

# 2009 Alamo Qualifier

## NCFCA Qualifying Speech and Debate Tournament

### Tournament Information

**DATE:** March 11-14, 2009

**LOCATION:** Parkhills Baptist Church, 17747 San Pedro Avenue San Antonio, TX US 78232,  
<http://www.parkhills.org>

**PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY:** The Alamo Qualifier is an NCFCA Qualifying Tournament open to all NCFCA Affiliates in Region IV. NCFCA Affiliation is required prior to registration for this Qualifying Tournament. Each family is responsible for reviewing the NCFCA rules to verify eligibility.

**SPEECH and DEBATE EVENTS:** Debate students must choose to compete in either Team Policy Debate (TP) or Lincoln Douglas Values Debate (LD). TP and LD run concurrently in the schedule, so participation in both is not possible. Students may participate in a maximum of five Individual Speech Events at this tournament.

**JUNIOR SPEECH DIVISION:** A Junior Speech Division for beginning speakers age 12 and below will be offered alongside the Qualifying Tournament on Friday. A 12-year-old student may not compete in both speech divisions at the same tournament. The events (Oratory, Interpretive, and Impromptu) offered will be generally run with NCFCA rules but with a 5-minute maximum time limit. NCFCA Affiliation is not required for Junior participants. There will be no mandatory penalties in rank for Junior Speech events.

Due to tournament resource constraints, each Junior speech event costs \$8, and participation may need to be limited. Please number your Junior speech events in order of preference in case the participation needs to be limited.

#### **REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:**

Registration for this tournament is completed in 2 parts:

- A. E-mail ([ncfca.region4@gmail.com](mailto:ncfca.region4@gmail.com)) **AND**
- B. Snail Mail (to Joy Larimer, P O Box 6180, Farmington, NM 87499).

A *complete registration* will include:

- (1) An e-mail with the fully completed event and food registration form. (Part A)
- (2) The appropriate payment (check made out to WHSDC) and a hard copy of the completed and signed registration form mailed with the payment on the same day in which the email registration is sent, postmarked by March 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Part B)

The paper registration should be mailed the **same day** in which the e-mail registration is sent. Each participant (even those from the same household) must complete separate registration forms. All information must be filled out completely on each form or your entry may be delayed. Entries will not be considered official until payment and cost worksheet are received. ***Sending in an e-mail***

*registration is your commitment to pay the tournament fees.* Questions can be directed to [ncfca.region4@gmail.com](mailto:ncfca.region4@gmail.com).

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** All registrations *postmarked by March 2<sup>nd</sup>* will be accepted as **on time registrations**. Registrations postmarked after that date must include a \$25 late fee (per student) and may be accepted on an as available basis only. *To avoid problems with your registration, please follow the above three steps by March 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

Refunds will only be issued for extenuating circumstances. Don't register if your participation is uncertain. *A family's e-mail registration is their commitment to pay the entire registration fee, even if they do not attend the tournament.*

**DRESS CODE:** The spirit of the dress code is modesty and professionalism with the intent to glorify Christ. The goal is to minimize the focus on the body or outward appearance and maximize the focus on the development of ideas and communication skills. Competitors must be professional, clean and well-groomed. Gentlemen shall wear suits or sport coats and ties. Ladies shall wear dresses, skirts, or suits. Hemlines shall fall to at least the bottom of the knee.

**AWARDS CEREMONY:** The awards ceremony is an important part of the tournament and is intended to be an encouraging and respectful ceremony to celebrate every student's achievement during the tournament. Students accepting awards will be required to adhere to the dress code, and students in the audience are encouraged to remain in dress code out of respect for the students receiving awards.

**CHAPERONES:** All competitors under age 18 must be accompanied and supervised by a parent, legal guardian, or adult chaperone throughout the entire tournament. An adult chaperone (other than a parent) accepts full responsibility in the parent's absence and should be in possession of a signed medical release for each student.

