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DATE: Saturday, 20 April 2024, check-in 9:00 - 9:30am (Central Time Zone), games start promptly at 9:45am.

CITY: Auburn, Alabama.

GAMES/PAIRINGS: 7 games (lunch break taken after Game 3). Tournament limited to 24 players. Division sizes will be based upon number of entrants and ratings of entrants, and will be adjusted at the discretion of the director (who will serve as an alternate player to even out divisions, if needed). Ideally divisions of 8 players to allow for Round Robin. Gibson Rule used if needed.

ENTRY FEE: Free! Yes, free! Players must be active NASPA members (visit www.scrabbleplayers.org to join or renew membership). This will be a fully rated NASPA tournament, but there are *no fees* to enter. No walk-up participants allowed; all players must register with the director (see below) by 11:59pm, Thursday, 18 April.

PRIZES: No entry fees means, of course, no cash prizes. Come play for the fun, fame, and ratings points!

EQUIPMENT: Please bring your boards, tiles, and clocks.

VENUE: The Ralph B. Draughon Library/Mell Classroom Building on Auburn University's campus, room 4510B. The campus building opens at 9:00am; easiest access is to park on the top level (open sky above you) of the parking deck off

Roosevelt Drive (no parking tags are required on the weekends). When you walk to the library's South Entrance, you will be entering the building on the 1st Floor. Upon entry, walk straight past the circulation desk toward the elevator/stairwell in the center of the building. Take the elevator up to the 4th Floor. Take a left when you exit the elevator (go right if you ascended the stairs). Continue straight as far as you can until you see an atrium coming into view ahead (and below) you; veer to the left (there should be signs directing you to various classrooms). You will enter the Mell Classroom Building (which is attached to the library) and should approach another elevator (as well as pass by some restrooms). Classroom 4510B is right after this new elevator. The building can be a bit labyrinthine to newcomers, so be sure to arrive as close to 9:00am as you can. See last page of this flyer for a map.

HOTELS: If anyone is planning to stay the night before or after in Auburn, there are plenty of hotel choices. The closest would be The Hotel at Auburn University which is, literally, right across College Street from the Ralph B. Draughon Library. It is one of the more expensive hotels, though. Less expensive choices are available, including plenty near the interstate (Exit #51) on South College Street (taking College Street north, away from the I-85 exit, leads you directly toward the university/library/parking deck).

LUNCH: A lunch break will be taken after Game 3, and the afternoon games should resume around 1:30pm (exact time will be announced at mid-tournament). We will be right in the heart of downtown Auburn, so research the variety of eateries nearby.

CONTACT: If you have questions or would like to register, contact the director, Eric Harshbarger, at eric@ericharshbarger.org. If registering, please include your NASPA membership number. His phone number is 334-821-6616 in case you need to call or text before/during the tourney.

