



**43rd ANNUAL
TRAPPER RENDEZVOUS FORENSIC TOURNAMENT**

Dear Colleague:

The Northwest College Forensics Program extends to you a cordial invitation to attend the **43rd ANNUAL TRAPPER RENDEZVOUS FORENSICS TOURNAMENT** to be held in Powell, Wyoming, on November 9-10, 2012. We sincerely hope you will be able to attend. Our goal is to provide good competition at a reasonable price and in a reasonable amount of time.

Please take special note of the topic strike system in parliamentary debate. It is the same striking system used at previous Trapper Rendezvous tournaments and Phi Rho Pi Nationals. Additionally, please note that NWC operates a closed tab room, and no warm room results will be posted.

The 2012 Rendezvous will feature: 6 preliminary and 2-4 elimination rounds (depending on entries) in three divisions of parliamentary debate. Should the need arise we reserve the right to collapse divisions in parliamentary debate. In addition, the Rendezvous will feature three preliminary rounds and two elimination rounds in one open division for eleven individual events. Please note that all individual events will follow NIET rules and format.

We also will offer NFA-LD. We intend to offer 6 preliminary rounds with 2-3 elimination rounds (depending on entries). **Students entered in LD may not enter extemp, and can only double-enter in one other event in each individual events pattern.**

This invitation includes a copy of the regulations, a schedule of events, and contact information. A Powell motel list is included, and we encourage you to make early reservations. The tournament entry should be received no later than **Tuesday, November 6th**. Entries will be facilitated by Forensicstournament.net this year.

We look forward to hosting you and your squad.

Cordially,

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TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS: GENERAL

ELIGIBILITY: Any regularly enrolled full-time college student in good academic standing is eligible to attend this tournament. NWC students are eligible to participate and advance in all events. NWC is ineligible for sweepstakes.

AWARDS: Awards will be given for all finalists in all categories of competition. Two third place awards will be presented in all divisions of debate. Top speakers in Parliamentary debate will be recognized and receive an award. Awards will also be given for 1st and 2nd in Overall Sweepstakes.

JUDGES: Because of the scarcity of judges in Powell, it is necessary to hire judges from the surrounding communities. In order to pay their expenses we will charge a \$40.00 judging fee for each debate team not covered by a judge or for every six individual events slots not covered. One judge covers ten total i.e. slots, two LDers, or two debate teams. All judges are expected to remain available for judging through the individual events finals.

Practices and Standards: NWC subscribes to and will abide by the NPDA rules and bylaws for debate, and the AFA Code of Standards.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS: INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

CONFLICT POLICY: Students may enter up to three (3) individual events in conflict patterns A and B, but must accept any hardships created by multiple entries. EXTEMPERS CHOOSING DOUBLE ENTRY WILL BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PERFORMING WITHIN THE ALLOTTED SCHEDULED ROUND TIME WHETHER THEIR OTHER ENTRY ALLOWS THEM THEIR 30 MINUTES OF PREP TIME OR NOT.

MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS: All individual events programs, speeches, and materials used by participants should be composed of materials not used in competition prior to September 1, 2011. Specific rules will follow general AFA-NIET guidelines and will be available at the tournament.

NFA LD: There will be one open division (with sufficient entries). There will be six preliminary rounds of NFA-LD debate. STUDENTS COMPETING IN NFA-LD MAY ONLY ENTER ONE OTHER EVENT IN EACH PATTERN OF IEs AND CANNOT DOUBLE-ENTER IN EXTEMP.

Time limits for NFA LD are: (6-3-7-3-6-6-3; 4 minutes prep)

2012-13 Resolution is “Resolved: the United States Federal Government should substantially increase assistance for organic and/or sustainable agriculture in the United States.”

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS: DEBATE

Open Parliamentary Debate: Open to anyone eligible to attend the meet.

Junior Parliamentary Debate: Open to students in their first or second year of college debate.

Novice Parliamentary Debate: A novice team must consist of two debaters with little or no prior debate experience in any kind of debate. The intent of this definition is to limit entry to students who are new or are beginning their debate careers.

