

Dear Colleague:

Casper College is pleased to invite you to attend the:
36th ANNUAL PIONEER TRAILS FORENSICS TOURNAMENT
January 26th – 28th 2017 on our campus.

We are proud to continue the tradition of offering an opportunity for competition in the Rocky Mountain region. Since 1981 we have been happy to host a tournament for this region and have continued to add events and develop the tournament schedule to best meet the needs of the forensics community. We look forward to your visit each year and to the outstanding competition that your squads provide, so we hope that you will be able to once again join us here in Casper, Wyoming.

We will offer six (6) preliminary rounds followed by appropriate elimination rounds in NPDA debate in novice, junior and open divisions (if entries allow), and six (6) preliminary rounds followed by appropriate elimination rounds in IPDA (open only). In addition to debate, we will be offering two preliminary rounds and outrounds in all eleven (11) NIET events, arranged in two conflict patterns.

For the 2017-2018 season, we will be again hosting a swing tournament on Sunday. The Pioneer Trails (Alumni Invitational) will be a one-day IE tournament hosted by our Talking T-Birds Alumni. We will offer two rounds of all 11 NIET events with subsequent outrounds.

We hope to see you in Casper in January!

Sincerely,

Doug Hall

Tournament Director
Director of Forensics

ONLINE REGISTRATION
DUE BY
Monday, January 22nd, 2018

<http://www.forensicstournament.net/PioneerTrails/18>
<http://www.forensicstournament.net/PioneerTrails2/18>

**Click on the link above or cut and paste into your browser's
address bar.**

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

FEES PER ENTRY: NPDA - \$40 IPDA - \$15 IE - \$10

Food: Due to the tight schedule and the lack of options on campus, we'll be offering lunch each day of the tournament to help with wellness. To cover this cost we'll be charging \$10/student per tournament. There will be, as always, options in the tab room for coaches.

AWARDS:

Awards will be given to finalists in all categories of competition. Speaker awards will be given in all categories of debate. First, second, and third place sweepstakes will be awarded overall; in addition, there will be an award for Top CC in sweeps.

GRETCHEN WHEELER INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARD: A special award will be given to the individual competitor who accumulates the most sweepstakes points for their team in the first half of the swing. (Points will be counted from all areas of competition. Points earned in team events or from entry in duo interpretation will be tallied as half scores.)

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES:

Sweepstakes trophies will be given to the top three schools in Sweepstakes competition. Teams accumulate points according to the following formula:

- Debate teams accumulate 5 points for each preliminary round win by a school's best four teams in each division of debate.
- I.E.'s accumulate 20 points for 1st place, 15 points for 2nd place, 10 points for 3rd place and 5 points for each finalist after 3rd. In the event that a category has seven or fewer competitors and the event does not hold a final round, only the top three finishers will earn sweepstakes points for their team.

JUDGES:

Each debate judge covers two teams or a fraction thereof. Fees for uncovered debate teams are \$60.00 per team. Each I.E. judge covers 6 slots in pattern A and six slots in pattern B. Fees for uncovered I.E. slots will be \$10.00 per slot. The Pioneer Trails has been able to provide students with an educational competitive experience because of you and your accompanying judges' willingness to meet judging assignments as posted. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment and dedication.

LATE DROP:

Any changes to your entry should be given to us no later than 5:00 p.m., on **Wednesday, January 24th**. Fees will be assessed at that time and entry fees calculated. **No changes will be made after Wednesday.**

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

Students may enter up to three (3) individual events in Flights A and B (see **Extemp/DUO exception below**), but must accept any hardships created by multiple entries. Students may only enter in one debate event in Flight C. Our campus is rather spread out and built on the side of a hill. Please bring comfortable walking shoes and take this into consideration before deciding on a triple entry.

EXCEPTIONS TO TRIPLE ENTRY RULING:

1. Students entered in Extemp **CANNOT** triple enter in the Flight A conflict pattern. **Extempers choosing double entry will accept the burden. They must complete the event in the allotted time, whether this allows for a full 30 min prep or not.**

2. Students entering more than one DUO **CANNOT** triple enter in the Flight A conflict pattern.

TOURNAMENT CONFLICT PATTERNS

FLIGHT A

Extemp
Persuasion
Prose
Dramatic Duo
Speech to Entertain

FLIGHT B

Impromptu
Informative
Poetry
Dramatic Interp
Communication Analysis
Program Oral Interp

FLIGHT C

All NPDA Debates
IPDA Debates

NOTICE: FLIGHT C EVENTS MAY BE RESCHEDULED ESPECIALLY IN TIMES OF OUTROUNDS TO ACCOMMODATE THE TOURNAMENT AND AID IN EFFICIENCY.

