

WARRIOR INVITATIONAL

May 25th, 2013

Hello Fellow Coaches!

Ygnacio Valley High School invites you to the Warrior Invitational to be held at Ygnacio Valley in Concord, California on Saturday, May 25th, 2013. We will offer a full day of Individual Events and Debate for **Novice** students, as well as some supplemental events for Varsity students. Entry website is located here;
<http://www.forensicstournament.net/Warrior13/13/home/>

You will find the usual events lined up for your pleasure with the same interesting twists that make the Warrior Invitational unique.

- First and foremost, ***all interpretation events will be book optional*** where judges are not to penalize students for performing with a script in hand.
- There will be ***Supplemental Events*** at this year's tournament: Music Lyric Interpretation – Put an interpretive spin on your favorite songs. 5-7 minutes in length and a reduced entry fee. We are also offering Original DUO and Speech to Entertain. See Event Descriptions for specific details.
- Contestants in the final round of Duo Interpretation will be permitted to adorn any thematic attire desirable (Translation: they're allowed to wear costumes!).
- For additional variations please read the entire invite carefully, paying special attention to the *Event Descriptions* for some minor twists and turns like those mentioned above.
- A fun Forensic Warrior Challenge, special recognition for top performing students who compete in at least three events.

While these small changes are meant to create a fun and exciting atmosphere it will not deter from the competitive nature of Forensics competition, nor will it prohibit students from increasing their education in communication.

Your students will get a taste of Alabama without the plane ride. We will be using the national topics for Policy, LD, and Public Forum. A variety of current topics for Congress and in Parliamentary Debate we will be using a variety of policy, value, and metaphor topics. The National topics will be announced on www.nationalforensicsleague.org on May 1st.

We are running a one day tournament, packed with lots of options for your Novice students; there are even some options for your Varsity students as well. Please see the attached schedule to see how the patterns will run. Novice students are allowed to enter in any event we offer. Varsity students may participate in the Supplemental events only.

We offer the following speaking events;

Informative (Expository)
Persuasive (Oratory/Advocacy)
Extemporaneous (National/International)
Impromptu
Oratorical Interp
Interpretation (Dramatic/Humorous combined)
Duo Interp

The supplemental events are as follows;

Original Duo Interp: This event allows competitors to write their own two person interpretation piece. Students may also take several different published pieces and weave them together creating an original arrangement (every piece should be identified in the intro). Novice and Varsity students may compete in the event and may be mixed (Novice and Varsity partners). Finalists may wear costumes in the final round.

Speech to Entertain: This event is borrowed from college competition. Students present a humorous speech on a semi-serious topic. This is not a stand-up comedy routine. Since this is the first time most high school students have seen this event, they may use a speech that they are currently using and edit it to be humorous (student may use the same topic to compete in Informative/Persuasive and Speech to Entertain, but they should not be the same speech). Novice and Varsity students may compete in this event, there are no divisions.

Musical Interpretation: Put an interpretive spin on your favorite music lyrics. Competitors may use as many songs as they want. Pieces should be about 5-7 minutes in length. Anyone can compete including judges and coaches. This is truly a community event.

Debate Events:

Policy: We will use the 2012-2013 topic- Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its transportation infrastructure investment in the United States.

Lincoln-Douglas: We will use the NFL Nationals topic to be released May 1.

Public Forum: We will use the NFL Nationals topic to be released May 1.

Congress: Bills will be posted May 1.

Parliamentary Debate: We will use a variety of metaphor, value, and policy topics.

Patterns: Students may triple-enter (at their own peril) in individual events and supplemental, single enter in the debate pattern. Students who are competing in

Supplemental events may not double enter in debate. Students who are competing in Congress may not compete in Individual Events.

Judging: For speaking events, supplemental, and Congress the judging ratio is 1 to 8 entries. For all debate events the ratio is 1 to 2 entries. This is a novice tournament, so bring your Varsity competitors to judge. Please note that if your Varsity students are judging and competing, we will still need to cover your entries. If this is a problem let us know! We prefer to have your judges than your money. Uncovered entries will be charged \$30.

Middle School entries: Your middle school teams are more than welcome to come and compete. This may be the only opportunity to get practice with the nationals' topic before heading out to Alabama.

AWARDS: Everyone loves hardware and we will be giving a bunch out.

- Elimination rounds: Every team with a winning record will advance to eliminations. We will hold two elimination rounds with both members of the team taking home a medal.
- Speaker Awards: We will recognize the top 5 speakers in every division.
- Finalists: We will recognize
- Sweepstakes Awards: We will recognize the top 3 school in two divisions; small schools and large schools (15+ entries).
- Warrior Challenge: The top 5 forensic warriors will receive awards.

Limits: Currently we have no entry limits in any event. Novices should be in their first year, or second year if they have very limited experience. Middle School teams are welcome to compete.

Forensic Warrior Challenge: This contest allows your students who triple enter, (in any event) to be recognized based on their performance. The top three will be recognized with an additional award and everyone who participates will receive a souvenir for participating. In addition to the normal event entry fees there is a \$10 to do the challenge.

Hospitality: We will be serving food and other snacks all day. There are a couple places nearby (Chipotle, Subway, Round Table Pizza, independent deli), but we will only have a short lunch break built in to the schedule. You are more than welcome to have things picked-up or delivered to the campus. For the sake of the tournament, students are advised not to leave the campus for lunch.

We look forward to seeing you at the tournament.

Ygnacio Valley and Northgate High Schools.