

9 December 2010

Dear Colleague;

The Spokane Falls Community College speech and debate club (Pi Kappa Delta, WA Lambda), invite you and your students to attend the Voices of the River tournament held on our campus March 11th – 13th. Our tournament theme this year – The Muckraker – celebrates the role of journalism in maintaining a dynamic and healthy democracy. In addition to a special oratorical event ([see event descriptions](#)), many of our debate, extemp and impromptu topics will be based on issues related to journalism, past, present and future.

Our tournament offers 6 preliminary rounds of NPDA and IPDA debate in Open and Junior divisions, and 5 preliminary rounds of NPDA/IPDA for the Novice division, as well as three preliminary rounds of individual events (in Novice and/or Open divisions), all set on our campus overlooking the Spokane River.

Our tournament philosophy is that debate is a public communication event, and this is reflected throughout the tournament and in our judging pool. We recruit and assign lay judges to all levels of debate and individual event competition.

SFCC's campus is easily accessed from the airport and I-90. The tournament will be centered in our student union (Building 17 on the map <http://www.spokanefalls.edu/College/CampusMap.aspx>) with competition in buildings, 8, 18, 2, 5, and 24. March is still winter in Spokane; students are encouraged to plan and dress accordingly. Our hope is that any cool weather will be tempered by warm Northwest hospitality.

A special note to our Pi Kappa Delta colleagues outside of the Northwest Forensics Conference:

We are delighted that Mt. Hood Community College is hosting the 2011 Pi Kappa Delta Biennial Convention and Tournament and would invite you to join us at the Voices on the River Tournament to experience the special flavor the northwest adds to competitive forensics and to become acquainted with some of the coaches and judges from our region.

Entries (www.forensictournament.net/VoR/11)

Tournament entry will be available Monday, January 10th through Tuesday, March 8th at 5:00 p.m. Adequate competition space is always a consideration, so we reserve the right to limit entries if the number of entries exceeds our capacity to accommodate them. Late squad entries may be refused and will be charged an additional \$50.00; please have entries in on time.

Deadline for adds and drops is Thursday, March 10th at 5:00p.m. No further entries will be accepted after this time. Drops made after this time will be charged full entry fees.

Send queries to:
Craig Rickett
craig@spokanefalls.edu (please include “VoR” in the subject line)
and enter online at:
www.forensictournament.net/VoR/11

Tentative Schedule

Friday, March 11

10:30 – 12:00 registration SUB ABC
12:15 Welcome assembly – SUB ABC
12:30 Extemp draw
12:45 – 2:00 Round 1 Pattern B
2:00 – 3:15 Round 1 Pattern A
3:15 Extemp draw
3:30 – 4:45 Round 2 Pattern B
4:45 – 6:00 Round 2 Pattern A
6:00 Extemp draw
6:15 – 7:30 Round 3 Pattern B
7:30 – 8:45 Round 3 Pattern A

Saturday, March 12

8:00 – 8:30 Debate registration (for schools competing in debate only)
8:00 – 10:00 Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 9:45 Round 1 NPDA/IPDA
9:45 – 11:00 Round 2 NPDA/IPDA
11:00 – 12:15 Round 3 NPDA/IPDA
12:15 – 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 2:15 Round 4 NPDA/IPDA
2:15 – 3:30 Round 5 NPDA/IPDA
3:30 Extemp draw
3:45 – 5:00 IE Finals
5:00 – 6:30 Round 6 NPDA/IPDA Quarterfinals or as appropriate for Novice NPDA/IPDA
7:00 – 8:00 IE Awards, debate speaker awards, announce debate quarter/octa breaks

Sunday, March 13

8:00 – 10:00 Continental breakfast
8:15 – 9:30 Octa/Quarter finals
9:30 – 10:45 Quarter/Semi finals
10:45 – 12:00 Semi/Finals
12:00 – 1:15 Finals

IPDA Debate

Divisions: We will run 6 preliminary rounds in Open and Junior IPDA, 5 preliminary rounds in Novice, and appropriate out-rounds in all divisions.

Topics: Debaters will be presented with five topics, and each side will have two topic strikes starting with the Negative.

Format: 5-2-6-2-3-5-3

NPDA Debate

Divisions: We will run 6 preliminary rounds in Open and Junior divisions and 5 preliminary rounds in Novice along with appropriate out-rounds. Division definitions for NPDA are based on guidelines established by the NFC. Please refer to the NFC bylaws for appropriate division placement. Teams composed of debaters with different levels of experience must enter at the level of the most experienced debater. Each team must be composed of two debaters. Hybrid teams made up of debaters from separate schools are permissible.

