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DEBATE AND SPEECH

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On behalf of The University of Oregon Speech and Debate Program, we are pleased to invite you to the 2010 Robert D. Clark Invitational Forensics Tournament (formerly 'Bower Aly'). The tournament will be held at the University of Oregon, Thursday, February 25th – Saturday, February 27th. Please read the following invitation very carefully, as we have made a few changes this year.

If you should have any questions regarding this invitation or the tournament itself, please do not hesitate to contact us:

Hailey Sheldon: hsheldon@uoregon.edu

We thank you for your continued attendance and support of our program, and look forward to another great weekend in Eugene!

Best,
David Frank, Director of Forensics
Erin Farris, Co-Director
Hailey Sheldon, Assistant

Registration:

All entries must be submitted online at www.forensicstournament.net. You may already have an account – if not, creating one is simple and fast. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS WEBSITE.** Please do not email or fax your entries.

Please register no later than 5:00pm on Friday, February 19th. You will be able to make changes to your entry online until 5:00pm on Tuesday, February 23rd. A non-negotiable late fee of 25% of the TOTAL entry for your school will be assessed for late entries. There will be no exceptions to this fee. Alterations to registration can be made at www.forensicstournament.net without penalty. However, please help us provide an efficient and quality tournament by giving us the time we need to make accommodations.

The exact location of the tournament on the UO campus is TBA. Tournament registration will begin on Thursday morning at 10:00am (location TBA). We will gladly accept both debate and IE entries at this time, although Thursday is debate competition only. Registration ends at 11:30am when debate rounds begin. There will be a second registration for schools with IE's only on Friday morning, from 8:00am-9:00am (location TBA).

Event Information:

We offer Junior and Open divisions for CX, LD, Public, and each Individual Event. We will use the national CX topic and the March NFL LD topic. Topic areas for Public Debate will be posted on forensicstournament.net, on February 11th. All winning records in debate events will advance to elimination rounds.

Public Debate resolutions will be centrally-announced 20 minutes before the round begins. Topic announce will take place in the Ballroom. There will be no printed materials or prep-time allowed in the debating chamber though we encourage students to use any and all available materials to prep before the round, including but not limited to: coaches, other teams, magazines, newspapers, Extemp tubs, computers, online resources, random college students, etc. To clarify, ANY materials may be used to prepare before public debate.

We will be offering Student Congress, which will conflict with all other events. There is **NO DOUBLE ENTRY** for Student Congress participants. Congress bills may be posted and reviewed on forensicstournament.net, beginning February 11th.

All IE's will follow OSAA rules. There is NO DOUBLE ENTRY across IE patterns, meaning that a student can be entered in a maximum of ONE event in each pattern.

IE Patterns:

Pattern A: Extemporaneous, Expository, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation

Pattern B: Oratory, Serious Interpretation, Impromptu, After Dinner Speaking, Radio

Judge Information:

One judge covers 2 debate teams or 4 LD entries, and 5 IE slots. No school may enter without providing at LEAST 2 judges qualified to critique all event styles entered. WE WANT YOUR JUDGES MORE THAN YOUR MONEY!

If judges do not show up for EVERY ROUND they are committed for, we will assess fees as if the judge were not present, as well as an additional fee of 25% the cost of hiring another judge. We expect schools to be accountable for their promised critics.

Entry Fees:

We will accept substitutions up until registration. We will not refund fees after 5:00pm Tuesday, February 23rd. No cash will be available for change on checks or purchase orders that exceed entry fees.

Fees will be calculated as follows:

School Fee: \$35.00

CX Team: \$12/each

Public Team: \$12/each

LD Entry: \$12/each

Congress Entry: \$10/each

IE Slot: \$8/each

Additional uncovered fees will be calculated as follows:

CX/Public Team: \$100/each

LD Entry: \$50/each

IE Slot/Congress Entry: \$15/each

PLEASE double-check entries for accuracy, because after the registration deadline there will be little we can do to adjust fees for drops.

PLEASE DISCUSS JUDGE OBLIGATIONS WITH ALL OF YOUR CRITICS FOR THE WEEKEND.

Awards:

Awards will be presented to all IE finalists and all advancing debaters.

We will be awarding our annual UO Student Scholarship, so please have all interested seniors write an essay detailing why Forensics is important to them and what they could bring to the Forensics team at the University of Oregon. Submit them to Erin Farris at elfarris@gmail.com by Tuesday February 16th.

We will award ten \$100 scholarships for our Oregon Debate and Speech Summer Institute. A school or an individual may apply for one of these ten scholarships; only one scholarship will be awarded per school.

Please submit requests to Hailey Sheldon at hsheldon@uoregon.edu

The awards ceremony will begin with the winning Open ADS contestant performing his/her speech. Please notify all ADS contestants of this opportunity.

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you in Eugene!