**FOOD REGISTRATION:** The food registration form should be included with the participant registration form.

**JUDGE COMMITMENT:** A tremendous amount of volunteer effort is required to host and run a speech and debate tournament. One of the things each family can do to help the tournament run on time is by providing judges (either helping recruit community judges or parent/coach judges). Each debate team is requested to provide a judge for at least two rounds. IE competitors are asked to provide a round of judging for each event in which they compete.

**TIMERS:** Each debate team should bring a timepiece to the tournament. Debate clubs may bring timepieces labeled for their club directly to the Timer Table on Thursday morning.

Responsible younger students (especially siblings) and adults viewing rounds are encouraged to participate in the tournament by serving as timekeepers. Please check in at the Timer Table 15 to 30 minutes before the round begins to get your timing assignment.

**SCRIPT SUBMISSION:** Script submissions are required at this NCFCA Qualifying Tournament. Please download the form from NCFCA ([www.NCFCA.org](http://www.NCFCA.org) on the speech page). Print out one

submission form for each of your events, excluding limited prep. Be prepared to turn in your speeches when you check in at the tournament.

**NCFCA RULES:** Complete league rules may be found at [www.NCFCA.org](http://www.NCFCA.org). NCFCA league rules and policies will prevail in any conflict with this registration form.

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## Event Registration Form

(separate form for each competitor due by e-mail and snail mail by March 2<sup>nd</sup>)

### FAMILY INFORMATION:

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NCFCA Affiliate #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Timer Names: \_\_\_\_\_

### EVENT INFORMATION (mark all applicable events):

**Team Policy Debate** (\$25/person) • TP Debate Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lincoln Douglas Debate** (\$35/person) • LD Debate Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Events** (\$25/first two events, \$35/three events, \$45/four events, \$55/five events)

\_\_\_ Apologetics                      \_\_\_ Expository                      \_\_\_ Open Interpretation

\_\_\_ Dramatic Interpretation        \_\_\_ Extemporaneous                \_\_\_ Original Oratory

\_\_\_ Duo Interpretation                \_\_\_ Humorous Interpretation        \_\_\_ Persuasive

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Impromptu

(Duo Interpretation Partner if Applicable)

Name of IE Club (If applicable) : \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior Division Individual Events** (\$8 per event; number in order of preference 1, 2, & 3)

\_\_\_\_ Interpretation                \_\_\_ Oratory                      \_\_\_ Impromptu

**Fees** Debate \_\_\_\_\_ Speech \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Speech \_\_\_\_\_ Food \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fees Remitted \_\_\_\_\_ **Checks should be made out to WHSDC.**

**CHAPERONE (if other than parent):** \_\_\_\_\_

### PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT:

I hereby agree to abide by all NCFCA rules and policies, follow tournament regulations as specified onsite, and resolve disputes in accordance with the Peacemaker's Pledge ([www.hispeace.org/html/pledge.htm](http://www.hispeace.org/html/pledge.htm))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

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## Food Registration Form

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
Thursday Box Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
Thursday Fuddruckers Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday Box Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost for Food Registrations (transfer this amount to the main registration form) \_\_\_\_\_

**Transfer this total amount to the main registration form.  
Include this form with the complete tournament registration.**

### **Wednesday Dinner**

(pizza & drink)

### **Thursday Box Lunch**

(chicken sandwich, chips, cookie & drink)

### **Thursday Evening Fuddruckers Wagon**

(burger/other option, side & drink)

### **Friday Box Lunch**

(deli sandwich, pickle, chips & drink)

### **Friday Dinner**

(fajita wrap, side, & drink)

### **Saturday Box Lunch**

Orders for the Saturday Box Lunch will be taken immediately after announcement of breaks Friday.

**Please enclose this form with your completed tournament registration form by March 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Send completed form via e-mail to [ncfca.region4@gmail.com](mailto:ncfca.region4@gmail.com)**

**and snail mail to Joy Larimer at P. O. Box 6180, Farmington, NM, 87499.**

**Checks should be made out to WHSDC, West Houston Speech & Debate Club.**