Topics: Topics will be announced from a central location. Teams will have 20 minutes to prepare for and arrive at their events. Coaching and intra-squad cooperation and consultation during preparation is consistent with national practices and will not be penalized by judges. In keeping with the tournament theme, tournament topics will include policy and value resolutions related to journalism and its role in contemporary society. Debaters should expect to speak to lay judges, and are expected to adapt their speaking styles to accommodate judges who may be unfamiliar with debate jargon.

Format: 7-8-8-8-4-5

Judges: One judge will cover 2 NPDA teams or 4 IPDA debaters. We may have a few judges for hire, but squads should make every attempt to cover their entries.

Post-round oral critiques and discussions are discouraged, but if necessary they should be done only after the ballot has been turned in and must end at least 10 minutes before the start of the next round of the tournament. There will be no “warm room” at this tournament.

Individual Events

Conflict Patterns: We will run three preliminary rounds in two conflict patterns. Event descriptions are consistent with AFA-NIET events, though patterns may vary. Open division competitors may triple enter in both patterns, while Novice division competitors may double enter in both patterns. *Students may not enter more than one duo interp at this tournament.*

Judges: One judge covers 5 individual events in each pattern he or she is available to judge.

Informative Speaking note: All informative speaking rounds in all divisions will be held in rooms with projection capabilities. Speakers who choose may display visual aids using PowerPoint. The tournament will NOT supply “presentation pilots” and will NOT guarantee interface with non-Windows programs. Students may wish to bring posters as

a back-up should technology disappoint them, but if your students are interested in trying this form of visual aid display in competition, we will do all we can to accommodate them.

Pattern A: Impromptu (N, O), Inform (N, O, see note), Prose (N, O), ADS (N, O), DI (O), CA (O)

Pattern B: Persuade (N, O), Extemp (N, O), POI (O), Duo (O), Poetry (O), Muckraker (O)

Muckraker Event

In celebration of this year's theme we are offering a special event. Competitors are invited to prepare an oratorical speech (persuasive, motivational, inspirational) addressing an issue relevant to contemporary journalism. 8 minutes maximum time. Limited notes permitted.

Sweepstakes & Awards

NFC guidelines will be used to determine breaks, places, and overall sweepstakes.

Debate awards: 1st, 2nd, Semifinalists, Quarterfinalist, (Octo-finalist, if necessary) etc. in all divisions of both debate events.

Debate speaker awards: Top five speakers in all divisions of both debate events.

Individual Events: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Finalists

Sweepstakes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd in 2 year and 4 year college and university division using NFC points system.

Fees

School Fee	\$40.00
IPDA Team	\$30.00
Uncovered IPDA Team	\$50.00
NPDA Team	\$60.00
Uncovered NPDA Team	\$100.00
IE	\$8.00 per slot (Duo counts as one slot)
Uncovered IE slots	\$14.00

Hotel & Amenities

Doubletree Hotel Spokane-City Center
322 North Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, Washington, United States 99201
Tel: 1-509-455-9600 Fax: 1-509-455-6285

Red Lion Hotel at the Park - Spokane - Spokane, WA
303 West North River Drive, Spokane, WA 99201
Phone: 1-509-326-8000 Fax: 1-509-325-7329

Holiday Inn : SPOKANE AIRPORT
1616 S. WINDSOR DRIVE, SPOKANE, WA 99224, UNITED STATES
Hotel Reservations : 1 888 HOLIDAY (1 888 465 4329) | Hotel Front Desk : 1-509-838-1170

Holiday Inn Express : SPOKANE-DOWNTOWN
N. 801 DIVISION STREET, SPOKANE, WA 99202, UNITED STATES
Hotel Reservations : 1 888 HOLIDAY (1 888 465 4329) | Hotel Front Desk : 1-509-328-8505

Hampton Inn Spokane
2010 S. Assembly Road, Spokane, Washington, USA 99224
Tel:1-509-747-1100 Fax:1-509-747-8722

Best Western Plus Peppertree Airport Inn
3711 S Geiger Boulevard, Spokane, WA 99224
(509) 624-4655

Meals

Saturday and Sunday breakfast and Saturday lunch buffet will be provided.

Please see the restaurant recommendations on the website for ideas for your evening meals.
<http://voicesontheriver.wordpress.com/restaurants/>