

# SUNSET CLIFFS CLASSIC



Point Loma Nazarene University  
San Diego, CA 92106

February 2-3, 2013



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Dear Colleagues:

The Point Loma Nazarene University forensics squad is pleased to invite you to our annual **SUNSET CLIFFS CLASSIC** Invitational forensics tournament. The tournament will be held February 2-3, 2013. We hope you can come enjoy our beautiful seaside campus and the typically sunny weather.

We will offer open and novice division competition in all eleven AFA individual events (possibly collapsing some events should numbers so dictate) and six rounds of Junior and Senior divisions of Parliamentary Debate, and junior and senior divisions of NFA LD debate. The large number of colleges and universities that typically attend also provide an excellent draw for both Individual Events and debate competitors interested in warming up for Nationals.

It is expected that Southwestern College will again offer their popular one-day swing tournament for Individual Events on Friday, February 1, 2013. Southwestern College is roughly 30-40 minutes from Point Loma's campus. Swing Sweepstakes awards will also be offered. We encourage you to compete in IEs at Southwestern unless you are competing in or watching rounds at the Round Robin Tournament of Excellence on Point Loma's campus on that same day.

Assuming the President's State of the Address speech is again offered prior to the tournament we will continue to draw Parliamentary debate topics from the address for both the Sunset Cliffs and the Round Robin. Coaches and students are invited to submit recommended topics for our consideration.

Some noteworthy attractions of the Sunset Cliffs Classic include:

- Strong competition with diverse regional representation and quality judging.
- A picturesque ocean front campus.
- A terrific new high quality tournament hotel, and our traditional tournament hotel now sold to new owners at very affordable rates for such a nice hotel.
- Two \$3,000.00 scholarships for the top community college competitors (one each for debate & IE's) for tuition at PLNU for students that gain admission to and who will compete in forensics for PLNU for the subsequent academic year.
- A Sunday morning chapel for all interested coaches, judges, and/or students.

Saturday's schedule is set up to allow those who do debate only to enjoy a break after round three for lunch and those who do IEs only do not need to be there until the early afternoon so they can eat prior to arriving on campus. On Sunday we will once again be co-hosting a Superbowl party in the recreation room with Pizza for our competitors and for the school's students. Special thanks to this year's San Diego Chargers for kindly avoiding any conflicts with local fans that might have been distracted from competition or judging duties, had the Chargers actually been in the Superbowl.

We hope you will join us on our beautiful campus for an exciting weekend of sand, surf, and speeches.

*Do make sure to register early and secure lodging early as we have had to turn teams away from past tournaments, and the hotel rooms have run out as well in past years do to the size of the entry. Please plan ahead.*

Sincerely,

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# 2013 Sunset Cliffs Classic - Schedule of Events

**\*\* REMINDER: NPDA TOPIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OCCUR EXACTLY AS SCHEDULED! \*\***

## SATURDAY, February 2nd

<b>7:15-8:00</b>	<b>DEBATE AND I.E. REGISTRATION – Cabrillo 101</b>
8:00	Topic Announce: Round One (Crill Performance Hall)
8:20-9:05	Round One: NPDA Debate (random matched)
9:20	Topic Announce: Round Two (Crill Performance Hall)
9:40-10:25	Round Two: NPDA Debate (random matched)
10:40	Topic Announce: Round Three (Crill Performance Hall)
11:00-11:45	Round Three: NPDA Debate (lagged hi-lo)
<b>11:30-1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK – On your own, purchase options on campus</b>
12:30	Extemp Prep
12:45-2:00	Round One: Pattern A (EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE) Round One: NFA L/D Debate (random matched)
2:10	Topic Announce: Round Four (Crill Performance Hall)
2:30-3:15	Round Four: NPDA Debate (hi-lo power match)
3:30	Extemp Prep
3:45-5:00	Round Two: Pattern A (EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE) Round Two: NFA L/D Debate (hi-lo power match)
5:10	Topic Announce: Round Five (Crill Performance Hall)
5:30-6:15	Round Five: NPDA Debate (hi-lo power match)
6:30-7:45	Round One: Pattern B (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO) Round Three: NFA L/D Debate (hi-lo power match)
7:55	Topic Announce: Round Six (Crill Performance Hall)
8:15-9:00	Round Six: NPDA Debate (hi-lo power match)
<b>ASAP</b>	<b>POST PATTERN A &amp; DEBATE BREAKS (at Tournament Hotels also)</b>

