



Dear Colleague:

The Northwest College Forensic staff and students extend to you a cordial invitation to attend the *44th Annual Trapper Rendezvous Forensic Tournament* for high schools to be held on the Northwest campus in Powell, Wyoming, **January 9-10, 2015**. Last year we hosted over three-hundred competitors from fifteen schools, providing some excellent competition.

The 2015 Trapper Rendezvous will feature six preliminary rounds of Cross Examination and LD debate in varsity and junior divisions. We also provide the opportunity for competition in one open division of Public Forum Debate. Elimination rounds in all debate divisions will depend on entries but in the past all have broken to quarter-finals.

We offer one open division of individual events, featuring competition in six events divided into two patterns. We will have three preliminary and two elimination rounds, as entries warrant. The events are Extemporaneous Speaking, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duet Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, and Oratory. We also will hold three sessions of Student Congress.

Cross Examination debate competitors will NOT be able to enter individual events, public forum debate, or student congress (This allows us to run six rounds in CX). *Please note one policy that we believe will facilitate tournament administration: LD and Public Forum debaters may enter only **one IE** event, which cannot be extemp, but do so at their own risk. LD and PF competitors also may not enter student congress.* We will not make adjustments and it is up to students to make sure they get to all of their rounds.

Please note that the Wyoming High School rules only allow the use of laptops in CX debate and Extemp. LD and Public Forum debaters are not allowed to use laptops during rounds.

This year tournament entry will be facilitated through the website “forensicstournament.net.” Entries must be completed by 10:00pm Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Also, please be advised that you will need to make your motel reservations well in advance of the tournament.

We are looking forward to you and your squad joining us for our hospitality and for the challenging competition. This invitation is accessible at:
<http://area.northwestcollege.edu/forensics/LINKS.html>

Yours truly,

Bob Becker
Duane Fish
Jeannie Hunt
Forensics Coaches

Carter Reed
President, NWC Persuaders Student Organization



**THE 44th ANNUAL TRAPPER RENDEZVOUS
TOURNAMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOLS**

Individual Events Schedule

Friday, January 9, 2015

10:00 - 11:30 Registration: Dewitt Student Center
11:30 Lunch
12:15 - Rd 1 Pattern A: Humor, Poetry
Extemp Speaking Draw
12:45 - Rd 1 Extemp Speaking
1:45 - Rd 1 Pattern B: Drama, Duet, Oratory
3:15 - Rd 2 Pattern B: Drama, Duet, Oratory
4:30 - Rd 2 Pattern A: Poetry, Humor
Extemp Speaking Draw
5:00 - Rd 2 Extemp Speaking
5:30 - Dinner Break
6:30 - Rd 3 Pattern A: Humor Poetry
Extemp Speaking Draw
7:00 - Rd 3 Extemp Speaking

Saturday, January 10, 2015

8:00 - 9:10 Rd 3 Pattern B
8:30 - Pattern A Ballot Verification
(Coaches Only)
9:15 - Extemp Speaking Draw for Semifinals
9:45 - Semi Pattern A: Poe, Hum, Ext.
10:15 - Pattern B Ballot Verification
(Coaches Only)
11:30 Lunch Break
12:30 Semi Pattern B: Dra, Duet, Ora.
1:45 - Extemp Speaking Draw for Finals
2:30 - Finals All Individual Events
5:00 - Awards Assembly: NPA Auditorium

Debate Schedule

Friday, January 9, 2015

10:00 - 11:30 Registration: Dewitt Student Center
11:30 Lunch
12:15 - Rd 1 All Team, L-D Debate
1:00pm - Student Congress Planning Session
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1:30 - Student Congress: Session 1
1:45 - Rd 2 All Team, L-D Debate
3:15 - Rd 3 All Team, L-D Debate
5:30 - Dinner Break
6:30 - Rd 4 All Team, L-D Debate
Student Congress: Session 2

Saturday, January 10, 2015

8:00 Rd 5 All Team & LD Debate
8:30 - Student Congress, Session 3:
9:45 - Rd 6 All Team & LD Debate
11:30 Lunch Break
12:00 Ballot Verification (Coaches Only)
12:15pm Super Congress (if necessary)
12:30 1st Elim All Team, L-D Debates
2:30 2nd Elim All Team, L-D Debates
5:00 - Awards Assembly: NPA Auditorium
5:30 3rd Elim All Team, L-D Debates

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS: IN GENERAL

Eligibility: Any regularly enrolled high school student who is eligible to participate under the rules of the Wyoming High School Activities Association may enter this tournament. These rules can be accessed online by following the link <<http://www.whsaa.org/handbook/Handbook.pdf>>. The speech rules begin on page 90.

