

FALCON FORENSIC CLASSIC

Bowling Green State University

Dear Forensics Friends:

The Bowling Green State University Forensics, Speech & Debate Team and Ohio Eta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta (PKD) cordially invite you to attend our **65th annual "BGSU Falcon Forensic Classic"** Tournament to be held on **Saturday, November 15, 2008** as the first day of the "Falcon N. Yeomen Swing" with Oberlin College on Sunday, the 16th. Yes, at BGSU, the early bird does get the worm! ... and has ever since we first started hosting I.E. tournaments back in 1943! Though the names and dates have changed, the spirit is the same. In addition to the fun and early forensic experience, we will be offering open competition in all events as well as top novice & PKD awards per event, Lincoln/Douglas Debate, plus the NFA experimental category of Biographical Informative. We hope you will include us in your 2008-2009 tournament plans!

This year's tournament features:

- Two preliminary rounds and finals of competition in all eleven N.F.A./A.F.A.-N.I.E.T. events.
- Educational (non-scored) balloting (in addition to normal ballots) offering additional constructive feedback.
- Team Sweepstakes awards for the top three teams in two divisions (based on entry size).
- An adjudication award for quality, constructive criticism on ballots.
- Quadrathon competition for individual sweepstakes.
- Awards for the top six finalists, top novice per event and top four in Quadrathon.
- PKD awards for the top member per event.
- EDITORIAL IMPROMPTU SPEAKING (EIS) as our experimental event (NFA Experimental Event).
- Unlimited team entry per event.
- A one-hour lunch/snack break! (We are big into Forensics Health!)
- Students may triple enter in each flight!
- Lincoln/Douglas Debate

Due to limited adjudication resources, we reserve the right to organize sections to make use of all judges. Registration begins at 7:00 am. on Saturday in the 1st Floor Lobby, Education Building. LD round I begins at 8:00 am., Extemp. draw at 9:00 am. and IE Rounds at 9:30 am. **Entries should be phoned or emailed by Tuesday, November 10, 2008 before 4:00 pm.**

Please join us as we continue our commitment to quality competition in Forensics & Debate. If you would like a hard copy of this online invitation, please email us. On behalf of the Bowling Green State University Forensics & Debate Team and Pi Kappa Delta, we look forward to seeing you in November!

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

BGSU PARTICIPATION:

BGSU will have team members participating in the tournament, and shall be eligible to advance to finals. However, BGSU will be ineligible for team sweepstakes awards with the exception of PKD awards. BGSU faculty with a minimum M.A. degree in communication, literature, theatre, journalism or related fields shall serve as hired judges.

AWARDS:

Awards will be given to the top finalists in each event and the top four contestants in Quadrathon. There will be two divisions of team sweepstakes awards (based on entry size). The top three teams in each division (large and small entries) will receive awards. The top novice per event will be recognized. PKD awards will be offered for the top PKD speaker per event as well as the top three PKD teams. An additional award will be presented to the judge who offers the highest quality constructive comments on ballots as evaluated by the tab room staff. Biographical Informative and Lincoln/Douglas Debate will not be included in sweepstakes consideration.

QUADRATHON:

Any student entered in four or more events will be eligible for Quadrathon Individual Sweepstakes. A Quadrathon entry must contain at least one public address event and one interpretation event. Only the contestant's four highest scoring events will count toward Quadrathon. Editorial Impromptu & Lincoln/Douglas debate will not be included in Quadrathon consideration.

ENTRIES:

Schools may enter an unlimited number of contestants per event. However, if the entry is so large that the school cannot fulfill judging obligations, we reserve the right to schedule rounds in order to use your judges. Depending upon event size, it is possible that students from the same school may compete against each other.

Entries must be phoned, mailed or E-mailed by Monday, November 10, 2008 at 4:00 (due to the holiday on Tuesday). (Entries for the Yeomen are due at this time as well. Please note the nuisance fee for changes between tournaments. Please send both registrations to BGSU. All schools will receive a confirmation email.)

JUDGING:

One judge is required for every six I.E. slots or fraction thereof or two LD slots. All judges are expected to be knowledgeable of pertinent rules and will be asked to offer substantial justification for rank and rate. Please make every attempt to bring enough judges to cover your entry, as there is a limited pool of hired experienced judges available in the Bowling Green area. All judges are expected to be available for out rounds.

