



Welcome Fellow Communicators!

The school of Las Positas College
would like to cordially invite you to the
7th annual Talk Hawk Invitational on
January the 31st, in the year 2015

Las Positas College invites you to the 7th Annual *Talk Hawk Invitational* scheduled to be held at Las Positas College in Livermore, California on Saturday, January 31st 2015 where we will feature a full day of Individual Event activity. We will be offering Novice and Open level competition and will follow NCFA guidelines for novice eligibility. Of course, we reserve the right to collapse divisions due to limited entry. Any event that has less than 8 competitors entered will be collapsed.

You will find the usual events lined up for your pleasure with the same interesting twists that make the Talk Hawk Invitational unique.

- ⚠ First and foremost, *all interpretation events will be book optional* where judges are not to penalize students for performing without a script in hand.
- ⚠ The 1st Place Open Winners in each event will *win a cash payout*. The exact amount of the payout will be dependent upon tournament and entry size. In some years *1st place winners received \$120!* *Are you sure you want to "rest" your best events?!*
- ⚠ There will be a *Supplemental Event* at this year's tournament: *Impromptu Potter Predicaments*. A prompt listing a setting, character, and item will be given. A total time of 6 minutes will be allotted, for prep and speaking. See Event Descriptions for specific details.
- ⚠ Contestants in the final round of Duo Interpretation will be permitted to adorn any thematic attire desirable (Translation: they're allowed to wear costumes!).

- ⚠ Las Positas College is equipped with smart classrooms. Competitors in Informative, Communication Analysis, After Dinner, and Persuasive Speaking are allowed to use PowerPoint for their visual aids. (As in all situations that require technology for visual aids: **have a backup plan**)
- ⚠ For additional variations please read the entire invite carefully, paying special attention to the *Event Descriptions* for some minor twists and turns like those mentioned above.

While these small changes are meant to create a fun and exciting atmosphere it will not deter from the competitive nature of Forensics competition, nor will it prohibit students from earning legs for AFA nationals.

We also will be able to provide day care for any little ones that need looking after while mommy and daddy are busy at the tournament. We encourage you to bring your kids dressed in their best Harry Potter themed attire and if we have enough participants we will incorporate a Costume Parade! Please contact Jim or Tim directly for specific details.

We look forward to seeing you at the tournament.

Sincerely,

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Co-Hosts of the 2014 Talk Hawk Invitational

Las Positas College

Tournament Schedule

Individual Events:

8:00-9:00 Registration and Breakfast

9:00 Round 1 of Group A (Duo, DI, Info, ADS, OI, Imp)

10:15 Extemp Draw (Room 2420)

10:45 Round 1 of Group B (Prose, Poetry, Extemp, CA, Pers, **Impromptu Potter Predicaments**)

Lunch Break/ Dementor Tag- Details to follow (There are several locations to pick up lunch a short drive from the campus)

12:45 Extemp Draw

1:15 Round 2 of Group B (Prose, Poetry, Ext emp, CA, Pers, **Impromptu Potter Predicaments**)

2:30 Round 2 of Group A (Duo, DI, Info, ADS, OI, Imp)

3:45 Extemp Draw Finals

4:00 Finals of Group B (Prose, Poetry, Extemp, CA, Pers **Impromptu Potter Predicaments**)

5:15 Finals of Group A (Duo, DI, Info, ADS, OI, Imp)

ASAP Awards

Locations

- ⚠ Tournament Site: The tournament will be held on the Las Positas College campus. (3000 Campus Hill Dr. Livermore, CA. 94551)
- ⚠ Registration: Building 2400, toward the top of the campus near the PE complex. Please check-in at the registration table in 2411 (found in the interior hallway of Building 2400)
- ⚠ Exemp Prep Room: 2420
- ⚠ Awards: 2420 (Please remove all Extemp materials from 2420 by 6:00 pm)
- ⚠ Tab Room: 2411
- ⚠ Judge's room: 2411U
- ⚠ Child Care Kiddie room: 2411A
- ⚠ Student room: Cafeteria
- ⚠ Food room: Cafeteria (judges and students)



