



Important pre-arrival information

ARRIVAL

Please visit www.schoolsdebate.de and enter the Stage-3 information about when and where you arrive (for pickups). You will be accommodated at the

'Jugendherberge International'

Hausmannstrasse 27, 70188 Stuttgart, phone: +49-711-664-747-0

At the hostel, you will check in with one of our staff at a separate counter. All team members will be asked to give their **age**. In return, you'll receive a color-coded **wristband** to wear at the social venues where alcohol will be served.

SOCIALS

- **FRI night:** opening night of 'Wintertraum' ice skating rink (good timing, too). Feel free to meet everyone at U-train station 'Schlossplatz' for a pre-Christmassy get-together as of **9pm**. Hopefully, it won't rain.
- **SAT night:** Cultural Expo. With so many countries visiting from all over the world, we saw the opportunity of having an evening of cultural exchange, typical of what you've experienced at other tournaments. We'd like you to bring **exhibits, food and drink (no alcohol), traditional clothing, souvenirs, giveaways and other symbolic elements** you can think of that are typical of your country. The Cultural Expo will take place in the Youth Hostels' dining room as of **8pm**.
- **SUN night:** Break Night Party. After the debates, you'll all move back to the hostel for the break announcement in assembly room 'Cairo', currently at around 7.30 pm. Afterwards, as of **8.30pm**, we meet at the nearby bar and club 'Super Popular Sanchez', which is located on the ground floor of the 'Staatsgalerie' U-train station.
- **MON night:** Cinema for debaters. You'll be accompanied to a selection of films to be viewed in English in Stuttgart-Vaihingen. The choice of films is *Maze Runner and Gone Girl*. Please sign up accordingly at a counter we'll install at all debate venues. You'll immediately leave from the Monday debate venue at **7pm**.
- **MON night:** Judges evening. All coaches and judges meet at **8.30pm** at the typical Swabian restaurant 'Sophies Brauhaus' (Marienstrasse 28) for local cuisine and drinks.
- **TUE morning:** Tours. See more below ('Tours').
- **TUE night:** Closing social after the Grand Final at restaurant 'Jägerhaus', about an 8-minute walk away from the final venue (Großer Kursaal Bad Cannstatt). Starts at **9pm**. Please pay €5 if you eat from the buffet.

TOURS - also see other .pdf document 'Tours_Socials_Leisure Time Activities'

Option A: Ludwigsburg Palace, one of the largest Baroque palaces in Europe - €5

Option B: Mercedes-Benz Museum Stuttgart: Highly interesting even for non-car owners and an architectural masterpiece - 0€



MEALS

Due to planning constraints, we can't offer meals consistently throughout the event.

Breakfast is available on all days at the hostel.

Lunch will be served at the hostel on FRI and at the schools hosting SAT and SUN, as well as for the semi-finalists on TUE. Sadly, we can't offer lunch on MON and TUE due to the unknown number of teams still around (post-break).

Regrettably, we are not offering dinner at any time.

See more [food and restaurant options here](#).

CLOTHING

Smart casual / formal dress code during debates. If you believe in 16-day weather forecasts, we can expect sun apart from SAT and temperatures around -1° to +9° Celsius, so dress warmly.

Also make sure you have comfortable shoes for walks of up to 20 minutes.

INTERNET

There will be free internet in the hostel's lobby area. Please get a login code from the reception. Use your name tag as ID of the EurOpen group.

TRANSPORT

You will receive a 7-day railpass valid in the greater Stuttgart area. You are allowed to use regional trains, run by DB (RB, RE), all S-trains, as well as all busses and trains by SSB (yellow U-trains and busses). All services combined are labeled with 'VVS'. There is also a VVS app available. You may want to install it before you leave home. [See area of validity here](#).

CREDIT CARDS

Germany is a surprisingly bad place for credit cards. They are not as universally accepted as in other countries. Germans prefer either cash or the national debit-card system named 'Girocard', or the previous term 'EC-Karte', which is unavailable if you don't have a German bank account. Plan on using cash rather than credit cards, unless indicated otherwise. If it's not indicated, it is very likely that businesses such as supermarkets etc. do not offer credit card transactions.

EMERGENCY ONLY PHONE NUMBER

We always have a staffer on duty you can call on a phone we can pass around. Please dial in emergencies only and only if all other of your attempts at alleviating the dire situation you're in have failed.

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