TOURNAMENT FEES:

Entries are \$7.00 per slot, plus \$12.00 per uncovered slot and \$15.00 per LD slot, plus \$50 per uncovered LD slot. Drops/adds/changes made after the registration deadline will be assessed an additional \$15.00 nuisance fee (\$25 per slot if changes are made between portions of the swing. Judges dropped after the entry deadline will be assessed a \$100.00 charge, plus the cost of their uncovered slots. All fees are due at registration. Checks may be made out to Pi Kappa Delta.

PI KAPPA DELTA:

We would like to extend a special invitation to all Pi Kappa Delta (PKD) member schools and those interested in finding out more about the organization.

PARKING AND MEALS:

Parking is available adjacent to tournament buildings. All rounds will be held in 1-3 close buildings for your convenience. A parking permit will be provided with your email confirmation. Multiple fast food joints can be found within a few moment's drive as well as grocery stores, Meijers and a Wal-mart. Our Bowen-Thompson Student Union has a fine variety of foods for your enjoyment.

DIRECTIONS:

B.G.S.U. is located 30 minutes south of Toledo on I-75 South. The campus can be easily seen from the highway and resides on Wooster Street. The campus may also be reached via Ohio Route 25, which becomes Main Street and connects with Wooster. **Mapquest.com**® provides detailed and accurate maps, including the campus. The Education Building is located just off Wooster Street. Set your GPS to 114 Education Building, BGSU, Bowling Green, Ohio, 43403.

LODGING:

Since the tournament starts early on Saturday morning, we recommend that you come out on Friday and enjoy the hospitality of one of our local motels. All accommodations are adjacent to the BGSU campus, just off Wooster Street. As is the case with smaller cities, room availability is limited, so reserve early. Expect rates to range from \$50-\$90 per night. There is no specified "tournament hotel", but let them know it is a BGSU event as most establishments have a reduced BGSU EVENT RATE. Local lodging:

HAMPTON INN

142 Campbell Hill Road (419-353-3464)

Amenities: Indoor Pool, Continental Breakfast, AAA Affiliated

VICTORY INN & SUITES

1630 E. Wooster (419-352-2521)

Amenities: Indoor Pool, Continental Breakfast, AAA Affiliated, BGSU Guest rate

BEST WESTERN

1450 E. Wooster (1-800-528-1234 or 419-352-4671)

Amenities: Indoor Pool, Continental Breakfast, AAA Affiliated

KNIGHTS INN

1550 E. Wooster (1-800-329-7466 or 419-352-5211)

Amenities: Indoor Pool, Continental Breakfast, AAA Affiliated, BGSU Guest rate

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

2150 E. Wooster (419-353-5500)

Amenities: Indoor Pool, Continental Breakfast, AAA Affiliated

For additional lodging, consider Perrysburg (Best Western & Days Inn) as well as Maumee/Rossford (Courtyard Toledo, Super 8, Fairfield Inn, Studio Plus, Country Inn & Suites, Hampton Inn, Comfort Inn and AmeriHost Inn).

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

7:00-8:00 am Registration (Education Building, 1st Floor)

8:00 Round 1 of Lincoln/Douglas Debate

9:00 Extemp. Draw

9:30 Round One of Group A

10:30 Extemp. Draw

11:00 Round Two of Group A

12:00 Lunch/Snack Break & Round 2 of Lincoln/Douglas Debate

1:00 Round One of Group B & Round 3 of Lincoln/Douglas Debate

2:30 Round Two of Group B & Round 4 of Lincoln/Douglas Debate

3:30 Extemp. Draw for Finals (Postings in Education Main Lobby)

4:00 Finals of Group A & Lincoln/Douglas Debate Semi-Finals

5:30 Finals of Group B & Lincoln/Douglas Debate Finals

7:30 Entertainment & Social Time

8:00 Awards

EVENT GROUPINGS:

Group A

Extemporaneous Speaking, Prose Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Poetry Interpretation, Communication Analysis & Editorial Impromptu Speaking

Group B

Impromptu Speaking, Duo Interpretation, Persuasion, Programmed Oral Interpretation, After Dinner Speaking, Dramatic Interpretation & Lincoln/Douglas Debate

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS:

All events are governed by a combination of N.F.A. & A.F.A./N.I.E.T. (POI) rules, with the exception of the experimental event. Material and speeches must be new to the academic year. Students may enter a maximum of three events per grouping. Two DUOs count as two events in Group B. Lincoln/Douglas Debaters may only enter one I.E. event in Group B.

