

NCFA Debate Camp at Los Medanos College – September 22nd 2012

Friends and Colleagues,

I am pleased to invite you to another Northern California Forensics Association Debate Camp at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, CA on Saturday September 22nd, 2012. Our campus is incredibly honored to be again hosting this event and I am excited to welcome you for a debate event out in East Contra Costa County.

This invitation contains some important information about how to register for the event and how we are going to make this event a success. Following the model we created last year and your feedback for this year, we are offering lab sessions and practice components in Parliamentary Debate and Policy Debate. In order to make this successful I would like to invite coaches and open level competitors to come judge the event and consider volunteering to assist in judging or just generally be available for students.

The morning will feature a brief orientation followed by a program in policy or parliamentary debate. In Parli, there will be a choice of 45 min to one-hour lab electives during three independent sessions. After provided lunch, we will return for an afternoon of scrimmage rounds for camp participants. In policy we have a custom program explained in the attached schedule.

I look forward to seeing you in sunny Pittsburg in a few short weeks, please contact the lab leaders or myself if you are in search of more information. When you get to campus, you will want to congregate in Science 136 to hear our opening announcements. The Science Building is the first building on the left from the front of campus. <http://www.losmedanos.edu/maps/>

Respectfully,

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Events

We will be offering labs in Parliamentary Debate during the morning sessions. In the afternoon there will be 3 scrimmage rounds of Parliamentary Debate.

Parliamentary Debate will be governed by the NPDA rules of debating. Rounds 1 and 2 will be preset; round 3 will be powered off of round 1. There will be no awards ceremony, however directors will be emailed the results of the scrimmages. Ballots for rounds 1, 2 and 3 will be available on the NCFA website after the event. Disclosure and discussion is encouraged, but is limited to five minutes after the debate. After that you MUST “walk and talk” back to the central area. Please stay aware of the schedule when giving novice debaters feedback and don’t forget to return your ballots.

In Policy we will be offering a day-long program that will overview a number of subjects and evidence before two practice rounds in the afternoon.

Shortened times will be used. Six (6) minute constructives and Three (3) minute rebuttals. Cross Examination will be Two (2) minutes with Five (5) total minutes of prep time. 30 minutes has been scheduled for feedback after the practice debates.

Judging

One judge covers two entries in debate. A judge can be split between policy and parliamentary debate. Any coach, faculty member, or open level competitor with at least one year of experience may judge at the camp.

Please bring enough judges to cover your entry; uncovered entries are not permitted **except** if we can confirm the availability of additional judges in the pool. If you have additional judges who are qualified to watch rounds, please enter them in your entry or email kgardner@losmedanos.edu.

Fees

There is a \$30 school fee and a \$20 per scrimmage team fee for attending the camp. Observers are more than welcome at the camp; there is no fee for observers—however if you would like your observers to have lunch at the camp you can add them for \$7 each.

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These fees exist to cover refreshments (including lunch), campus use fees incurred by our program, and copying costs for the labs/tournament.

Please make checks payable to “Los Medanos College Foundation.” Also, please contact me if these fees constitute a financial hardship for your squad.

Entry

Entry for the Debate Camp will be done on www.forensicstournament.net with a closing date of Wednesday September 19th at 12 Noon. Changes ARE permitted in person the morning of the event at registration! At that time rosters will be finalized for the practice debates later in the day. This should give us the opportunity to make hybrid teams if an odd number of debaters make the event from any given squad. Please try to be as accurate as possible with your original entry so we can order the appropriate amount of food and make sure we have enough judges for everyone to compete.

Entry Restrictions

Construction is an inconvenient but necessary reality of business at Los Medanos College this fall semester. Many of our rooms have been physically destroyed or are otherwise unavailable for competition because of construction. I don't anticipate that space will become an issue based on the turnout from last year, however, if entry to the camp exceeds the available rooms for the afternoon debates we may be forced to cap the number of teams each school will be able to enter. I will let all participants know by email through forensicstournament.net ASAP if this unlikely scenario occurs.

