

Dear Forensics Colleagues:

On behalf of Ygnacio Valley High School, we would like to invite you to participate in our 2012 tournament. Competition will be held from April 6th – 7th on our campus. Ygnacio Valley is located in Concord, adjacent to Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek. It is immediately off Interstate 680. It is most easily served by the Oakland International Airport and BART.

Notable reasons to attend:

- 1) We have modified our tournament schedule this year for a sleek two days. This will save you time and money. We will offer 5 preliminary rounds of debate and 3 rounds of Individual Events.
- 2) We have nice hotel to house those not commuting back and forth. We will be using the Walnut Creek Embassy Suites. It is close to campus, near to many food choices, and right next to Pleasant Hill BART. It is still quite nice and offers a full breakfast as part of the rate. Rooms are Quad-occupancy and the rate is \$119/night, ask for the Warrior Invitational rate.
- 3) Our campus is compact and secure, there is limited entry points. In the unlikely event of rain, there is cover linking the cafeteria to all wings and literally every room we plan to use. Our campus is located with beautiful views of Mt. Diablo making for a welcoming educational environment.
- 4) We are offering both Open (JV/Varsity) and Novice (those in their first year) divisions of competition. We know that there are limited opportunities for Novice students compete this late in the season. We are committed to giving those students positive feedback to help them grow for next year.
- 5) We will be full-service. Your policy team, parliamentary team, LD team, public forum team and individual events team will all be able to compete.
- 6) We are striving to be as cheap as possible. We will have concessions open the duration of the tournament to serve. Entry fees are being kept as low as possible to cover the cost of decent trophies, the custodial services and the security services the campus requires.

We will offer three preliminary rounds in 10 individual events (both novice and open when possible), two divisions of Parliamentary Debate, LD, and Public Forum and one division of policy debate. We will have five debate prelims and two elimination rounds.

Please contact us with any questions you may have about our tournament. April is a great time to visit the East Bay and we are confident we will host excellent competition. We will do our best to make the event fun and healthy for competitors and coaches.