

2010 Treasure Valley Invitational

Sponsored by Pi Kappa Delta



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Dear Colleagues:

The Treasure Valley member schools of Pi Kappa Delta, the nation's oldest collegiate honorary for speech and debate, along with tournament host Northwest Nazarene University and Boise State University, are pleased to invite you to the 2010 Treasure Valley Invitational, January 15 and 16, 2010!

We will offer competitors 3 rounds of speech events, with an awards dinner, on Friday at NNU. We will then move to the Boise State campus on Saturday for four sessions of Student Congress (in two divisions), six rounds of debate for everyone (no out rounds), as well as two fun events for your students to enter, Mad Libs Interp and Grab Bag Impromptu (two divisions)! We will use the Pi Kappa Delta awards system to recognize the top performers (see "Tournament Notes" for more information).

In all debate divisions, Public Forum, LD, and Policy, there will be two divisions, Open and Novice. Please read the tournament guidelines for placement of students in these events. In Individual Events, there will be two divisions as well, Open and Novice. If insufficient entries exist in Novice, divisions will be collapsed. However, we will still recognize the top Novices with their own awards.

Northwest Nazarene University and Boise State University are pleased to welcome you to their beautiful campuses and they have arranged for some nice "extras" for the event as well as some great awards. They have also arranged for some cost effective lodging in the area for budget conscious schools! We hope that you and your team will make this a "must attend" on your 2010 competition calendar!

If you are a school traveling to this tournament from more than 200 miles, we are pleased to offer you a discount on your entry fees. Please see additional information later in this invite for specifics. Please put us on your calendar and find out why Pi Kappa Delta sponsored tournaments are like no other!

In all, this promises to be a great two days of competition in a humane tournament format! Hope to see you in the Treasure Valley in mid January!

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Treasure Valley Invitational – Tournament Overview

Dates: January 15 and 16, 2010

Entry Deadline: Friday, January 8, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. (MST)

Conflict Patterns

Pattern A: All Individual Events (Duo, Expository, Extemp, Panel, Radio, Retold Story, ADS, Humorous Interp, Serious Interp, Impromptu, Oratorical Analysis, Original Oratory and Sales)

Pattern B: All Debate (Policy, Public Forum and LD)

Pattern C: Student Congress, Mad Libs Interp and Grab Bag Impromptu (fun, experimental events!)

Conflicts: All competitors may enter 2 events in speech events on Friday and enter either a single debate format, Student Congress, or Mad Libs Interp and/or Grab bag Impromptu (see schedule below). Entrants are responsible to make all their rounds if they are double-entered in speech. Students may enter both IE's on Saturday if they are NOT entered in Congress or any debate format!

No presentations should be composed of material used by the student prior to September 1, 2009. Likewise, no student may use a selection or cutting in more than one event.

Individual Event Novice Division: Novices are defined as those students in their first year of competition.

Individual Event Open Division: Any competitor may enter the Open Division.

Debate Novice Division: Novices are defined as those students in their first year of debate competition.

Debate Open Division: Any competitor may enter the Open Division.

Treasure Valley Invitational – Tournament Notes

Tournament Headquarters: Wiley Learning Center, Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa on Friday and Boise State University Student Union, Boise, on Saturday

Entries: Entering the tournament will be completed on-line at www.forensicstournament.net.

Judges: We need your qualified critics! Judges for this event must have previous judging experience. A limited number of judges from local collegiate competitors from Northwest Nazarene University, The College of Idaho, The College of Western Idaho, and Boise State University may be available to judge. Please note that these students may be used for tournament administration and may not be available for you to hire. Plan accordingly!

Individual Events: Competitors may enter up to 2 events on Friday and one debate format or Mad Libs Interp and/or Grab Bag Impromptu on Saturday. Open and Novice divisions in all events will be offered. We will be using the IHSAA guidelines for all events. **The tournament staff reserves the right to limit large entries to try and accommodate all schools wishing to enter due to the limit on the number of competition rooms we have available to us on each campus. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.**

Treasure Valley Invitational – Awards Information

Awards: All students with a ranking of Superior, (top 10%) or Excellent (next 20%) in Individual Events and Debate will receive awards. Awards will be given for Mad Libs Interp and Grab bag Impromptu, but placements will not count in sweepstakes.

Sweepstakes: Sweepstakes awards will be presented in Individual Events and Debate, as well as combined. The PKD awards system will be used to award sweepstakes, with the top 10% in each category receiving Superior, and the next 20% receive Excellent.

Individual Event Sweepstakes, Large and Small School divisions: Points will be computed for the top 3 competitors from each school in each event, in each division, according to the following formula:

- Superior (top 10%): 5 points
- Excellent (next 20%): 4 points
- Good (next 30%): 3 points
- Participation: 1 point

Debate Sweepstakes, Large and Small School Divisions: Points will be computed for the top 3 teams per format, in each division. IPDA debate entries count for one-half a team, thereby allowing schools to enter up to six entries in each of the formats. Points will be awarded according to the following formula:

- Superior (top 10%): 10 points
- Excellent (next 20%): 8 points
- Good (next 30%): 6 points
- Participation: 2 points

Combined Sweepstakes, Large and Small School divisions: A school will be able to count up to 12 individual event students, each earning points for their highest placement for their single event. Likewise, each of the school's best 6 debate entries (IPDA is half an entry) will earn points according to their placement. Points will be awarded according to the following formula:

- Superior (top 10%): 10 points
- Excellent (next 20%): 8 points
- Good (next 30 %): 6 points
- Participation: 2 points

Treasure Valley Invitational - Entry Fee Calculation

Schools attending from more than 200 miles from either the NNU or BSU campus will be granted a 25% reduction in entry fees!