⚠ Parking: Parking will be free (*with a parking pass*) in Lot E. For a map, go to <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/about/map.php>. **Make sure you receive a parking pass from us at the registration table in 2411 when you arrive. If you plan on sending students for extra credit, they will NOT be provided with a parking pass.**

Entries

The deadline for receiving entries is 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28th. Drops will be allowed on-line until 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 29th. Any drops made on Friday, January 30th can be made without penalty but they must be texted before 7:00 p.m. to Jim (510) 384-9525 or Tim (209) 765-7260 with school name, student name, and change needed. Please use the online site <http://www.forensictournament.net/> for putting in your team's entry. Fees will be assessed as of 7:00 PM on Friday night.

Double/Triple Entries: Each student may enter up to three events per group. **Exception:** any student entered in Extemp may double enter in Group B but will not be permitted to triple-enter in Group B.

Fees & Judges

Entry fees are \$8 per slot. A drop fee of \$10 per slot will be assessed for each drop after 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30th. Drops at registration will result in a \$20 nuisance fee. It's a nuisance to scramble and re-panel events mere minutes before the round goes off. Please call in your drops on Friday. "No Shows" will be penalized \$20 per round. Each school should provide one judge for every six slots per pattern. **We are very sorry but we cannot count novice only judges as part of commitment.** There are far too many events that are collapsed. A limited number of hired judges are available for an additional \$10.00 per uncovered slot.

Awards

Awards will be given to all final round participants and will include cash payouts for the winner of each open event final. The cash prize given will vary based on tournament entry size. AFA considers a 10% profit from any hosted tournament to be excessive. We will consider 1% excessive and **plan to return all fees collected at registration to the students in the form of cash payouts.** Team sweepstakes will be awarded to the top three schools in both 4-year and community college divisions. We will also be recognizing the tournament's top speaker with an award. The Top Speaker Award will be given to the individual who earns the most points for his/her school *in open level competition*. The sweepstakes point breakdown is as follows.

Open Novice

1st = 12 Pts. 1st = 6 Pts.
2nd = 10 Pts. 2nd = 5 Pts.
3rd = 8 Pts. 3rd = 4 Pts.
4th = 6 Pts. 4th = 3 Pts.
5th = 4 Pts. 5th = 2 Pts.
6th = 2 Pts. 6th = 1 Pt.

LPC will not be eligible for team sweepstakes awards. Additionally, LPC students may participate but will not be advanced to open final round competition. They may be advanced in novice finals.

Event Description

Group A:

⚠ **Impromptu Speaking:** Each speaker presents a spontaneous oration based upon a choice of 3 topics (words, phrases, or quotations). Each speaker has a total of 7 minutes to divide between preparing and speaking. Judges must provide oral time signals during preparation and nonverbal signals once the oration begins. **Audience members are permitted and encouraged to be lively and active, much like a debate audience.**

⚠ **Informative Speaking:** An original speech designed to describe, clarify, or explain an object, idea, concept, or process. Audio/visual aids may be used as long as they do not interfere with the speaker's ability to communicate. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Notes are permitted.

- ⚠ **Maximum time limit is ten minutes. Students are allowed to use PowerPoint for their informative presentations.**
- ⚠ **Program Oral Interpretation (POI):** This event is to consist of a unified presentation made up of at least two selections of different genres (i.e., prose, poetry, dramatic literature, plays). A contestant may use the works of one or more authors. The selections should develop a theme. Maximum time limit is ten minutes, including introduction. **Book Optional.**
- ⚠ **Dramatic Interpretation:** This event consists of a cutting from a play, teleplay, or screenplay featuring monologue or dialogue. If more than one selection is used, these selections should be linked thematically. All programs must include an introduction. **Book optional.** 10 minute maximum time.
- ⚠ **Duo Interpretation:** A cutting from a single source or multiple sources of literature involving the portrayal of two or more characters presented by two individuals. **Books are optional and costumes are permitted for final round contestants. If anyone chooses to use costumes, dressing for this event should not delay the tournament. Please perform costume changes in a timely fashion.** 10 minute time limit.
- ⚠ **After Dinner Speaking:** An original speech whose primary purpose is to entertain while exhibiting sound speech composition. The speech should not resemble a night club act, an impersonation, or a comic dialogue. Rather, it should be designed around a central topic or theme and demonstrating good taste. Audio-visual aids may be used. 10 minute time limit. **Students are allowed to use PowerPoint for their visual aids.**