## SUNDAY, February 3rd

<b>8:00-8:30</b>	<b>TOURNAMENT CHAPEL – Crill Performance Hall</b>
8:40	Topic Announce: Double Octofinals
9:00-9:45	Double Octofinals: NPDA Debate
10:00-11:15	Round Two: Pattern B (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO) Round Four: NFA L/D Debate (hi-lo power match)
11:25	Topic Announce: Octofinals
11:45-12:30	Octofinals: NPDA Debate
12:45	Extemp Prep
1:00-2:15	Finals: Pattern A and ALL IE Semifinals Quarterfinals: NFA L/D Debate
2:25	Topic Announce: Quarterfinals
3:45-3:30	Quarterfinals: NPDA Debate
3:45	Extemp Prep
4:00-5:15	Finals: Pattern B and remaining A Finals Semifinals: NFA L/D Debate
5:25	Topic Announce: Semifinals
5:45-6:30	Semifinals: NPDA Debate (& finals of LD if possible)
<b>6:30 or ASAP</b>	<b>AWARDS CEREMONY – Crill Performance Hall</b>
ASAP	Finals: NPDA Debate
ASAP	Finals of NFA LD (as needed)

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## ENTRIES

Any regularly enrolled undergraduate in a recognized two-year or four-year college program carrying 6 or more units is eligible to participate. Any contestant may enter up to 2 IEs per pattern OR Lincoln-Douglas debate and one division of NPDA debate

## RULES

AFA, NFA, and NPDA regulations will govern their respective divisions, unless specified elsewhere in this invitation or deemed necessary by Tournament Director in unique situations. Procedures described in this invitation will prevail over NPDA, NFA, or AFA rules if conflicts exist. Please note that our divisional qualifications may be more restrictive than AFA, NFA, or NPDA. In debate, we will allow hybrid teams and three person teams to compete if necessary to allow more students to participate. No individual may debate without a partner except in LD.

## ENTRY DEADLINE

While we would like to encourage early entries, **all entries must arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2013.** PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not have numerous changes beyond the deadline. **Please double-check the web registration list before you come! We will not add entries after Monday. Schools still owing fees from previous years must satisfy these debts before being accepted for this year's tournament.**

Web Page: you may enter the Sunset Cliffs Classic through  
[www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net)

E-Mail Address: (for special situations or questions for Skip, not for registration)  
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## PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

**Divisions** - There will be two divisions of Parliamentary Debate: Junior and Senior. Junior debaters may have up to 4 semesters of college debate and should not have advanced to more than three elimination rounds in Junior or Senior competition. Any debater that has advanced to the elimination rounds at NPDA, NPTE, NDT, Phi Rho Pi or CEDA Nationals is considered to be a Senior Division debater, regardless of the other partner's experience. Senior debaters are limited to students with 10 or fewer semesters of collegiate competition and who still maintain NPDA eligibility. Divisional eligibility is determined based upon the most experienced partner. A semester means the student has competed in three or more college tournaments of any style of debate. PLNU students may compete.

## Logistics

**Disclosure:** For time management reasons, oral critiques immediately following the debates if provided may not exceed 5 minutes. Ballots must then be returned immediately. Please help us keep on schedule. Delays attributed to coach/judges may at the tournament director's discretion result in penalties to that school's team(s), including automatic losses or removal from the tournament. The tournament will offer warm room disclosure in accordance with NPDA nationals practice as a further check of tab room accuracy.

**Preparation Time:** Topics will be announced in *Crill Auditorium*. We allow 20-minutes for preparation and travel time to the competition room. Pre-written materials may be used in preparation but not consulted in the debates. Whatever notes are consulted in the debate

itself must have been written only by the debate's actual competitors either during the preparation period, or during the round itself. A written set of current NPDA rules may be referenced in round as at Nationals. While coaching is not banned, it can only occur once the coach has secured their ballot for that round and may not result in a delay of the commencement of the round.