DEBATE: A Novice, Junior, and Open division of Parliamentary Debate will be offered. There will be six (6) preliminary rounds followed by appropriate elimination rounds. Topics will be announced by the judge in the round using the PHI RHO PI three topic strike system. Divisions may be collapsed due to entries.

- A NOVICE team shall consist of two debaters in their first year of college level debate.
- A JUNIOR team shall consist of those who have debate experience and are in their first two years of college debate.
- Anyone may enter the OPEN division.
- IPDA will have only the OPEN division.

Pioneer Trails Forensics Tournament Schedule

Friday, January 27th

7:00 - 8:00am	Registration:	Gateway Building – Second Floor
8:00 - 9:30	Round 1	Parliamentary debate, IPDA
9:30 - 11:00	Round 2	Parliamentary debate, IPDA
11:00 - 12:30	Round 3	Parliamentary debate, IPDA
12:15 – 1:00	LUNCH	
1:00	Round 1	Extemporaneous Speaking Draw
1:00 - 2:15	Round 1	DUO, Persuasion, Poetry, STE, POI
1:30	Round 1	Extemp
2:15 - 4:00	Round 4	Parliamentary Debate, IPDA
4:00 - 5:15	Round 1	Impromptu, Informative, Prose, Drama, CA
5:15	Round 2	Extemporaneous Speaking Draw
5:15 - 6:15	Round 2	DUO, Persuasion, Poetry, STE, POI
5:45	Round 2	Extemp,
7:00 - 8:30	Round 5	Parliamentary Debate/IPDA

Saturday, January 28th

8:00 - 9:30	Round 2	Impromptu, Informative, Prose, Drama, CA
9:30 - 11:00	Round 6	Parliamentary Debate, IPDA
11:00	Semis-finals	Extemporaneous Speaking Draw
11:00 – 12:15	Semi-finals	All Individual Events [with sufficient entries] some finals may run at this time as well.
11:30	(Semi)-finals	Extemporaneous Speaking
12:15 – 1:00	LUNCH	
1:00 – 2:30	Elim 1	Parliamentary Debate, IPDA
3:00 – 4:00	Finals	Flight A
2:30	Finals	Extemp Draw
4:00 – 5:00	Finals	Flight B
4:00 – 5:30	Elim 2	Parliamentary Debate
5:30 - 7:00	Elim 3	Parliamentary Debate

TOURNAMENT CONFLICT PATTERNS

FLIGHT A

Extemp
Persuasion
Prose
Dramatic Duo
Speech to Entertain (ADS)

FLIGHT B

Impromptu
Informative
Poetry
Dramatic Interp
Communication Analysis
Program Oral Interp

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2017 Pioneer Trails Alumni Invitational Tournament Schedule

SUNDAY, JAN. 29TH

7:30 – EXT Draw

8:00 – RD. 1 FLIGHT A

9:00 – RD. 1 FLIGHT B

10:30 – EXT Draw

11:00 – RD. 2 FLIGHT A

12:00 – 1:00 - LUNCH

12:45 – POSTING FLIGHT A FINALS

1:00 – RD. 2 FLIGHT B

1:30 – EXT DRAW (finals)

2:00 – FINALS FLIGHT A

2:30 – POSTING FLIGHT B FINALS

3:00 – FINALS FLIGHT B

4:30 – Awards (BOTH DAYS)

Awards will be held in the Wold Physical Science Building – Room 103

HOTEL LISTINGS

Parkway Plaza (Recommended)
I-25 at Center Street
LOCAL (307) 235-1777

Other possible lodging accommodations:

- 1) Sleep Inn (307)235-3100
- 2) Ramada Inn (307) 235-2531
- 3) Hampton Inn (307) 237-3699
- 4) LaQuinta (307)265-1200
- 5) Best Western Ramkota Inn (307)462-0239
- 6) Hilton (307)266-1300
- 7) Holiday Inn East-McMurray Park (307) 577-5000

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