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE: There will be six preliminary rounds and appropriate elimination rounds in debate divisions. The 7-8-4-5 format will be used. Prep time will be 15 minutes. Topics will be taken from current political and social issues of the day. A topic striking system similar to that employed at Phi Rho Pi Nationals will be employed. Three topics will be provided every round. The judge will give a copy of three topics to the opposition team, which will have 30 seconds to strike one topic. The judge will then give the copy of the topics to the government team, which will have 30 seconds to strike a second topic. The topic that was not struck by either team will be debated in the round. Two prelim rounds will feature policy topics, two will feature value topics, and two will feature metaphorical topics. In elimination rounds, the topic choices will feature one metaphor, one value, and one policy. Also, please note that there will be NO WARM ROOM at this tournament.

Fees:

Debate	\$40.00 per team
IE's	\$ 7.00 per slot
NFA-LD	\$15.00 per debater
Hired Judges	\$40.00 per debate team, 10 IE slots, or two LDers.

Fees will be assessed as of 12:00 noon Thursday, November 8, 2012.

Contact Information

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TRAPPER RENDEZVOUS OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

Friday, November 9

7:30 - 8:00am	Registration:	DeWitt Student Center
8:00 - 9:30	Round 1	Parliamentary debate
9:30-11:00	Round 2	Parliamentary debate
11:00- 12:30	Round 3	Parliamentary debate
12:15		Extemporaneous Speaking Draw -- Rd 1
12:30 - 1:45	Round 1	Duet, Persuasive, Poetry, ADS, Program Oral
12:45	Round 1	Extemp, LD
1:45 - 3:00	Round 1	Impromptu, Informative, Prose, Drama, CA
2:00 - 3:00	Round 2	LD
3:00 - 4:30	Round 4	Parliamentary Debate
4:15		Extemporaneous Speaking Draw -- Rd 2
4:30 - 5:45	Round 2	Duet, Persuasive, Poetry, ADS, Program Oral
4:45	Round 2	Extemp,
4:45	Round 3	LD
5:45 - 7:00	Round 2	Impromptu, Informative, Prose, Drama, CA
6:00 - 7:00	Round 4	LD
7:00 - 8:30	Round 5	Parliamentary Debate

Saturday, November 10

8:00 - 9:30	Round 6	Round 6 Parliamentary Debate
9:15		Extemporaneous Speaking Draw
9:30-10:45	Round 3	Duet, Persuasive, Poetry, ADS, Program Oral
9:45	Round 3	Extemporaneous Speaking
9:45	Round 5	LD
10:45-12:00	Round 3	Impromptu, Informative, Prose, Drama, CA
11:00	Round 6	LD
12:00- 1:30	Elim 1	1 st Elim Parliamentary Debate
1:15		Extemporaneous Speaking Draw -- Semi-Finals
1:30	Semi-finals	All Individual Events and LD [with sufficient entries] Some finals may run at this time as well.
1:45	Semi-finals	Extemporaneous Speaking
2:45 - 4:15	Elim 2	2 nd Elim Parliamentary Debate
4:00		Extemporaneous Speaking Draw B Finals
4:15 - 5:30	Finals	All Individual Events [except Extemp]
4:30		Extemporaneous Speaking Finals
5:30 - 7:00	Elim 3	3 rd Elim Parliamentary Debate
7:00		Awards Assembly (may be earlier, please watch for schedule changes)

This is the entire list of available accommodations. These are rates quoted for college functions, so be sure to indicate that you are attending an NWC speech tournament when you make your reservations. Please make your reservations early. Prices DO NOT include sales tax (approximately 15%) and are subject to change.

1. America's Best Value Inn

777 East Second Street	2 people	1 bed (queen) \$79.90 + tax
Powell, WY 82435	4 people	2 beds (queen) \$89.90 + tax
(307) 754-5117		

2. Lamplighter Inn

234 East First Street	2 people	1 bed (queen) \$69.00 + tax
Powell, WY 82435		1 bed (king) \$79.00 + tax
(307) 754-2226	4 people	2 beds (queen) \$79.00 + tax

3. Super 8 Motel

P.O. Box 36	2 people	1 bed (queen) \$79.00 + tax
Coulter Avenue West	4 people	2 beds (queen) \$89.00 + tax
Powell, WY 82435		
(307) 754-7231		
1-800-800-8000		

4. Additional accommodations are available in Cody (24 miles from Powell). We have listed a few popular motel chains that are located in Cody. There are numerous other motels available. If you have any questions, please call us.

Holiday Inn

(307) 587-5555

Super 8 Motel of Cody

(307) 527-6214

Comfort Inn

(307) 587-5556

Kelly Inn

(307) 527-5505

The Cody Hotel

Phone: (307) 587-5915