



Greetings to everyone from sunny Southern California:

We are pleased to announce our third annual 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. So, come on down and join us for the festivities!

ACTIVITIES/GRUB:

The first half of the competition is as famous as Wild Bill Hickok for havin' all sorts of fun an' games. It's always a surprise what the cowboys and cowgals will come up with, but more'n likely you'll have a scavenger hunt, a piñata or two, and plenty of things to keep yerself occupied. Plus, we'll have our saloon girls teach y'all how to line dance. More importantly, we'll have plenty of food, so you can enjoy the festivities instead of leavin'. But, if what we provide ain't to yer likin', there's food to be had right across the street at some local eateries.

ACCOMODATIONS:

The swing tournament will be held Feb. 11-13, 2011. The first half 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 per night. Take a look-see at the end of the invite for contact information.

ENTRIES:

We will again offer NFA-LD, with the prelims and finals to be held on Friday, Feb. 11th. 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 9 at NOON PST (Fees are computed at that time) through www.forensicstournament.net or, for a direct link, you may copy and paste the following address into your browser: <http://www.forensicstournament.net/GoldenCowboyPt1/11>

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.

Congratulations to last year's ADS winner, Sean Connor. We have named the award after Connor (who also won it the previous year), therefore, it is now called the Connor-Connor Award. Let your students know that this year's winner will add his/her name to the award, to make it the Connor-Connor-Blank ADS Award in 2011. Please assist us in supporting this tradition by encouraging your students to showcase AFA qualified ADS-es 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, each round will have two judges. Additionally, the final round of ADS will have five judges and will be videotaped (finalist teams will have a free DVD mailed shortly after the competition).

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 (contact info is at the end of the invite). 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!

~The Entire Coaching Staff of Glendale Community College

SCHEDULE/ENTRIES:

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

*Impromptu will follow AFA style.

Friday: February 11, 2011: At GCC

11:00	Registration (Student Center)
12:00	Round 1 NFA-LD
1:00	Round 2 NFA-LD
2:30	Round 3 NFA-LD
3:30	Round 4 NFA-LD
4:30	Dinner Break
5:30	Semifinals NFA-LD
6:30	Finals NFA-LD
7:30/ASAP	NFA-LD Awards

(NFA-LD Schedule will accommodate quarterfinal rounds as needed.)

Saturday: February 12, 2011: At GCC

8:00	Late Registration (Student Center)
8:45	Extemp Round 1 Draw
9:00	Round 1 A
10:15	Extemp Round 2 Draw
10:30	Round 2 A
12:00-1:00	Lunch Break
1:00	Round 1 B
2:30	Round 2 B / Round 3 ADS*
4:30	Finals A: EXT (Draw at 4:15), INF, PRO, POE only
6:00	Finals B / Finals ADS*
7:30/ASAP	Awards

*Students may be quad-entered in Pattern B **DURING ROUND 2 AND FINALS OF PATTERN B** to accommodate the third round of ADS, but students do so at their own risk.

Sunday: February 13, 2011: At CSULA

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/ASAP	Awards

FEES (PER TOURNAMENT) :

\$30 school fee
\$10 per IE slot (\$20 per Duo Team)
\$25 per LD slot
\$15 judging fee per uncovered slot
 (One judge covers 6 IE slots, regardless of patterns)
 (One judge covers 2 NFA-LD slots)
\$15 per change after Thursday at 12:00 p.m. PST.
\$100 dropped judge fee after Thursday at 12:00 p.m. PST.*
*In order to make certain that the tournament starts on time and runs smoothly, we are instituting a \$25 nuisance fee for any/all judges who do not **check in at the judge's table 15 minutes before the first round.** The first round begins promptly at 9:00 a.m., so please arrive early and make sure all of your judges are aware of the charge to ensure that they have checked in by 8:45 a.m.

TRAVEL INFO:

GCC:
1500 North Verdugo Road
Glendale, CA 91208

CSULA:
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 9003

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 onto College Driveway. Pick up a permit from a cowboy, and park in the structure. Take the elevator in the parking structure to the ground floor, and then follow the horseshoes to registration.

<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.

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