

The Worthey Invitational
Century High School
November 21st-22nd, 2008

Dear colleague,

You are cordially invited to the 2008 Worthey Invitational hosted by Century High School on November 21st-22nd. Our goal is to provide excellent and rigorous competition while awarding those who are most successful with large and in-charge trophies. We plan on creating a low-stress environment for students and coaches with a reliable schedule and experienced tabulation staff. Please contact either Joe Worthey or June Gerst with any questions or concerns. Hopefully we'll see you this November.

Sincerely,

June Gerst, Coach

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Katy Walker, Coach

Joe Worthey, Captain

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Location:

Our school is located at 2000 SE Century Blvd. Hillsboro, Oregon 97123. We have three primary entrances. Because school will be ending when you begin to arrive, we suggest you enter from the north end. Upon entering, make your way to the center of our building. Tabulation and the judges' lounge, stocked with snacks, will be upstairs in the Media Center. The student camp will be downstairs in the commons.

We are happy to welcome and accommodate smaller programs traveling a large distance.

Events:

Competitors will be able to enter two individual events, one from each pattern, and one debate event. Extemporaneous speakers will only be able to enter impromptu as their second individual event because their preparation will take place during the second half of pattern A.

Because district tournaments are only four or five months away, we feel as if all competitors need the opportunity to experience as much varsity level competition as possible. Accordingly, we will only be offering open division in every event. This will give all competitors the ability to size up adequately before more competitive tournaments after the winter break and into the spring.

Debate:

We will be offering all four styles of Oregon debate (public, Ted Turner, Lincoln-Douglas, and cross-examination). Topics for Ted Turner, LDV, and CX will be the National Forensics League topics for the month of the tournament (November). Public topics will be selected by the tournament director before the date of the

tournament and will be local, national and international current event topics. Debate will follow all OSAA rules, including the new electronics rule for cross-examination debate.

Individual Events:

Please note that we have made some revisions to the individual events offered at our tournament. Combined events will still be governed under OSAA rules.

Pattern A – Impromptu, Memorized Interpretation, Oratory, Prose Reading, Radio Commentary

Pattern B – After Dinner Speaking, Dual Interpretation, Expository Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Poetry Reading

Competitors are allowed to enter one event from each pattern – we will not be permitting double entries, sorry. For extemp, speakers will only be allowed to enter in impromptu for their pattern A event because extemp prep will be the second half of pattern A.

Judges:

One judge covers two public/cross-examination teams OR four Lincoln-Douglas debaters/Public Forum teams AND 6 IE events. This means if you have one CX team, one public team, 2 LDers and 1 public forum team, you need two judges. Because a judge can only be present in one room at one time, one single judge cannot cover a public team and then Lincoln-Douglas debate entries. **Please bring qualified judges for LD and CX.** Please contact your alumni debaters and parents who have judged debate before.

All judges will be expected to be available for all rounds unless communicated with the judge table beforehand. We will, however, give rounds off when possible. Thus, we suggest that schools bring more judges than what is required – this makes the tournament run more efficiently and gives you more time off.

The tournament director reserves the right to refuse entries if a school fails to provide a sufficient amount of judges. Please give us notice in advance if you will not be able to provide adequate coverage so we can hire replacement critics.

Registration:

Registration will be via <http://www.forensicstournament.net>

If you are having troubles working the website, please do not hesitate to email us.

Registration will be set on the website to end on **Tuesday, November 18th, at 3:30 PM.** Fees will be assessed at this time. We *may* be able to accept adds until Thursday at 3:30 PM. It makes everything easier for us if you can do rolling registration, meaning, enter names when you receive them and drop when they cancel – but make sure it is before Thursday. Any additional judges will be accepted after the deadline,

however, your fines will only be reduced by half as we have already had to hire replacement coverage.

* We may have to limit the amount of entries because of judging and room constraints. This is especially true for programs that do not bring sufficient critics.

Awards:

In individual events, we plan on awarding the top speakers based upon cumulative ranks from the three rounds.

In debate events, we plan on awarding those who break to (hidden) semifinal and final elimination rounds. We will also recognize the top speakers in each debate event. Our awards will be superior to many other high school speech tournaments and even some university tournaments.

Fees:

School fee: \$20

Debate entry fee: \$15 (this includes LD)

IE entry fee: \$5 (Dual counts as one)

Uncovered debate entry: \$50

Uncovered IE entry: \$10

Food:

Our DECA program will be furnishing traditional tournament food such as pizza, muffins, bagels, pop and water. We have been told by our student DECA president they will also be offering special items (potentially like Jamba Juice) and ask you to encourage your students to bring extra money – this will be a major fundraiser for the DECA program to attend a conference in New York. The tournament will provide complimentary food and snacks for our volunteers. Likewise, Century and most hotels are within walking distance of food.

Lodging:

America's Best Inn & Suites

3333 SW 198th

Aloha, OR

503 642 1124 / 800 537 2964

2.2 Miles – 5 minutes

Springhill Suites by Marriot

7351 NE Butler Street

Hillsboro, Oregon 97124 USA

503 547 0202

3.1 Miles – 8 minutes

Red Lion Hotel

3500 NE Cornell

Hillsboro, OR

503 648 3500

3.8 Miles – 9 Minutes

Holiday Inn Express

5900 NE Ray Cir

Hillsboro, OR

503 844 9696

4.4 Miles – 10 minutes

Schedule:

We will do our part to ensure the tournament runs on time. This includes prematching, having surplus judges, etc. However, you must contribute to the effort – please bring the necessary amount of judges (and extras) while arriving ON TIME, each day.

Friday – November 21st

3:15-3:45 – Registration – Please arrive during this time

4:00 – Debate Round 1

6:00 – Debate Round 2

8:00 – Debate Round 3

Saturday – November 22nd

7:15 – 7:45 – IE Only Registration – All schools please arrive during this time

8:00-9:00 – IE Pattern A Round 1

8:30 – Extemp Prep (First speaker at 9:00)

9:00-10:00 – IE Pattern B Round 1

10:00-12:00 —Debate Round 4

12:00 – 12:30 -- Lunch

1:00-2:00 – IE Pattern A Round 2

1:30 – Extemp Prep (First speaker at 2:00)

2:00-3:00 -- IE Pattern B Round 2

3:00-5:00 – Debate Round 5 (Hidden Semifinals)

All competitors will have a round whereas the top four teams will debate, setting up finals.

5:00-6:00 – IE Pattern A Round 3

5:30 – Extemp Prep (First speaker at 6:00)

6:00-7:00 – IE Pattern B Round 3

7:00-8:30 – All Debate Finals

ASAP – Clean up the commons

ASAP – Awards