

ACLA at Valadez Forensics Inaugural Invitational Tournament

Greeting Southern California Middle Schools

Valadez Middle School Academy has partnered with the Argumentation and Communication Leadership Academy, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to establish a full service Speech and Debate team. To support our new team we will be hosting our Inaugural Fundraising Tournament on November 15. This tournament will feature 3 rounds of Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum debate and 2 rounds of Original Advocacy and Impromptu individual events. Students may enter only one debate event and one Individual event for a total of 2 events per student. This tournament is for grades 6 through 8. High school students and adults are eligible to judge at this tournament.

Valadez Middle School is located at 161 E. La Jolla St., Placentia, CA 92870.

Fees:

\$25 School Entry Fee

\$13 Per LD entry

\$24 Per Public Forum team

\$13 Per I.E. Entry

\$35 Uncovered judges fee (1 for every 2 debate entries & 1 for every 6 I.E.)

Fees include tickets for lunch for each student participant and 1 ticket for the team's coach.

Please make checks payable to the Argumentation and Communication Leadership Academy.

Registration:

1. Enter your school's teams using <http://www.forensicstournament.net/>
2. Entries must be submitted by 5pm, November 11, 2014. Any drops or substitutions must be submitted by 5pm, November 13, 2014. All entries are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! (Teams submitted after the deadline(s) will be put onto a 'wait list'.)

To find out more about the Argumentation and Communication Leadership Academy, please visit our website (www.AC-LA.org) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ACLeadershipAcademy>) .

Debate Rules

Public Forum Debate: We will follow NFL rules: 4-4-2-2 with 2 minutes of preparation time. We will not follow NFL rules regarding the coin flip and the ability to choose sides. We will use the November Public Forum topic: Resolved: On balance, the benefits of genetically modified foods outweigh the harms.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: We will follow the standard high school NFL rules: 6-7-4-6-3 with 4 minutes of preparation time. We will use the November/December LD resolution: Resolved: The "right to be forgotten" from Internet searches ought to be a civil right.

Impromptu Speaking: 6 speakers per classroom. Each speaker will be given a different set of three choices of quotations. The speaker will then have 3 minutes to prepare their speech and then 5 minutes to speak (total of 8 minutes). You may use more time to prepare, but please be aware that it will be taken away from your speaking time. Your goal is to try to speak for 5 minutes.

Original Advocacy: Competitors will choose a topic of significance and use argumentation to advocate for change. Competitors will be judged on the persuasiveness of their case, delivery and significance of the topic. Speeches should not exceed 10 minutes.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and I hope to see you there!

Willie Washington III

ACLA Executive Director

7:45 – 8:45 AM	Registration
9:00 AM	Pattern A Round 1
10:15 AM	Pattern A Round 2
11:15 AM	Pattern B Round 1
12:30 PM	Lunch Break
2:00 PM	Pattern A Round 3
3:00 AM	Pattern B Round 2
4:00 PM	Awards