Novice/Rookie level competitors only. This event is designed to orient novice competitors to tournament participation in competitive debate. While open level competitors are encouraged to come enjoy lectures, help lead presentations, answer questions, and judge debates--Please do not allow any open level competitors to enter the competitive tournament. I will rely on coach discretion to enforce this policy.

Tip for Parli: For the purposes of the lectures “Rookies” are anyone who has never done debate before or have just started attending an argumentation and debate course this semester. “Novices” are anyone who is in their first year of competition; they may have had previous exposure to debate in the form of classroom instruction the previous semester(s).

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Directions

Los Medanos College is located at 2700 E. Leland Rd., Pittsburg, CA 94565. Parking is free on Saturday in any staff or student spot in the front parking lot right off of Leland. Proceed to registration in the Science Building, the large new building on your left across from library at the main entrance.

From the South Bay

Take I-680 North to CA-242. CA-242 will turn into CA-4 E towards Pittsburg/Stockton. Get off at Loveridge and turn right. Left on Leland, and then a right into Los Medanos College. (80mins)

From the San Francisco

Take I-80 E to I-580 E to CA-24 E. CA-24E will turn in to I-680 North toward Sacramento. Take the CA-242 exit towards Concord/Antioch and CA-242 will turn into CA-4 E towards Pittsburg/Stockton. Get off at Loveridge and turn right. Left on Leland, and then a right into Los Medanos College. (60-70mins)

From Sonoma

Take CA-37 to I-80. From Vallejo you will take I-780 to I-680 South to CA-4 E. From Richmond you will take I-80 E to CA-4 E. Take CA-4 E, Get off at Loveridge and turn right. Left on Leland, and then a right into Los Medanos College. (50-70mins)

From Stockton/San Joaquin Valley

Take I-5 North or South depending on your location to CA-4 West in Stockton. Get off at Somerville Rd. in Antioch and make a right to go under the freeway. Make a right on Century and a left into Los Medanos College. (60-80mins)

From Sacramento/North State

Take I-80 West to I-680 S to CA-4 East. Get off at Loveridge and turn right. Left on Leland, and then a right into Los Medanos College. (75-90mins)

Public Transit – LMC is served by various bus lines of Tri-Delta Transit that connect with the Pittsburg Bay Point BART Station. Take the Pittsburg/Bay Point train to the end of the line and transfer to Tri Delta Route 391 East.

Parliamentary Debate Schedule

- 9:00am Orientation and Welcome – Kasey Gardner, LMC
- 9:15am Lab Session One
 1) Case Construction and Stock Issues (Rookie)
 Professor Patrick Moe – Diablo Valley College
 OR
 2) Constructing and Refuting Topicality (Novice)
 Professor Kathleen Bruce-San Joaquin Delta College
- 10:15am Lab Session Two
 1) Opposition Strategy (Rookie)
 Professor: Tina Lim-San Jose State University
 OR
 2) Impacts and Impact Analysis (Novice)
 Professor Kasey Gardner-Los Medanos
- 11:15am Lab Session Three
 1) Flowing: Tips and Tactics (Rookie)
 Professor Hal Stanford-Santa Rosa Community College
 OR
 2) Constructing and Refuting Critiques (Novice)
 Professor: Professor Tim Elizondo – Columbia College
- 12:00pm-1:20pm Lunch provided by The New Mecca Café
- 1:15 Pairings Released
- 1:30pm Topic Announce Round One
- 1:50pm Round One Start
- 2:30pm Pairings Released
- 2:45pm Topic Announce Round Two
- 3:05pm Round Two Start
- 3:45pm Pairings Released
- 4:00pm Topic Announce Round Three
- 4:20pm Round Three Start
- 5:00pm Parli Camp Complete, Feel free to talk/linger in Science 136

