

2009 Houston January Warm-Up NCFCA Qualifying Speech and Debate Tournament Tournament Information

DATE: January 29-31, 2009

LOCATION: ChristChurch Baptist Fellowship, 12501 Champion Forest Drive, Houston, Texas, 77066. www.christchurchbaptist.org.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY: The Houston January Warm-Up 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 via e-mail (ncfca.region4@gmail.com) AND snail mail (to Joy Larimer, P O Box 6180, Farmington, NM 87499). A *complete registration* will include (1) an e-mail with the completed event and food registration forms (this e-mail must be received by January 14th), (2) the appropriate payment (check made out to WHSDC), and (3) a hard copy of the completed and signed event and food registration form mailed with the payment by January 14th. Please send in your check and registration form the same day you send the e-mail.

The registration list will be posted to the tournament website as soon as possible after the tournament registration deadline.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: All registrations *postmarked by January 14th 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 January 14th.*

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 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. Please note Format 2 for Interp speeches is required.

NCFCA RULES: Complete league rules may be found at 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 January 14th)

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

NCFCA Affiliate #: _____ E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Participant Name: _____

Birthday: ____/____/____ Age as of January 1, 2009 _____

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)

- Dramatic Interpretation • Humorous Interpretation • Apologetics
- Original Oratory • Impromptu • Extemporaneous
- Expository • Persuasive • Open Interpretation
- Duo Interpretation Duo Partner _____ Club: _____

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)

Participant's Signature

Parent's Signature

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Food Registration Form

Family Name _____

Thursday Sandwich Box Lunch _____ @ \$5 each = _____
Thursday Extemporaneous Pizza Party _____ @ \$5 each = _____
Friday Sandwich Box Lunch _____ @ \$5 each = _____
Friday Social Event Meal Adults _____ @ \$9.50 each = _____
Friday Social Event Meal Child (11 and under) _____ @ \$5.50 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.**

Thursday Box Lunch

(includes Subway sandwich, chips, cookies, drink)

Friday Box Lunch

(includes chicken sandwich, chips, cookies, drink)

Thursday Evening ~~Impromptu~~ Extemporaneous Pizza

You'll have to plan for the Pizza Party a little bit more this year, since it is Extemporaneous and no longer Impromptu. Place your order now for pizza on Thursday evening. The cost is only \$5 per person and includes the drink.

Friday Evening Italian Social

The Friday Evening Social is a time to fellowship with tournament families and enjoy some fun entertainment, as we wait for the outround breaks to be announced. A very nice Italian meal will be catered in at a reasonable price of \$9.50 per adult and \$5.50 per child (11 and under). The menu will consist of lasagna, salad, bread, and beverage (catered by Barry's). Please plan on attending this time of fellowship and fun!

Saturday Box Lunch

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

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Send completed form via e-mail to ncfca.region4@gmail.com

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