Awards: Appropriate awards will be given for 1st through 6th place in all individual events. Dual trophies will be presented in cross-x team debate, public forum team debate, and duet interpretation. Awards will be presented to speaker award winners in CX team debate. Awards will also be given for 1st place and 2nd place sweepstakes in 4A, 3A, and in 2A-1A classes. Additionally, in response to requests from you, our supporters, we will offer first and second place sweepstakes awards in individual events and in debate. We will continue our policy of offering NWC forensics scholarships to the first place winners of all varsity events.

Fees: \$ 15.00 per debate (CX or Public Forum) team
 \$ 10.00 per L-D entry
 \$ 5.00 per individual event slot, including student congress and Duet teams
 An individual event slot is one competitor in one event; a student double-entered in two individual events requires a fee of \$10.00.

Fees will be assessed as of 12:00noon, Thursday, January 8, 2015. Any changes or drops not received by that deadline will be figured into the registration fees. All vouchers should be made payable to "NWC PERSUADERS" and all tournament entry fees are due and payable at registration.

Nuisance fees: Furthermore, since "drops" at registration create some degree of chaos in what would otherwise be (we hope) a well-run tournament and since coaches do know about last minute "drops" before they leave for our tournament (and could therefore call us), any "drops" at registration will incur the following penalty:

 \$25.00 each debate or L-D entry "dropped" at registration.
 \$10.00 each individual event contestant "dropped" at registration

So, please let us know about any necessary changes in advance of registration. We'd much prefer to avoid any penalty assessment, however as various coaches can attest, we are serious about collecting this registration penalty. No "additional" entries are permitted at registration, unless there is an open slot.

Lodging: The attached motel sheet lists available accommodations in Powell and Cody. Please make your advance reservations as soon as possible. We will not be able to offer NWC dormitory housing.

Judges: Coaches will be utilized as judges. Please feel free to bring along additional judges. We encourage you to bring judges. This would be an excellent opportunity to give your "accompanying" judges for State some experience and we'd be happy to put them to work in lots of rounds. No high school students as judges, please. We will also utilize to the fullest extent possible: the NWC forensic squad, our NWC faculty and staff, students and staff from other Wyoming colleges, and Powell, Cody, and Big Horn Basin community judges. There are no judge "strike" systems in operation at this meet. **Schools which have debate teams or L-D entries must provide 1 judge for every four debate entries. The tournament reserves the right to restrict entries or charge judge assistance fees.**

Elimination Rounds: This tournament is scheduled on the premise that all events will break to at least semifinals. The only exception to this policy is if an event has 24 or fewer entries. Event numbers after the first round of competition will determine if that event will go to semifinals or not.

Tab Room: In accordance with American Forensic Association procedures and standards of ethics (and our traditional policy), the tab room will be closed. "Ballot verification" periods will be held only upon the completion of preliminary rounds, and are for coaches only.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS: DEBATE

NWC will utilize the official 2014-15 topic for Cross-X debate, the official January/February topic for Lincoln-Douglas debate, and the January topic for Public Forum. **Cross-X debaters may not enter individual events or Student Congress.**

DIVISIONS:

Varsity Cross-X Team Debate/Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Any student may enter this division regardless of previous debate experience.

Junior Cross-X Team Debate/Junior Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Only students who are in their first year of high school debate competition may enter this division.

In the unlikely event of insufficient entries in any of the debate divisions, the tournament staff reserves the right to collapse Cross-X Team and/or L-D into one open division, recognizing that attempts will be made in preliminary pairings to accommodate experience levels and that the elimination rounds will be separated into two divisions. Elimination rounds will start at the appropriate level depending on entries.

Format for Cross-X Team Debate: All teams must be prepared to debate both sides of the 2014-15 NFL debate topic. Rounds 1-2 will be preset with rounds 3-6 power-matched. Speaking and cross examination times in the cross-x team division will be 8-3-5 with each team allowed a maximum preparation time of five minutes per round. Brackets will be broken if necessary to keep teams from the same school from meeting in elimination rounds.

Please note that the Wyoming High School rules only allow the use of laptops in CX debate and Extemporaneous Speaking. LD and Public Forum debaters are not allowed to use laptops during rounds.

Format for Lincoln-Douglas Debate: A Lincoln-Douglas "team" shall consist of one student prepared to debate both sides of the **January/February** LD topic. Each debater should debate three affirmative and three negative rounds although not necessarily in alternating order. The format, as listed above, for Cross-X team debate will apply to L-D in terms of scheduling rounds, pairings, and qualifications for L-D elimination rounds. L-D time limits are: 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 with four minutes of preparation time.

*LD debaters may enter only **one IE** event, which cannot be extemp, but do so at their own risk. LD competitors also may not enter student congress.*

Format for Public Forum Debate: All teams must be prepared to debate the **January** PF Topic. Public Forum debates will follow NFL times and order. The format, as listed above, for Cross-X team debate will apply to PF in terms of scheduling rounds, pairings, and qualifications for PF elimination rounds.

*Public Forum debaters may enter only **one IE** event, which cannot be extemp, but do so at their own risk. PF competitors also may not enter student congress.*

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS: INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Divisions: All individual events will be held in one open division.