We would rather have your qualified judges than your entry fees. Please make every effort to try and cover them!

Fees:

School Fee:	\$30
Awards Dinner Fee:	\$15 per person (covers dinner Fri and Sat)
Covered IE Entries:	\$ 8 per slot
Uncovered IE Entries:	\$16 per slot
1 judge covers 5 IE slots	
Covered Debate Teams (Policy, Public):	\$12 per team
Uncovered Debate Teams (Policy, Public):	\$24 per team
1 judge covers 2 teams	
Covered LD Entries:	\$ 7 per slot
Uncovered LD Entries:	\$14 per slot
1 judge covers 2 LD entries	
Mad Libs and Grab Bag Impromptu:	same as IE entry fees

Fee Calculation: Final fees will be calculated at 5:00 pm, MST, on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. Entries may be dropped after that, but fees will not be. There will be no adding of entries after fee calculations have been made. This is necessary to facilitate the ordering of the awards. Your understanding is appreciated!

Please make checks payable to **Pi Kappa Delta**

Treasure Valley invitational – Lodging

Tournament Hotel: Fairfield Inn & Suites, 16150 N. Midland Blvd., Nampa 83687. (208) 467-5888

Check their website at <http://www.marriott.com/boinp> for more information!

We have reserved a block of rooms, both 2 bed and single, at the Fairfield Inn & Suites. They have given us a great rate of \$64, plus tax (8%), for up to 4 in a room. They are conveniently located near shopping, restaurants and fast food options and it is an easy commute to the campus via I-84.

When you call to book your rooms, please ask for the rooms reserved under the block by **Pi Kappa Delta**. **The block of rooms will be released on Friday, January 1st, so please try and book as soon as possible.**

Additional lodging options in the area are:

Hampton Inn & Suites, Idaho Center	208-442-0036
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites	208-466-4045
Shilo Inn Nampa Suites	208-466-8993
Sleep Inn	208-463-6300
Super 8	208-467-2888

Treasure Valley Invitational – Schedule

Tournament Schedule

Friday, January 15, 2010 – Individual Events Tournament @ NNU

2:00 – 3:00	Registration, Wiley Learning Center, NNU
3:00 – 4:15	Round 1, Speech Events
4:15 – 5:30	Round 2, Speech Events
5:30 – 6:45	Round 3, Speech Events
6:45 – 8:00	Awards Dinner

End of Day One

Saturday, January 16, 2010 – Debate and Student Congress Tournament @ BSU

7:30 – 8:30	Registration, BSU Student Union, 2 nd floor
8:30 – 10:00	Round 1, All Debate
8:30 – 10:30	Round 1, Student Congress/Mad Libs Interp
10:00 – 11:30	Round 2, All Debate
10:30 – 12:30	Round 2, Student Congress/Mad Libs Interp
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch Break, All Debate
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch Break, Student Congress/IE competitors
12:30 – 2:00	Round 3, All Debate
1:30 – 3:30	Round 3, Student Congress /Grab Bag Impromptu
2:00 – 3:30	Round 4, All Debate
3:30 – 5:00	Round 5, All Debate
3:30 – 5:30	Round 4, Student Congress/Grab Bag Impromptu
5:00 – 6:30	Round 6, All Debate
6:30 – 8:00	Awards Dinner

End of Tournament

If you have any questions about the tournament, venues, lodging or anything else related, please contact Tournament Directors Jeff Stoppenhagen at 208-440-1794 or Brooke Adamson at 208-467-8255. Thank you! See you in January!

Treasure Valley Invitational – Experimental Events Descriptions

MAD LIBS INTERPRETATION (Open and Novice)

A limited preparation interpretation event based on the classic “Mad Libs” word game.

Total preparation time is 15 minutes (split between draw for list, selection of interp material, and practice).

Contestants will draw a list and have 5 minutes to fill it out. The list will have blanks next to terms like “adjective,” “verb,” “place,” “silly word,” “animal,” “part of the body,” etc.

After five minutes, contestants will next draw a short (3-4 minute) selection of prose, poetry or drama containing blanks to be filled in with the terms from their list.

The remaining prep time is used to prepare for a dramatic reading of the new piece of literature. Presentation time is a maximum of 5 minutes for the judge.

Introductions and transitions are not permitted.

Manuscripts are to be used.

This will be a draw event, like impromptu, with speakers drawing their lists and interps in a central draw room at the tournament and will then deliver them for the critic in a staggered time presentation, like impromptu.

GRAB BAG IMPROMPTU (Open and Novice)

Contestants will be presented a “grab bag” of items from which to reach inside a draw a topic for their impromptu speech.

The 3-5 items in the bag will be the same for all speakers in the round.

Students will enter, one at a time, from the hallway to deliver their speech to the judge, and then return the item to the bag.

Regular speaking times for the event are the same as the IHSAA rules for impromptu speaking.