



The Argumentation and Communication Leadership Academy, in partnership with QD Learning and Ethel Dwyer Middle School in Huntington Beach, are pleased to announce our spring tournament event: The Surf City Express Invitational. The tournament will be 3 rounds, then awards. Pattern A will be Individual Events and SPAR. This pattern will take place from 8:30AM to 1:00PM. We will allow Triple Entry in Pattern A. Pattern B will be Public Forum Debate for Middle School and Congressional Debate for Elementary School. This Pattern will take place from 1:15PM to 6:00PM.

The tournament will be held at Dwyer Middle School on Saturday, April 29.

Address: 1502 Palm Ave, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Due to the popularity of our last tournament, we would like to limit schools to 10 entries per event.

All judges must be in High School (age 16) or older.

Pattern A Registration	8:00AM to 8:30AM
Pattern A Round 1	8:30AM to 9:45AM
Pattern A Round 2	9:45 AM to 11:00AM
Pattern A Round 3	11:00 AM to 12:15PM
Awards/Lunch/Pattern B Registration	12:30 to 1:00
Pattern B Round 1	1:15 to 2:15
Pattern B Round 2	3:15 to 4:15
Pattern B Round 3	4:15 to 5:15
Pattern B Awards	5:45 to 6:00

We will have events for two separate age groups. "Elementary" will consist of grades 3 through 5 and "Middle School" will be grades 6 through 8.

Registration will open on March 22.

Use the link below to add this event to your Facebook calendar.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/226470957828420/>

Payment

To speed up the registration process, the Surf City Express Invitational will not be accepting payment the day of the tournament. Payment for this tournament is due on April 26. If payment is not received by April 26, all entries for that school will be dropped. Payments can be made via Google Wallet to InstructorWillWash@gmail.com or by mail. Checks can be made payable to "ACLA" and mailed to

7071 Warner Ave. F375
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

The school fee for this tournament is \$35.

Pattern A is \$12.50 per competitor, per event.

Pattern B is \$15 per elementary school Congress entry, and \$35 per public forum team.



Registration will open March 22 and close April 25. Fees will be frozen on April 25. All changes required after April 25 will need to be emailed directly to the tournament director (wwashington@aclacademy.org). Students can be added after April 25 for an increased price (\$20 per event). If a drop is needed after April 25, a \$15 penalty per drop will be assessed to the school due the day of the tournament.

All Interp events, Informative, and Original Oratory will have a 15 second grace period. This means that judges should not lower the competitor's score as long as they do not go over the grace period.

We will offer 3 rounds of Pattern A and Pattern B events. This tournament will **not** have out-rounds.

Awards: The top 3 students in each category will receive trophies and, depending on the number of entries, medals will be awarded to other top ranking competitors. Events with less than 3 entries will be cancelled, and a refund will be issued at the tournament. We will not be combining age groups at this tournament.

Original Narrative

This event is traditionally offered as an experimental pattern C event at ACLA tournaments. For the Surf City Invitational, we are making it a standard event with 3 rounds.

The theme for Original Narrative is "The Beach." Have fun with it!

In this event, the students will have the opportunity to present an original personal story that explores the original narrative theme of the tournament. This speech should be delivered extemporaneously and the winner for each age group will have the opportunity to deliver their speech at Awards.

The event will mirror the storytelling format of the Moth and Snap Judgment (NPR) podcasts.

Examples can be found here:

http://player.themoth.org/#/?actionType=ADD_AND_PLAY&storyId=388

<https://themoth.org/>

Guidelines

Time limit: 5 minutes, maximum

Students will be ranked from 1 to 5 in the following categories for a total of 25 points.

Meeting the Tournament Theme: How well does the speech relate to **"The Beach?"**

Humor: Does the speech make the judge laugh?

Personal: How well do we get to know the competitor?

Moral/Lesson: Does the speech teach the audience something?

Delivery: Standard public speaking concepts/performance.

This is not an interp event and students should **not** have a formal introduction.



Judging

Pattern A will require 1 judge for every 6 entries. Pattern B will require 1 judge for every 6 elementary school entries, and 1 judge for every 2 public forum teams. There will be a charge of \$65 for every uncovered judge slot. Missing ballots will result in a \$25 nuisance charge per ballot. Judges must be 16 years old or older. (Middle school students are not allowed to judge.)

Lunch

There are plenty of lunch options near Dwyer Middle School. Please make arrangement for a parent or a coach to pick up lunch for students if they are going to compete in both Pattern A and Pattern B. There will not be enough time between patterns for competitors to leave campus and get lunch.

Events:

Elementary School (3rd through 5th Grades)

Pattern A: Triple Entry Allowed

Storytelling: NSDA (5 Min Max)

Impromptu: 10 Min Total

Declamation: 7 Min Max

Duo: 7 Min Max

Informative: 5 Min Max (visual aids not allowed for this event)

SPAR: Please see event rules posted on tournament home page.

Original Narrative

Pattern B: Congress

Bills released on April 1st

Middle School (6th through 8th Grades)

Pattern A: Triple Entry Allowed / Pattern B events will follow NSDA Rules

Original Oratory: NSDA Middle School Rules

Storytelling: NSDA rules

Impromptu: 7 Min Total



Original Narrative

DI/Prose: NSDA Middle School Rules (10 min max)

Declamation: NSDA Rules

DUO: NSDA Rules

Original Prose/Poetry: 7 min max

Pattern B: Public Forum Debate

April Topic:

Resolved: The United States ought to replace the Electoral College with a direct national popular vote.

Photo release: Please let all parents know that we will be taking photos at this tournament to help promote future tournaments and activities. By signing up for this tournament, participants have agreed to allow images to be used to promote Speech and Debate and future tournaments. Parents are not allowed to film or take photos of any students (even their own child) during competition rounds. **Only tournament staff is allowed to film and take photos at this event.**