[EXT] EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

For each round, contestants will select one of three topics on a current national, international, economic, or social issue/event. The contestant will have 30 minutes to prepare a 5-7 minute speech on the topic selected. Notes are permissible, but should be kept to a minimum. 7 minute maximum time limit.

[PRO] PROSE INTERPRETATION

The contestant will present a program of prose literature. Original introductory comments and transitional remarks are permitted. Programs may consist of single or multiple selections in 1st, 2nd or 3rd person. Plays are not permitted and manuscript is required. 8-10 minute time limit.

[INF] INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

The contestant will deliver a memorized original factual speech on a realistic subject to fulfill a general information need of the audience. Visual/auditory aids which supplement/reinforce the message are permitted. 8-10 minute time limit.

[POE] POETRY INTERPRETATION

The contestant will present a program of poetic literature. Original introductory comments and/or transitions are permitted. Programs may consist of single or multiple selections. Manuscripts are required. 8-10 minute time limit.

[RCA] RHETORICAL/COMMUNICATION ANALYSIS

Contestants will deliver a memorized original critical analysis of any significant communication event. Any legitimate critical methodology is permissible, as long as it serves to open up the communication event for analysis. 8-10 minute time limit.

[EIS] EDITORIAL IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

Contestants receive editorials (contemporary or period) from which to create an analytical speech. A total of 8 minutes may be divided between preparation and speaking (the added minute is to provide greater opportunity to read and consider the editorial). Contestants should speak at least 3 minutes. All contestants in the same section will receive the same editorial topic stimulus. 8 minute maximum time limit. Please review the NFA event description for further clarification.

[IMP] IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

Contestants receive quotations and/or cartoons from which to create an analytical speech. A total of 7 minutes may be divided between preparation and speaking. Contestants should speak at least 3 minutes. All contestants in the same section will receive the same topic stimulus. 7 minute maximum time limit.

[DUO] DUO INTERPRETATION

Contestants will perform a cutting from a play, humorous or serious, is presented by two individuals. This is not an acting event; thus, costumes, props, etc. are not permitted. Manuscript is required and focus should be offstage. 8-10 minute time limit.

[PER] PERSUASION

Contestants will deliver an original memorized speech to convince, move to action, or to inspire on an issue of significance. 8-10 minute time limit.

[POI] PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION

A program of thematically linked selections of literary merit selected from at least 2 of the 3 genres of competitive interpretation (prose, poetry, drama). Nontraditional material may also be included. Original comments and/or transitions are permitted. Manuscripts are required. 8-10 minute time limit.

[ADS] AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

Each contestant will present an original memorized speech with the purpose of making a serious point through the use of humor. The speech should reflect the spirit of a humorous, comedic speech, not a stand-up comedy routine. 8-10 minute time limit.

[L/D] LINCOLN/DOUGLAS DEBATE

This is a two-person debate format following N.F.A. rules. Debaters must use the current N.F.A. resolution. Lincoln/Douglas Debate is a policy-oriented debate focusing on stock issues of harm, inherency & solvency. Speakers will either alternate or flip for affirmative or negative speaker. Debaters may only enter one I.E. event in Group B.

Format/Time Limits:

- [6 MIN] Affirmative Constructive
- [3 MIN] Negative Cross Examination
- [7 MIN] Negative Constructive
- [3 MIN] Affirmative Cross Examination

[6 MIN] Affirmative Rebuttal
[6 MIN] Negative Rebuttal
[3 MIN] Affirmative Rebuttal/Closing Remarks
[4 MIN] Prep. Time per Debater

Each debater has the option to save up to 1 minute of cross examination time for use at the conclusion of any speech in the course of the debate. The 15 minute forfeit rule will be in force.

[SDI] SINGLE DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

Contestants present a cutting, which represents one or more characters from a play or plays of literary merit. This material may be drawn from stage, screen, or radio. Original introductory comments and/or transitions are permitted. Programs may consist of single or multiple selections. Manuscripts are required. 8-10 minute time limit

Creativity and experimentation are strongly encouraged. Judging emphasis should be placed on presentation quality over adherence to formula approaches. Event descriptions and judging guidelines will be available at the ballot table.