**Forfeiture:** A 5-minute forfeit rule will be enforced. If either partner is more than 5 minutes late (even due to participating in IEs) the critic is asked to forfeit that team immediately and so notify the tabulation room. Participants are all responsible to be present for timely topic announcements. Failure to be there on time will not result in longer preparation time. Lateness due to IE or LD participation is a risk you take by entering or double entering in IEs or NFA LD.

**Preparation Rooms:** Government teams have no preferred access rights to the use of their assigned room during the preparation period, though prepping teams must allow them access during the last five minutes of the preparation period to set up. Likewise, judges should not enter until five minutes prior to prep time elapsing. Additionally, each team is responsible for maintaining clean rooms at all times, as these same rooms are used for IE competition. Teams may be charged a steep cleaning fee if rooms are left dirty.

**Judges and Ballots:** Judge changes will be announced when possible, but in order to keep to schedule, it may be necessary to move ballots after prep time has started negating chances to notify effected parties. We hate this practice, but hate late delays more. Judges please pick up ballots in a timely manner, or your teams may be penalized or removed from competition. In fairness to teams who are encouraged to read your judging philosophies on line at [forensicstournament.com](http://forensicstournament.com), we wish to minimize pushed ballots. Such ballot pushes delay an already long day.

## INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Students may not have competed with the selections in any interscholastic competition prior to September 1, 2013. PLNU students may compete. **Students may not enter more than two events per pattern.** Due to the layout of the campus and the arrangement of the schedule, no exceptions can be made. If a student is mistakenly entered in more than two events and we are unable to clarify the error with the coach in a timely manner, we will randomly remove the student from one or more of the remaining events. In accordance with Phi Rho Pi and PSCFA regulations Duo Interp may include genres other than just drama.

LD debaters may not enter any Individual Events at all, and if they mistakenly enter they will be removed from the individual event(s) by the tournament. Extempers may double enter in IEs at their own risk, but must compete in both events in the required time frame. We do not revise Extempers' speaking times to accommodate double entry. Since we only have two preliminary rounds we will not be averaging scores for missed rounds. The following events will be offered in open and novice divisions of competition:

**Pattern A – Extemp, Informative, After Dinner Speaking, Prose, Poetry.**  
**Pattern B – Impromptu, Persuasive, CA, Drama, POI, and Duo Interp.**

**Computerized Debate or Extemp Files** – Debaters or Extemporaneous speakers may use any and all electronic information retrieval systems that are legal of course during preparation times. Attempts will be made to provide guest access to the internet through the school's servers but no assurances of such access can be guaranteed. Access has been good in recent years. This rule may be inconsistent with other governing national forensics organizations, but due to rapidly changing tech advances and the inability to effectively police transgressions of alternative restrictions, we feel this approach is more realistic. Extempers' preparation work is still to be their own of course, not coached or helped by friends, coaches or outside sources.

## **LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE**

The 2012-2013 topic will be debated. Please note that NFA L/D is a communication-oriented event, and that a description of the event, topic, and rules may be found on the web at the NFA/LD home page. **L/D debaters may NOT compete in any other IE's in Pattern A or B.** This will help the tournament run on schedule and contribute to the wellness of those involved in LD. PLNU students may compete.

## **ENTRY FEES**

The following fees will be assessed at the tournament:

\$30.00 School Fee	\$10.00 per Individual Events slot (Duo = one slot).
\$75.00 per NPDA Team	\$25.00 per LD Debater

## **JUDGING**

**Commitment** - Each Individual Events judge can cover up to five IE slots or portion thereof per pattern, and each debate judge can cover up to two NPDA teams or LD entries. Judges must be qualified to judge the level of competition at which their school's competitors are entered. Judges with any remaining eligibility in a given division are not deemed qualified to judge within that division. Teams may not strike judges. Please alert us to all judging constraints with registration, or in a separate E Mail. We need to know former coaches of your competitors, and competitors or schools which your judges cannot judge. We ask for a four year separation per NPDA requirements. If you have both IEs and LD, please let us know what your judges prefer to judge when these two conflict.