Conflict Patterns: The following individual events will be held according to these patterns: (please note the tournament schedule)

Pattern A: Extemporaneous Speaking, Memorized Humorous Interpretation, Manuscript Poetry Interpretation

Pattern B: Memorized Dramatic Interpretation, Memorized Duet Interpretation, Memorized Oratory

Individual event contestants may not enter CX. Individual event contestants may enter more than one event per pattern. Students who choose to enter more than one event need to understand that it is his or her responsibility

to get to their rounds. No make-up rounds will be scheduled. Students may not use the same selection/s in multiple individual events.

Event Rules: Individual events will follow the 2014-15 Wyoming State rules and guidelines. These rules can be accessed online by following the link <<http://www.whsaa.org/handbook/Handbook.pdf>>. The speech rules begin on page 90.

Format: The individual events will not be tabulated cumulatively except to qualify for the elimination rounds. In other words, the purpose of the preliminary rounds is to qualify for the semifinals. Semifinalists will be a minimum of twelve speakers in all events with twenty-five or more contestants. Ties on rank will be broken by rating points. Ties in rank and rating points will not be broken.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS: DEADLINES AND ADDITIONAL DATA

Entries must be completed on forensictournament.net no later than 10:00pm Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

The fee deadline, as stipulated above, is 12:00noon, Thursday, January 8, 2015. For additional changes and problems, please call. If you have last-minute changes, then please call them in to us at your earliest opportunity. The Tab room number will be 754-6118. Cell number 307 254-0297.

E-mail address: duane.fish@northwestcollege.edu

Phone Numbers: Duane Fish Cell: 254-0297
Office: 754-6024
Jeannie Hunt Office: 754-6422
Bob Becker Office: 754-6118

This invitation can also be accessed at: <http://www.northwestcollege.edu/forensics/>

Meals/ Northwest Student Union Cafeteria:

The NWC Cafeteria will again open up to provide meals for the tournament. The prices for the meals are \$6.00 for lunch and \$7.00 for dinner. Breakfast will not be provided.

The schedule indicates times for the meals. If you are interested in eating at the cafeteria, please fill out the attached forms. This form must be received by 2:00pm Thursday, January, 8. Please send it directly to:

Ken Beebe, Food Service Director
Northwest College
231 West Sixth Street
Powell WY 82435

Fax Number: 307-754-9049 ATT: Ken Beebe
*** Please direct all changes to Ken Beebe (307-754-6013)***

The NWC Seventh Street Grille will be open on a limited basis. Hours of operation will be included in the registration packet.

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HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC TOURNAMENT**
Northwest College -- Powell, WY
January 9-10, 2015

Northwest College Student Union Dining Hall Form

School Name _____

☐ We do plan on eating in the Northwest Student Union Dining Hall.

☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Cash ☐ Voucher

☐ We do not plan on eating in the Northwest Student Union Dining Hall.

If you are eating in the Dining Hall, please indicate exact figures as to how many of your students and staff (coaches, judges, bus drivers, mothers, etc.) will be at each meal:

How Many			<u>Price</u>
_____	Lunch - Friday	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	\$6.00
_____	Dinner - Friday	5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	\$7.00
_____	Lunch - Saturday	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	\$6.00

FORM MUST ARRIVE BY 2:00pm THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015.

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This is the entire list of available accommodations. These are rates quoted for college functions, so be sure to indicate that you are attending an NWC speech tournament when you make your reservations. Please make your reservations early. Prices DO NOT include sales tax (approximately 15%) and are subject to change.

1. America's Best Value Inn

777 East Second Street	2 people	1 bed (queen)	\$79.90 + tax
Powell, WY 82435	2-4 people	2 beds (queen)	\$79.90 + tax
(307) 754-5117			

2. Lamplighter Inn

234 East First Street	2 people	1 bed (queen)	\$69.00 + tax
Powell, WY 82435	1 bed (king)		\$79.00 + tax
(307) 754-2226	4 people	2 beds (queen)	\$79.00 + tax

3. Super 8 Motel

P.O. Box 36	2 people	1 bed (queen)	\$75.05 + tax
Coulter Avenue West	4 people	2 beds (queen)	\$94.05 + tax
Powell, WY 82435			
(307) 754-7231			
1-800-800-8000			

4. Additional accommodations are available in Cody (24 miles from Powell). We have listed a few popular motel chains that are located in Cody. There are numerous other motels available. If you have any questions, please call us.

Holiday Inn
(307) 587-5555

Super 8 Motel of Cody \$80.00
(307) 527-6214

Comfort Inn
(307) 587-5556 2 beds (queen) \$79.00

Kelly Inn
(307) 527-5505

The Cody Hotel

Phone: (307) 587-5915 2 queen-sized beds \$120. Group rates (\$95, breakfast included) are available for a reservation larger than 10 rooms.