Group B:

- ⚠ **Prose Interpretation:** Prose shall consist of single or multiple selections of literature printed mainly in paragraph form, excluding drama. If more than one selection is used, these selections should be thematically linked. All programs must include an introduction. **Book optional.** 10 minute time limit.
- ⚠ **Communication Analysis:** An original speech by the student designed to offer an examination and/or evaluation of a communication event such as a speech, speaker, movement, poem, poster, film, campaign, etc., through the use of rhetorical principles. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Manuscripts are permitted. Maximum time limit is ten minutes. **Judges have the option/opportunity to discuss the artifact and speech with the contestants for a maximum of five minutes following their presentation. Students are also permitted to use PowerPoint for their visual aids.**
- ⚠ **Extemporaneous Speaking:** Each contestant will be given a choice of 3 topics drawn 30 minutes prior to speaking. Topics will concern national and international events. Judges must provide time signals. 7 minute time limit. **Audience members are encouraged to be lively and active, much like a debate audience. In order for this to happen, Extemp competitors are expected to remain in the room after they finish speaking unless they are double entered!**
- ⚠ **Poetry Interpretation:** Poetry shall include one or more selections written in rhymed or unrhymed meter or cadence of some regularity, excluding drama. If more than one selection is used, the selections must be thematically linked. An introduction is required. **Book Optional.** 10 minute time limit.
- ⚠ **Persuasive Speaking:** An original speech by the student designed to inspire, reinforce, or change the beliefs, attitudes, values, or actions of the audience. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Notes are permitted. **Final round of Open competition may include one or more judges who are area community leaders. Students are allowed to use PowerPoint for their visual aids.** Maximum time limit is ten minutes.

⚠ **Impromptu Potter Predicaments:** This is a supplemental event intended to provide some fun for anyone who wants to participate. *Impromptu Potter Predicaments* is an event where competitors will be given three prompts and then they are expected to create an original story. This story should contain all of the prompt. For example: "Using a chocolate frog and an invisibility cloak, save the school from a werewolf attack." 6 minute time limit, including prep. **This event will NOT earn team points and it open to everyone including coaches and judges!**

Hotels

Courtyard Livermore
2929 Constitution Drive
Livermore, CA 94551

(1 of 3 hotels near the intersection of Airway,
North Canyons Parkway and Constitution)
(925) 243-1000

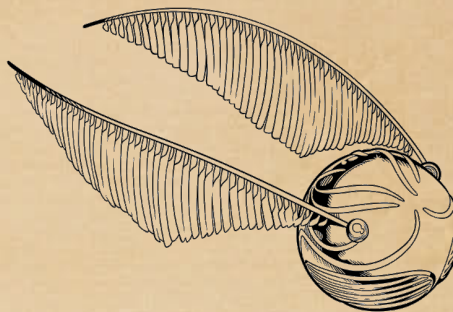
Residence Inn Livermore
1000 Airway Blvd.
Livermore, CA 94551

(Located in the Gas Station/Wendy's Parking Lot)
(925) 373-1800

Holiday Inn Express
3000 Constitution Drive
Livermore, CA 94551

(1 of 3 hotels near the intersection of Airway, North Canyons Parkway and Constitution)
(888) 890-0242

We have also had good luck with finding cheap rooms on hotels.com



Fee Calculation:

School Fee = \$ 25.00

Individual Events entries _____ x \$8.00 = \$ _____

Impromptu Bedtime Story entries _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

Drops after 7:00 p.m. Jan 30th _____ x \$10.00 \$ _____

Drops at Registration _____ x \$20.00 \$ _____

Uncovered rounds of IE judging _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

No Shows _____ x \$20.00 (Per Round) = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____