**Judging Fees** - Uncovered entries will be assessed on the following basis:

- \$10.00 per uncovered Individual Events slot.
- \$100.00 per uncovered NPDA debate team.
- \$50.00 per uncovered LD spot. LD judges may need to be assigned IE ballots from larger entry schools to help the pool to cover these events efficiently.
- \$50.00 per judge drop fee in addition to any uncovered fees for late judge drops, following the tournament entry deadline.

**Notice on Judge Shortage** - We REALLY want you to bring your judges, not your money. We will even try to hire qualified judges that you bring beyond your commitment. Please alert us to the availability of these additional judges for hire with your entry. Due to a shortage of debate judges it will be necessary for each school to cover at least your first two teams (with rare exceptions). We will attempt to find judges to cover additional teams, but we reserve the right to refuse uncovered teams. We will pay \$15.00 per NPDA debate round and \$10.00 per individual event round and NFA LD round for judges we hire. We will need your hired judges W-9s and the payment checks will be sent to hired judges within 30 days, hopefully much sooner.

**Reminder** - All judges are obligated to fulfill judging requirements. This means debate judges are needed until at least Octo-Finals and at least one round beyond their last remaining team's elimination. An individual events judge is committed through finals. Meeting your professional commitment is essential to this tournament. In the rare instance when a judge cannot attend Sunday for elimination rounds, clear it first through the tournament director. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to topic announcement time for debate and 15 minutes prior to the commencement of IE rounds. Thank you all.

## SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES

Five Sweepstakes Awards will be presented to schools in both two-year and four-year school divisions. Sweepstakes points will be based on the following formula:

- IE:            1<sup>st</sup> Place = 10 points            Finalist            = 4 points  
                  2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 8 points            Semifinalist      = 2 points  
                  3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 6 points
- LD            Double the IE formula above (based on longer speaking time, more rounds, and further restrictions against double entry placed upon LD debaters.
- NPDA:      -- Each preliminary win = 3 points, (limited to the top four teams per school per division). Teams earning less than 3 wins in NPDA debate receive no sweepstakes points.  
                  -- 2 additional points for each team advancing to the initial elimination round (regardless of how many teams per division).

## INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

Awards for the top five open competitors will be presented for the most aggregate number of sweepstakes points earned by individual events competitors. The formula used for calculating individual sweepstakes is identical to the formula used for school sweepstakes for individual events.

## DIRECTIONS

**From North or South** - Those coming to San Diego via Interstate 5, take the Sea World exit and proceed 2.4 miles and bear left at Nimitz Blvd. Proceed to the first exit beyond West Point Loma Blvd., which is Famosa/Catalina. Turn right onto Catalina. Proceed on Catalina in a somewhat southerly direction until you reach LOMALAND drive. Turn right on Lomaland – You are at PLNU!

**From the East** - For those coming via Interstate 15 or 163, take Interstate 8 West until it ends at Nimitz and follow the above directions beginning with “bear left at Nimitz Blvd.”

**From the Wyndham Garden Hotel** - proceed south on Sports Arena to Rosecrans, and turn right. Follow Rosecrans about 3 miles to Canon. Turn right on Canon and proceed on Canon to the top of the hill to Catalina, and then turn left. Move quickly into the right hand lane, and turn right at the first stoplight, which will be Lomaland. Drive up the hill and you are at PLNU!

**From the Marriott** - proceed north on Laning Road to Rosecrans, and turn left. Follow Rosecrans about 1 mile to Canon. Turn right on Canon and proceed on Canon to the top of the

hill to Catalina, and then turn left. Move quickly into the right hand lane, and turn right at the first stoplight, which will be Lomaland. Drive up the hill and you are at PLNU!

**From the Airport** - Simply head West on Harbor to the Point Loma area (directional signs at airport help), turn left on Rosecrans, right on Canon and see above directions from the tournament hotel from there.

## **PARKING**

Stop at the main gate as you enter the campus. You will be directed to the commuter parking lot and will be given a map of the campus. Please do not use the main commuter lot on Sunday Morning. We must reserve it for the use of First Church members, per our university's contractual agreement for shared use of facilities between the University and First Church. There are many other free parking spaces.

