballmer
Oliver Edgette
Saanvi Naveen
Auden Pisapia
CaiLan Barlass, PBO

Esko
Jennifer Hoffmann, Coach
Kaiden High
Alex King
Liam Reeves
Abram Thwaits
Nolan Thwaits

Wrenshall
Denise North, Coach
Vera Brown
Lila Dalen
Isabel Riley
Mary St. Peter
Saria Wallace
Milena Kacer, PBO

OFFICIALS
Mary Hall

REGION 4

Ashby
Tom Gronwold, Coach
Lukas Anderson
Reed Jensen
Jaylee Lohse
Emily Nelson
Kenneth Spielman

Fergus Falls
Amy Drake, Coach
Cloe Brown
Cooper Christensen
Gus Krohn
Trygvie Ronnevik
Eric Swanson

Moorhead
Jeremy Blake, Coach
Chad Olson, Coach
Jett Blankenship
Quade Brown
Steven Carlson
Larkyn Kellen
Ian Qualey
Felix Wolfe, PBO

Park Christian
Kyle Kemp, Coach
Cora Buchholz
Alexis Scheid
Magnus Sletten
Jack Ternes
Bridger Weekley

Perham
Matt Lamb, Coach
Nick Stokke, Coach
Ewan Brandvold
Noah Brasel
Peter Carrlson
Sophia Lamb
Maddox Wagner
Kylie Lamb, PBO

Ulen-Hitterdal
Mike Herbst, Coach
Cole Brenna
Hoyt Jensen
Kade Jensen
Madesyn Jirava
Kinzley Svobodny
Dakota Holm, PBO

OFFICIALS
Harrison Aakre
Casey Foertsch
William Grieger
Chris Hunter
Jim Jacobson
Paulette Jibben
Amanda Meyer
Molly Schenck

Participants

REGION 5

Aitkin (Red)
Sean Smith, Coach
Jason May, Coach
Tanner Koonce
Tolo May
Carsyn Miller
Aaron Morris
William Vogtlin

Aitkin (Black)
Jason May, Coach
Sean Smith, Coach
Jeffrey Brassard
Eliot Christensen
Will Henline
Elizabeth Morris
Reese Wendlandt

Brainerd
Dave Borash, Coach
Emmalyn Boesen
Drea Diede
Tucker Hanson
Kyle Sandberg
Thomas Verrips

Pine River-Backus
Greg Gentry, Coach
Matilda Brozetti
Jethro Charpeutier
Morgan King
Logan Poser
Leland Tima

OFFICIALS
Isaak Anderson
Meghan Peterson

REGION 6

Glencoe-Silver Lake
Eric Anderson, Coach
Tom Woosley, Coach
Benton Freitag
Jack Hedin
Will Huepenbecker
Micaiah Noling
Matthew Schmieg

Montevideo
Shawn Aker, Coach
Ashley Klaassen
Lara Krueger
Bergen Ludwig
Julia Mages
Sophie Sonstegard

REGION 7

Albany
Jason Thelen, Coach
Elijah Eveslage
James Hanauska
Jacob Holmstrom
Eli Suchy
Eli Thelen
Konnor Felling, PBO

Elk River
Troy McGowan, Coach
Tyler Berklich
Andrew Bliss
Hudson Pasiowitz
Madison Peters
Andrew Roehrdanz

Melrose
Bill Leraas, Coach
Dave Hoyt, Coach
Logan Kelzer
Ramona Lurken-Turdik
Nina Prout
Andrue Stalboerger
Eric Sundermann
Zach Nelson, PBO

Sartell-St. Stephen
Alex King, Coach
Sage Heitz, Coach
Alex Dietz
Victor Hertel
Isaac Knoernschild
Alex Welte
Sufyan Yusuf
Melanie Hammes, PBO

St. John's Prep
Jeff Kirchoff, Coach
Grant Hellerman, Coach
Caiden Danielson
Adrian Gallagher-Mancini
Milo Harkins
Fergie Wherry
Ben Zahasky
Teresa Nix, PBO

OFFICIALS
Zach Boser
Jim Doran
Rodney Hommerding
Joel McDonough
Courtney Roatch

REGION 8

Marshall (Orange)
Bessie Skalicky, Coach
Vickie Radloff, Coach
Sawyer Bresnahan
Roman Gaul
Carter Price
Xavier Rabaey
Charles Mueller Thompson

Marshall (Black)
Bessie Skalicky, Coach
Vickie Radloff, Coach
Ian Beyer
Jackson Carrow
Blake Lanoue
Foster Moore
Alex Sturrock
Brennen Thooft, PBO

Redwood Area
Jamie Steffl, Coach
August Danielson
Corine Danielson
Ben Jorgensen
Elliot Lang
Hylke Zanderbergen
Piper Rigge, PBO

OFFICIALS
Josh Connor
Karen Hartke
Jeff Iverson

Participants

REGION 9

Martin County West
Logan Pankonin, Coach
Matthias Bliesmer
Michael McCorkell
Austin Newcombe
Bryce Scholl
Kane Wohlhuter
Samuel Borntrager, PBO