Policy Schedule

9:00 a.m. Welcome – Kasey Gardner - Science 136B

9:15 a.m. Introduction to the Topic

9:45 a.m. Introduction to the Affirmative

10:00 a.m. Breakout Session: Practice reading affirmative out loud and cross-x drills on the affirmative; Brainstorm possible negative arguments to help with cross-x drills and get ready for next lecture/discussion

10:30 a.m. - BREAK

10:40 a.m. Disadvantages - Basics Lecture and build your own DA activity

11:00 a.m. Topicality - Basics Lecture and standards mini debate

11:20 a.m. Counterplans – Basic Lecture and permutation activity

11:40 a.m. Critiques - Basics Lecture and how to respond to a critique activity

12:00 p.m. Introduction to Refutation - The five step method

12:20 - LUNCH: Provided in Science 136

1:15 - Introduction to the Disadvantage (Specific DA TBA)

1:30 - Introduction to the Counterplan (Specific CP TBA)

1:45 - Introduction to the Critique (Specific K TBA)

2:00 - BREAK

2:10- Breakout session: Practice reading negative 1NC shells and cross-x drills on negative arguments; Go over how to respond in 2AC and how to do extensions. Review splitting the block and talk about ways to do that.

2:30 - Flowing - Basics

2:45 - BREAK AND PREPARE FOR DEBATES**

3:00 - DEBATE #1 Pairings Announced

4:30 - DEBATE #2 Pairings Announced

(Please note the shortened policy debate format in the event description)

*EVIDENCE: The Arizona Debate Institute and Chico State will be providing all of the evidence for the debate camp. We have picked an affirmative, a disadvantage, a counterplan, a criticism, and answers to each position. In exchange for this evidence we ask that you do not give this evidence to anyone or any team that did not attend the camp.

** GUIDELINES FOR FEEDBACK DURING OR AFTER DEBATES: Don't give them things to say, but ask questions that will spur their own ideas of things to say. Don't intervene during the debate unless something tragic is happening - someone stops after only one minute or there is a whole position dropped, etc. After the debate, try to find two or three things they did well along with two or three things they can improve upon. Don't go overboard on the feedback - they need limited ideas for improvements, not to be overwhelmed - they need to believe they will be able to debate at the first tournament the next weekend!

The most important things are: BE ENCOURAGING, BE POSITIVE AND BE
EXCITED ABOUT DEBATE!

Restaurant Recommendations for Team Dinners

Downtown Pittsburg (Left on Leland, Right on Railroad. Down by the water)

Lumpy's Diner – American Fare, Diner Food

La Veranda – Medium/High End Italian Food

EJ Phair – Great Pub Food and Beer

Pirate Yogurt – By the ounce!

Delta Center (Right on Leland, Left on Somerville, Left on Century)

Chipotle, Outback, Jamba Juice, Wing Stop, El Pollo Loco, In n Out, Del Taco, Olive Garden, Chili's, Red Lobster.

Delta Fair Blvd (Right on Leland, Becomes Delta Fair)

Taqueria Salsa – Across from the Mall, Strip Mall on the left before Kaiser.

Pho Victory – Across from the Mall, Strip Mall on the left before Kaiser.

Leland and Railroad – Left on Leland, either way on Railroad.

Turn right – Panda Express, Wah Sing, Taste of Seoul

Two right turns – Takes you to the delicious La Pinata Mexican Restaurant

Turn left – Nation's Giant Hamburgers, Mehran Indian, Domino's, Little Caesar's and Subway.

After Camp Bowling

The “Delta Bowl” Bowling Alley is offering a special camp rate to interested parties for their Saturday open bowl night.

Your squad can bowl at the following rates—

One-hour lane rental 24.95, Two-hour lane rental 44.95.

One game for 4.50, Shoes included.

Mention you are with the Los Medanos College Debate Camp to get these excellent rates, your contact's name is Cindy.

Also—if you're squad is interested in bowling, email

kgardner@losmedanos.edu with what time you want to bowl and maybe our teams can reserve lanes next to each other!

You can learn about delta bowl here: <http://www.deltabowl.net/>