## **FINAL NOTE**

There were some past incidents where a few students abused the campus rules, causing some minor acts of vandalism of school property and converting an unused room into a smoking lounge. In subsequent years, we have had increasing difficulty securing permission for the use of several rooms we needed based on these incidents. Further such transgressions may imperil our ability to offer this tournament at all in future years. Please encourage your teams to respect the rules and the facilities. Please also alert us to any problems you observe early enough for us to resolve them before potentially irate professors or staffers discover them on Monday. Thanks so much for your cooperation. Please also do not move any furniture between rooms, and do not attempt to relocate any podiums, tables, etc. that are wired in place. It is very expensive to have these repositioned and reconnected.

**POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY POLICY PROHIBITS THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AND/OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, OR SMOKING ON CAMPUS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION**

## **Hotel/Motel Lodging Information**

We are recommending two hotels that we will designate as the primary tournament hotels. One is the former Holiday Inn, now called **The Mission Plaza Hotel and Suites** and the other is new and quite impressive **Courtyard by Marriot/Liberty Station.** They are described in greater detail below.

### **Courtyard by Marriot/Liberty Station (a tournament hotel)**

**King, or Queen/Queen - \$109 (negotiated down from their standard \$169-\$229).** The **Courtyard** hotel is a fairly new property built in Liberty Station (a new shopping/dining development) on Rosecrans Blvd. It is closer to campus and the airport, and is quite impressive. They have drastically reduced their normal prices to entice our business. At \$109 this is a tremendous hotel value in San Diego. The depressed economy is at least allowing us to offer nice locations at affordable rates. You will be very impressed with this property. It is a step above most tournament hotels, for a reasonable rate. We will post the breaks at this hotel Saturday night to better accommodate your dinner plans. **The Courtyard** sales director asked me to include their top ten reasons to stay at the Marriot.

1. Upscale Waterfront Hotel
2. Ideal Location, Less Than 2.2 miles from PLNU ☺
3. ½ mile from the San Diego Airport

4. Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service
5. Complimentary High Speed Internet Access
6. Complimentary Upgrade for Team Coaches
7. Multiple Restaurants in Walking Distance and Adjacent to Waterfront Park
8. Room Service Offering an Extended Menu
9. Full Service Restaurant Serving Breakfast and Dinner
10. Waterside Deli featuring Starbucks Coffee and Fresh Panini Sandwiches

For reservations please contact the **Courtyard by Marriot** directly at 619.221.1900 and ask for our special tournament rate for the “**Sunset Cliffs Classic**” group rate &/or group code “**SCC**”. Or ask for Sales Coordinator Chelsea Carone. A web link should be provided shortly.

**Wyndham Garden San Diego Hotel and Suites. (also a tournament hotel)**

**\$70\*/night for a standard rooms (sleeps up to 4), \$85 per suite (sleeps more than 4).**

The Wyndham Garden has many amenities (such as refrigerators, microwaves, hair dryers, irons, etc), is in walking distance to many fun restaurants, is fairly close to the campus, and we will post the breaks on line with the forensicstournament.com site on Saturday night so you need not delay dinner plans to see who breaks. These are excellent rates for the San Diego Hotel market. Some suites, though higher than the standard rooms, allow for two queen beds and a foldaway sofa sleeper allowing maximum utilization of the suites. To book rooms with the **Wyndham Gardens** please call directly at 619.881.6100 or Dora (619) 881-6167. We should have a web link page provided by the hotel soon.

**Comfort Suites Mission Valley:**

General Manager Elizabeth Ming 619.881.4001, has asked us to add this centrally located property to the list of tournament hotels. She loves working with the forensics community from past hotel experiences. They have many nice suites in this recently refurbished property located in Hotel Circle on the I-8, which allow you to save money by housing more students in these rooms with pull out couches, and they also have a buffet included in the price, as well as complimentary internet access. Suites have refrigerators, micro waves and two TVs. Heated pool and well equipped work out center.

King Suites with a fold out couch can sleep up to four, for \$80.00, and King plus bunk beds or the double double suites with a fold out couch sleeping 4-6, runs \$87.00.

Reservations can be made directly by calling 619.881.4000 and ask for the Point Loma Nazarene discount Rate.