Minnesota Valley Lutheran (Black)
Bradley Nehls, Coach
Felicity Johnson
Henry Manthe
Jamis Martens
Ezra Spike

Minnesota Valley Lutheran (Blue)
Bradley Nehls, Coach
Levi Bakke
Olive Clemons
Ezra LaPlant
Bridger Woller

New Ulm (Ivory)
Rob Bute, Coach
Matt Nelson, Coach
Luther Beran
Ale EnaMorado
Lauren Kveno
Emory Mihlbauer
Jonas Rainwater
Lola Lueth, PBO
Mallory Larson, PBO

New Ulm (Purple)
Rob Bute, Coach
Matt Nelson, Coach
Henry Albrecht
Sophie Berger
Hunter Dauer
Ryan Martinka
Kaden Schaefer
Brighton Muklebust, PBO
Alyson Leslie, PBO

United South Central
Kayt Klemek, Coach
Wyatt Haugh
Seth Kayser
Ian McQueen
Maddex Niebuhr

OFFICIALS
Jenny Janssen
Anthony Sonnek

REGION 10

Bethlehem Academy
Dave Wollin, Coach
Mason Bishop
Ravi Lagbue
Allison McCabe
Luke McCrea

Byron
Theresa LaValla, Coach
Miles Helvey
Joseph Palomino Ward
Lyla Read
Gavin Shanks

Northfield (Gold)
Michelle Sonnega, Coach
Adam Chakladar
Teddy Murphy
Cale Schramm
Stiva Thorstenson
Haley Zeledon

Northfield (Maroon)
Katie Casson, Coach
Evie Bauer
Charles Murphy
Rylie Schock
Megan Sina
Emily Waddell

Rushford–Peterson
Matt Myszewski, Coach
Grace Dahl, Coach
Christo Badenhorst
Landon Dahl
Jace Dvorak
Trey Hegland
Christian Lindmeier

Spring Grove
Taylor Elton, Coach
Christian Bjerke
Gavin Cheatham
Calvin Kittleson
Gunnar Torgerson
Roland Bjerke, PBO

OFFICIALS
Dave Dettmann
Laura Gudmundson
Darin Walling

REGION 11

Chaska
Gretchen Oppriecht, Coach
Chris Lenius, Coach
Henry Chapman
Austin Henderson
Luke Johnson
Ben Lenius
Elijah Ward

Edina (Green)
Funmi Banjoko, Coach
Evan Ward, Coach
Claire Daman
Mary Mcintyre
Benj Meehan
Henry O'Sullivan
Thorsten Thuftedal

Edina (White)
Funmi Banjoko, Coach
Evan Ward, Coach
Lydia Franssen
Peter Jacobs
Ethan Liao
Aidan Sneller
Samantha Tietz

Minnetonka
Jeni Breidenbach, Coach
Tyler Dodge
Ellen Ingham
Carter Krebs
Valentine Lucia Jackson
Alex Mattson

Saint Thomas Academy
Melissa Judy, Coach
Doug Hoverson, Coach
Leo Brummel
Nolan Dorle
Finbar Kelly
Alex Larson
Adrian Pieper

OFFICIALS
Allison Hackenmiller
Denise Lachinski
Brian Olsen
Joe Simms

Parents and Guests Welcome to the Minnesota State Knowledge Bowl™ Competition

As a visitor at this event, we thought it would be helpful for you to have an idea of what is happening at the event, how to find your way around, and expectations of visitors.

Meals: All meals needed to be purchased before the State Meet. If you purchased a banquet meal, you will be seated in a special guest area. At the lunch meal on Friday, if you purchased a meal, please let the participants have priority in line so they can eat quickly and get ready for the next round.

Recreation: After the banquet and written round Thursday night, we have free time. All visitors are invited to enjoy this time. We assume all guests and visitors will be observing the oral rounds on Friday.

Curfew: The curfew for all Knowledge Bowl® students (participants/non-participants) is 11:30.

Guidelines for Observing Oral Rounds:

- **Please turn off all cell phones and any other technological devices that could interfere with the rounds.**
- Once an oral round has begun and the door is closed, **wait until a score/door check after question 15 or 30 to enter** the room to observe.
- Please do not record an oral round in any way that could bother or distract any of the teams competing in that room (photos, streaming, videotaping, etc.)
- The contestants need a quiet room so they don't miss any little clue in helping them answer correctly. If you need to leave the room, **wait until a score check after questions 15 and 30.**
- Signs, mascots, etc. should be placed on the floor once the round has begun and should be behind the first row.

How to find your way around: At the end of each oral round the scores are posted poolside and online. You can look for your team's rank and then match it to the competition room to know where to go. There is a map of Cragun's in this packet, but feel free to ask any Knowledge Bowl® staff for the "easy way". Schedules and room numbers are in this booklet.

Follow Scores Online: Check scores for each division online after each round at:

A Division	AA Division	AAA Division
www.tiny.cc/Ascores	www.tiny.cc/AAscores	www.tiny.cc/AAAscores
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Awards: Awards will be poolside. Photos are encouraged. We will also post photos of the top five teams in each division on the state website: https://www.mnservcoop.org/knowledge-bowl