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Greetings to All!

The American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament District II qualifier will be held on Friday, February 25, 2011 at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. We are excited to host this event and to be a part of a weekend of forensics that includes the Mark O. Hatfield Debates at Willamette University (NPDA and BP formats) and the Earl Wells Memorial Speakeasy Tournament at Oregon State University (IE and IPDA), both held on February 26-27.

Although this is a qualifier for the AFA-NIET *anyone can participate*. You do not need to have the NIET in your plans to compete at this tournament. In fact, we will WAIVE FEES on the first 8 entries for any team not going to the NIET to compete at this tournament (so long as judging is covered).

This year's AFA-NIET will be held at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, from April 2-4, 2011. See the host school's website for more details: <http://mcluhan.unk.edu/forensics/>.

If you have students who have qualified at-large for the NIET, you will need to submit an at-large qualification form for each student by Wednesday, February 23, 2011. ALL QUAL SHEETS SHOULD BE E-MAILED to the District Chair, Dr. Bjorn Stillion Southard. If he does not have results from a tournament, then you must submit copies of those legs in order for the student to qualify. Please get forms to Bjorn as soon as possible so that he can verify that your student is qualified for the NIET. **The official deadline for Bjorn to have at-large qualification forms is February 28, 2011.**

Entries are do Tuesday, February 22 on forensicstournament.net. Drops need to be communicated to Bjorn via email by Thursday, Feb 24 at 4 pm. Any drops after that time will incur an \$8 drop fee per slot.

See you on the Hill!

Best regards,

Bjørn Stillion Southard
Assistant Professor of Communication
Director of Forensics
Lewis & Clark College

DISTRICT II AFA-NIET INFORMATION SHEET

1. District tournament: the District Qualifier will be held on Friday, February 25, 2011, at Lewis & Clark College.
2. Duo: please remember that the rules around duo allow for cuttings from any genre of literature.
3. Extemporaneous Speaking: the extemp format has changed at nationals. We won't be adopting those changes at the qualifier.
4. Dues: the AFA-NIET registration fee is a \$50 after 12/01/10. The invoice—and a very easy to use online payment form—can be found on the newly updated AFA-NIET website <http://www.americanforensics.org/>. Alternately, you can pay the AFA-NIET fee at the District Qualifier.
5. AFA-NIET All American Applications: please bring these with you to the tournament. We will form a committee for the review of these applications at the District Qualifier. These and other forms can be found on the AFA-NIET website: <http://www.mnsu.edu/cmst/niet/niet.html>.
6. Leg Information: please bring your leg information to the tournament.
7. Enrollment Information: if you already have students who are qualified, please bring their enrollment verification with you to the qualifier. If you are reasonably certain that a student will qualify at the qualifier, it wouldn't hurt to bring their enrollment verification along with you as well.

If you have any questions about what is required, you can visit the AFA-NIET website. If you still have questions, contact Brent (bnorthup@carroll.edu) or Bjørn (bjorn@lclark.edu) and we will walk you through the process.

DISTRICT II AFA-NIET QUALIFIER

EVENTS & PATTERNS:

Pattern A Events: Informative, Prose and Impromptu

Pattern B Events: Extemp, POI, Persuasion, Duo

Pattern C Events: Dramatic, Poetry, After Dinner, Communication Analysis

Tab Room will be located in the Council Chamber Foyer.

Extemp Draw and Prep will be held in Stamm Dining Room.

ENTRIES & FEES:

School Fee is \$30/\$50. There is a \$50 AFA-NIET school participation fee (if not paid already). Cash is preferred, but checks can be made out to Lewis & Clark College.

Entry Fees is \$8 per slot. Duo counts as one slot, each judge covers 6 slots.

If the size of any one school's entry precludes their judges from being used in more than half of the total rounds at the tournament, we ask that school to be prepared to pay a \$50 judge fee.

Uncovered Entry Fees is an additional \$10 per slot. The maximum number of uncovered slots per school is 12. It is a Friday, so hired judging is not easy to come by. Reach out to anyone you can.

Entries are Due on Forensicstournament.net no later than **Tuesday, February 22, 2011.**

Drops after Thursday, February 24th will result in an **\$8 drop fee.**

Please make checks payable to **Bjørn Stillion Southard, District 2 AFA-NIET** (sorry, but no other form of payment will be accepted without prior approval).

FOOD

Food service is open for lunch. There is an on-campus coffee shop (Maggie's) about a 5 minute walk from the student union. There is a Subway, a Starbucks, and a fancy super market not more than 5 minute's drive from campus. Fred Meyer—a regular grocery store—is about a 10 minute drive from campus.

PARKING

It is Friday and school is in session, so parking is not great. We should be OK because we start earlier than many people get on campus. Please stop at the Campus Safety office to purchase a parking pass for the day (\$4 dollars per day per vehicle).

LODGING

There are several of the usual hotel options close to campus offering a range of price points and comfort levels. Please call the hotels directly or check prices online to find the best deals. We have not made arrangements with any of the hotels in the area.

Crowne Plaza

14811 Kruse Oaks Blvd

Lake Oswego, OR 97035

Reservations: 1 (888) 233-9527

DISTRICT II AFA-NIET QUALIFIER

SCHEDULE Friday, February 25th

8:30 am Registration (Templeton Council Chamber Foyer)

9:00 am Extemp Draw

9:00 am-10:30 am Round 1B (EXT, POI, DUO, PERS)

10:30 am-11:45 am Round 1A (INF, IMP, PRO)

11:45 am-1:00 pm Round 2 A

1:00 pm-2:30 pm Extemp Draw, Round 2 B

2:30 pm-3:45pm Round 1 C (CA, DI, POE, ADS)

3:45 pm-5:00 pm Round 2 C

5:30 pm Extemp Draw

5:30 pm-6:30 pm Finals, all events (Please note: this may be flighted into 2 one hour rounds based on critic and competitor availability, number of double entries, etc.).

7:00 pm or ASAP Qualification Announcements/Awards (Templeton Council Chamber)

This tournament will follow the rules and guidelines outlined in the DII Constitution and Bylaws.

There are numerous criteria which the AFA uses in order to establish eligibility for participation at the NIET; please make sure that you carefully review these guidelines and have all of the necessary paperwork completed in order to assure a smooth process during registration at the national tournament. These documents and guidelines can be found at:
<http://www.mnsu.edu/spcomm/niet/niet.html>.

WE NEED FORM A DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS IN ORDER TO FAIRLY ARBITRATE DISPUTES, BREAK TIES, NOMINATING AND SELECTING STUDENTS FOR NATIONAL SPEAKING AWARDS.

I NEED 2 TO 4 OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN ON BEING IN THE REGION NEXT YEAR AND ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATION. ALSO, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS NIET-AFA DISTRICT II CHAIR, PLEASE TALK WITH EITHER MYSELF OR BRENT.