



Greetin's to everyone from sunny Southern California:

We are pleased to announce our fourth 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. **Be sure to read this invite carefully, a lot has changed (especially the schedule), so keep a sharp eye out for tha bits in BOLD and underlined.** Come on down and join us for the festivities! Yee-haw!

~The Entire Coaching Staff of Glendale Community College
California & California State University, Los Angeles

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, if yer bellybutton starts gnawin' at yer backbone, there's plenty of to be had right across the street at some local eateries.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

The swing tournament will be held Feb. 8-10, 2013. The first half of the swing will be held at Glendale Community College 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 are near to both. Because so many of the rooms we reserved in previous years went unused, we are not providing room blocks, however, if your team is traveling from out of town, we may still be able to help. Just ask!

ENTRIES:

NFA-LD will be held on both Friday and Sunday, this year. We will also offer Parliamentary Debate (Parli on the Prairie) with rounds to also begin on Feb. 8th and stretches over the three days with elims on Sunday, the 10th. Saturday and Sunday will follow two-round IE swing schedules, with 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 6 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/GoldenCowboyPt1/13/>

DIVISIONS:

We will provide a Novice Division in all events with at least 10 Novice contestants. Otherwise, we will announce a 'top novice' speaker at the awards ceremony. Coaches must identify novices at the time of entry. A novice competitor is 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 open and novice division in all debates.

Congratulations to last year's ADS winner, Nathaniel Hawthorne. We have named the award after Hawthorne, therefore, it is now called the Connor-Connor-DeYoung-Hawthorne Award. Let your students know that this year's winner will add his/her name to the award, to make it the Connor-Connor-DeYoung-Hawthorne [Insert Your Student's Name Here] ADS Award in 2013. 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). Please let the tournament staff know ahead of time if you do not wish for your student(s) to be videotaped.

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!

SCHEDULE/ENTRIES:

Pattern A: Extemp, Informative, Prose, Poetry, ADS
Pattern B: Persuasion, DI, POI, Impromptu*, Duo, CA
*Impromptu will follow AFA style.

Friday: February 8, 2013: At GCC

11:00 Registration (Student Center)
12:00 Round 1 Parliamentary Debate (topic announce 11:40)
1:00 Round 1 NFA-LD
2:00 Round 2 NFA-LD
3:00 Round 2 Parliamentary Debate (topic announce 2:40)
4:15 Round 3 Parliamentary Debate (topic announce 3:55)
5:30 Round 3 NFA-LD
6:30 Round 4 NFA-LD
7:30 Semifinal Round NFA-LD
8:30 Final Round NFA-LD

Saturday: February 9, 2013: At GCC

7:30 Round 4 Parliamentary Debate (topic announce 7:10)
8:00 Late Registration (Student Center)
9:00 Round 1 Individual Event: Pattern A (EXT draw 8:45)
10:15 Round 2 Individual Event: Pattern A (EXT draw 10:00)
11:30 Round 5 Parliamentary Debate/Lunch Break
(topic announce 11:10)
12:30 Round 1 Individual Event: Pattern B
1:45 Round 2 Individual Event: Pattern B / **Round 3 ADS***
3:00 Finals A: EXT (Draw at 2:45), INF, PRO, POE only
4:15 Finals B: Persuasion, DI, POI, Impromptu, Duo, CA
5:30 **Finals of ADS**
6:00 Round 6 Parliamentary Debate (topic announce 5:40)
7:00 Awards

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

Sunday: February 10, 2013: At CSULA

7:30 Octos Parliamentary Debate (topic announce 7:10)
9:15 Round 1 Individual Events Pattern A / NFA-LD Round 1
(Ext draw: 9:00)
10:30 Quarters Parliamentary Debate (topic announce 10:10)
11:15 Round 1 Individual Events Pattern B / NFA-LD Round 2
12:30 Semis Parliamentary Debate (topic announce 12:10)
1:45 Round 2 Individual Events Pattern A / NFA-LD Round 3
(Ext draw: 1:30)
3:00 Round 2 Individual Events Pattern B / NFA-LD Round 4
4:15 Finals Parliamentary Debate (topic announce 3:55)
5:15 Finals Individual Events Pattern A / NFA-LD Semis
(Ext draw: 5:00)
6:30 Finals Individual Events Pattern B / NFA-LD Finals
7:45 Awards

FEES (PER TOURNAMENT) :

\$30 school fee
\$10 per IE slot (\$20 per Duo team)
\$25 per LD slot
\$50 per Parli slot
\$15 judging fee per uncovered IE slot
 (One judge covers 6 IE slots)
\$25 per uncovered debate slot
 (One judge covers 2 NFA-LD/Parli slots)
\$15 per change after Thursday at 12:00 p.m. PST.
\$100 dropped judge fee after Thursday at 12:00 p.m. PST.*

***To ensure 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.** Please let your judges know the times for the first round for **all three days**, as we will definitely be instituting this fine. Additionally, **please check that you have entered the correct judges for the correct dates.** Nuisance fees may be applied if promised judges are not on time; switching judges is the easiest way to mess that up.

We don't want your money... We want your judges. That's why.

ADDRESS INFO:

GCC:
1500 North Verdugo Road
Glendale, CA 91208

CSULA:
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 9003

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.

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

CONTACT:

Questions, comments, concerns? Feel free to send us an e-mail or phone call... even snail mail will suffice.

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