



Dear PA State Academic Decathlon Qualifier,

Congratulations on making it to the state championships! We at Souderton are looking forward to hosting the 2020 PA Academic Decathlon on March 14 & 15.

Souderton is located in the Philadelphia suburbs, and has a unique blend of farming and Mennonite history, as well as being hot spot for scientific research and pharmacy.

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If you are willing to bookend your trip by a day, we can't recommend going to the **Mutter Museum** in Philadelphia enough. (www.muttermuseum.org) We went as a Souderton team in November and were absolutely amazed.

This is a museum catered to this year's curriculum, "In Sickness and In Health." The foyer alone has a work by Thomas Eakins. There is a portrait of Benjamin Rush, as well as his medicinal plant garden. There are artifacts by Samuel Gross (from one of our art pieces), and a digital display of William Harvey. Their temporary display is entitled "Infection Through the Ages," and would be a great end-of-states trip on Sunday or if you can make it the day before on Thursday. Hours are 10-5 PM, and it's a quick train trip from the Lansdale Train Station to Suburban Station in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia is also home to the Philadelphia Art Museum (run the Rocky steps!), Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and other wonderful areas. I spend a lot of time in the city, so feel free to bother me about specifics if you want to do a food or fun thing like an escape room or visit other historical sites.

FOOD OPTIONS

While you're in Souderton, if you need food on Thursday night or at any point, as a North Penn / Souderton local all my life, here's my favorite options:

NEAR HOTELS

- Pizza: Italian Delight – 1551 S Valley Forge Rd, Lansdale, PA 19446
215-362-5511
- Japanese/Sushi: Oki Sushi – 1551 S Valley Forge Rd, Lansdale, PA 19446
215-855-8299 (also GrubHub)
- Mexican: Margarita's – 1650 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA 19446
215-362-2266
- Ice Cream: Freddy Hill Farms – 1440 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA 19446
215-855-1205
- Chinese: Abacus – 1551 S Valley Forge Rd, Lansdale, PA 19446
215-362-2010

NEAR SOUDERTON AREA HS

- Pizza: Broad Street Pizza – 40 W Broad St, Souderton, PA 18964
215-723-3955
- Mexican: La Herradura Bistro (take out is best, they're small) – 38 W Broad Street,
Souderton PA 18964
215-723-7731
- Mexican: Los Gemelos (bigger restaurant, but I prefer La Herradura) – 301 W Reliance
Rd, Telford, PA 18969
215-799-4366
- Barbeque: Jesse's BBQ (award winning, this would be my vote if I were bringing a team) –
98 N County Line Rd, Souderton, PA 18964
215-723-4600
- Homestyle / Ridiculous Weekend Breakfast Buffet: Franconia Heritage – 508 Harleysville
Pike, Telford, PA 18969
- Ice Cream: Sundae School (highly recommend) – 401 Schoolhouse Rd, Hilltown, PA 18927

We have all the chain places too like Chick-Fil-A, Burger King, McDonald's, Applebee's, etc. A quick Google Search will make them visible.

I hope you have a fantastic time here at Souderton and wish you all the best of luck at competition! We love hosting and are looking forward to your visit. Feel free to call or text with any questions.

Cheers,

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