

ON YOUR LAST LEG SWING
Texas State University & Prairie View A&M University

February 5, 2014

Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to invite you to the beautiful campus of Texas State University in San Marcos, TX on February 22 and 23, 2014. Due to the cancelation of the University of Houston tournament originally scheduled for February 14-16, the programs at Texas State University and Prairie View A&M University have decided to swing together to ensure an additional tournament is available for surrounding programs. All 11 AFA individual events will be offered for both portions of the swing. If there is enough interest we will also host a concurrent NFA LD tournament during the Saturday IE tournament.

Entries for both halves are due via email no later than Tuesday, February 18th, 2014 at 5PM. We hope to see you and your teams in San Marcos later this month.

Sincerely,

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

ENTRIES

Please email your entry to Brianne Giese at bg1206@txstate.edu by 5:00pm on Tuesday, February 18th, 2014. There is no limit on the number of students a school may enter per event however the tournament directors do reserve the right to restrict entries as available judging will allow. Students may enter no more than three events per pattern at each half. Students entered in multiple events are responsible for notifying their judges, and judges will not wait past the scheduled times for students who are cross-entered. Individual events for both halves will have 2 rounds and a final.

NO ADDS AT REGISTRATION – NO EXCEPTIONS. Substitutions do not count as adds or drops if it is in the same event. Since the programs at Texas State and Prairie View A&M are swinging this tournament as a service to the community in light of scarce tournament availability during the spring semester in our area, if the AFA requirement of 9 participating schools is not met by Wednesday, February 19th at 12 PM the tournament directors reserve the right to cancel the tournament.

JUDGES

Each team is expected to bring one qualified judge for every six slots entered in the tournament. A very limited number of hired judges will be available for uncovered individual event slots.

FEES

Entry fees for the tournament are \$5.00 per slot per tournament. Each judge, as previously mentioned, covers six individual event slots per tournament. Uncovered slots will be an additional \$15 per slot. **Any drops or changes must be submitted no later than Wednesday, February 19th, 2014 at 12 PM to avoid drop fees.** After this time we will impose a late drop fee of an additional \$15 per IE slot. A judge drop after the deadline will impose a \$25 penalty. IE slots dropped on the day of registration will impose an additional \$25 penalty. Judges dropped on the day of registration will impose a \$50 penalty. Judges who fail to pick up ballots will be imposed a \$25 penalty and students will not be advanced to out rounds from the judges school until this penalty is paid. Payment is strongly preferred in cash.

TOURNAMENT RULES

No prepared event may have been used in competition prior to this academic year.

AFA-NIET event descriptions will govern over the following categories: Prose, Poetry, Informative, Persuasive, Dramatic, Duo, After-Dinner, Communication Analysis, Extemporaneous, Impromptu, and POI.

JUDGES WHO FAIL TO PICK UP THEIR BALLOTS WILL RENDER ALL CONTESTANTS FROM THEIR SCHOOL INELIGIBLE FOR ELIMINATION ROUNDS.

LODGING

For hotel options you can check out the San Marcos Visitor and Convention page at <http://www.toursanmarcos.com/node/66>

Please contact Brienne Giese directly for if you have questions or need additional hotel information.

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS

To Centennial Hall on the Texas State University-San Marcos campus: From Interstate 35 take the Aquarena Springs exit. Follow the service road to Aquarena Springs and turn right (or left if you are coming from the south).

Proceed on Aquarena Springs until you cross the San Marcos River. Once you cross the river make an immediate right on Sessoms. Follow Sessoms up the hill and the second traffic light will be North LBJ. Make a left on North LBJ and enter the campus. The Texas State campus is usually a closed campus, but on weekends you do not need to stop at the guard booth at the North LBJ entrance to obtain a parking permit. Go one block to the stop sign and you will see a parking garage. The garage is attached to Centennial Hall. Proceed to the top of the parking garage. Registration is on the Second Floor Lobby.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Texas State Portion, Saturday, February 22, 2014

Pattern A: Extemp, Persuasion, ADS, CA, DI, Poetry

Pattern B: Prose, Informative, Impromptu, POI, DUO

7:00 AM Registration

8:00 AM Extemp Draw

8:30 AM Round I Pattern A

10:00 AM Round I Pattern B

12:00 Noon Extemp Draw

12:30 PM Round II Pattern A

2:00 PM Round II Pattern B

3:15 PM Extemp Draw

3:45 PM Finals Set 1

5:15 PM Finals Set 2

6:45 PM or ASAP Awards Assembly

*Schedule will be accelerated when possible

Prairie View A&M Portion, Sunday, February 23, 2014

Pattern A: Extemp, Persuasion, ADS, CA, DI, Poetry

Pattern B: Prose, Informative, Impromptu, POI, Duo

8:00 AM Extemp Draw

8:30 AM Round I Pattern A

10:00 AM Round I Pattern B

12:00 Noon Extemp Draw

12:30 PM Round II Pattern A

2:00 PM Round II Pattern B

3:15 PM Extemp Draw

3:45 PM Finals Set 1

5:15 PM Finals Set 2

6:45 PM or ASAP Awards Assembly

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