



Greetings to everyone from sunny Southern California:

We are pleased to announce our second annual individual events tournament, The Golden Cowboy Swing. We invite the forensics community to our cozy little campus, nestled in the foothills of the San Raphael Mountains. We are lucky enough to again co-host our tournament with California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA), veiled in the mysterious ghost-town of downtown Los Angeles.

ACCOMODATION:

The swing tournament will be held Feb. 19-21. The first part of the swing will be held at Glendale Community College (GCC) on Friday and Saturday, and the second part will take place on Sunday at CSULA. The campuses are located about ten miles away from one another, and many hotels provide easy access to both. We have secured a block of rooms at the Glendale Hilton at a rate of \$109. Please see the end of the invite for contact information.

ENTRIES:

This year, we will offer an individual events tournament in every sense of the word: We plan to add LD debate, to be tabbed by the sunset-ridin' cowboy himself, Danny Cantrell. LD prelims and finals will be held on Friday, Feb. 19th.

Saturday and Sunday will follow traditional IE swing schedules, with two prelims and finals for each pattern. Triple entries are allowed in Open, double entries allowed in Novice. Open ADS will have **THREE** prelim rounds on Saturday (see below for more information).

All Entries MUST be received no later than Wednesday, February 17 at NOON PST through www.forensicstournament.net. Fees are computed at that time.

DIVISIONS :

We will provide a Novice Division in all events with at least 10 Novice contestants. Otherwise, we will award a "Top Novice" speaker at the awards ceremony. Coaches must identify novices at the time of entry. Novice = any student who has attended 3 or fewer tournaments.

AWARDS :

Awards will be provided for all finalists, including sweepstakes for the top three colleges and a top community college award. We plan to have both a varsity and junior varsity division in LD debate and will offer a novice division in all events if entries warrant.

New twist: From 2010 on, the 1st place Open ADS award for the Glendale (Saturday) portion of the swing will be named in honor of recipients of the award. It is currently called the Connor Award, after last year's recipient, Sean Connor, and will become the Connor-Blank ADS Award in 2010, the Connor-Blank-Blank award in 2011, and so forth. Please assist us in supporting this new tradition by encouraging your students to showcase ADS at the Saturday portion of the swing for a chance to secure their name in Golden Cowboy lore. As a result of this special feature, ADS will have 3 prelim rounds on Saturday.

We hope to have a spectacular tournament, and if we can make your weekend any more manageable, please don't hesitate to contact any one of us with your questions and concerns. We can't wait to host this event, and we're quite sure a boot-kickin' time will be had by all. See you at the showdown!

Yee-haw!

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SCHEDULE/ENTRIES:

Pattern A: Extemp, Informative, Prose, Poetry, ADS
Pattern B: Persuasion, DI, POI, Impromptu*, Duo, CA

*Impromptu will follow AFA style.

Friday: February 19, 2010

11:00	Registration (San Raphael 136)
12:00	Round 1 LD
1:00	Round 2 LD
2:30	Round 3 LD
3:30	Round 4 LD
4:30	Dinner Break
5:30	Semifinals LD
6:30	Finals LD
7:30/ASAP	Awards

(LD Schedule will accommodate quarterfinal rounds if they are needed.)

Saturday: February 20, 2010

8:00	Registration (San Raphael 136)
8:45	Extemp Draw
9:00	Round 1 A
10:00	Extemp Draw
10:15	Round 2 A
11:15-12:00	Lunch Break
12:00	Round 1 B
1:15	Round 2 B / Round 3 ADS*
2:45	Finals A (EXT, INF, PRO, POE only)
4:15	Finals B / Finals ADS*
6:00	Awards

*Students may be quad-entered in Pattern B **DURING ROUND 2 AND FINALS OF PATTERN B** to accommodate ADS.

Sunday: February 21, 2010

8:30	Late Registration (location TBA)
8:45	Extemp Draw
9:00	Round 1 A
10:00	Extemp Draw
10:15	Round 2 A
11:15-12:00	Brunch Break
12:00	Round 1 B
1:15	Round 2 B
3:00	Semis/Some Finals
4:15	Remaining Finals
6:00	Awards

FEES (PER TOURNAMENT) :

\$25.00 school fee
\$8 per IE slot
\$20 per LD slot
\$15.00 judging fee per uncovered slot
 (One judge covers 8 slots)
\$15.00 per change after Thursday at 12:00 p.m. PST.
\$100.00 dropped judge fee after Thursday at 12:00 p.m. PST.

TRAVEL INFO:

GCC:
1500 North Verdugo Road
Glendale, CA 91208

CSULA:
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032

DIRECTIONS :

To GCC

Us cowboys don't use no maps... We follow the rising sun. In a pinch, we use tha dang internet, specifically Google Maps or GCC's website. Yippie-kai-yay!
<http://www.glendale.edu/maps/off-campus.htm>

To CSULA

Golden Eagles dare to fly in the clouds. They need no maps. However, when they must use one, they use this one:
<http://www.calstatela.edu/misc/trans/index.htm>

PARKING :

GCC

Parking at GCC is available in the main parking structure. This is accessible off of Mountain Dr. As you exit CA-2, turn left. At the 2nd stoplight, turn right into the parking lot. Park in the structure.
<http://www.glendale.edu/maps/index.htm>

CSULA

Park in Lot 5 off of Circle Drive. You must purchase a permit.
<http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/maps/cslamap.php>

HOTELS NEAR GCC:

There are plenty of hotels available in the Glendale area. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Glendale Hilton for \$109 per night, which will be available for reservation until January 30th. Additionally, many other hotels are available in the greater Glendale area.

Hilton Los Angeles North/Glendale
100 W Glenoaks Blvd
Glendale, CA, 91202
(866) 539-8430

Brandwood Hotel
339 1/2 N Brand Blvd
Glendale, CA, 91203
(866) 539-8430

Econo Lodge Glendale
1437 E Colorado St
Glendale, CA, 91205
(866) 539-8430

Days Inn Glendale
600 N Pacific Ave
Glendale, CA, 91203
(866) 539-8430

HOTELS NEAR CSULA

Valley Lodge Motel
4949 Valley Blvd
Los Angeles, CA
(323) 222-4949

Vista Motel
4180 City Terrace
Los Angeles, CA
(323) 260-7883

Super 8 Motel
5350 S. Huntington Drive
Los Angeles, CA
(323) 225-2310

Questions, comments, concerns? Feel free to send us an e-mail or phone call... even snail mail will suffice. Give us a ring at the main GCC Forensics Line: (818) 240-1000 x5504.