

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that the CSU-Pueblo Forensics Team invites you to attend the Rocky Mountain Classic. We will be offering a full-service tournament including a Friday I.E. tournament offering all 11 AFA individual events and a Saturday-Sunday NPDA tournament. You can easily get to Pueblo from the Denver, Colorado Springs, or Pueblo airports. The city of Pueblo is hosting its annual Chile and Frijole festival beginning Friday. We recommend this for those that like green chile and get in early, and the festival is also open until midnight on Friday and Saturday. We are working hard to make your experience as enjoyable as possible. Some of the tournament features you can expect are:

- Open and novice divisions where entries warrant
- Accessible campus and no parking passes necessary
- Seasoned Tab staff with Dr. Mike Middleton and Jeannie Hunt
- Pueblo Chile Festival! <http://pueblochilefestivalinfo.com/>
- Continental breakfast available Saturday & Sunday at the tournament
- Brackets will be broken in elimination rounds
- Debate quarterfinals through finals will be recorded and available online after the tournament

For more information, do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail or phone.

Sincerely,

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Tournament Schedule

Friday, September 23rd

11:00AM - 12:00 PM – Registration – Psychology 106

12:15 – Opening assembly

12:30 PM – Extemp Draw

1:00-2:15 – Pattern A, Round 1 (EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)

2:15-3:30 – Pattern B, Round 1 (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

3:30-4:45 – Pattern B, Round 2 (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

4:45-5:30 Dinner

5:15 – Extemp Draw

5:30- 6:45 – Pattern A, Round 2 (EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)

6:45-8:00 – Pattern B Finals (IMP, PER, CA, DRA, POI, DUO)

8:00 Extemp Draw

8:15-9:30 – Pattern A Finals (EXT, INF, ADS, PRO, POE)

9:30 Awards

*For those only competing in the debate tournament, registration will occur from 6-9pm at the tournament hotel Friday night.

Saturday, September 24

8:45 – Opening Assembly

9:00 – Round 1 (preset)

10:30 – Round 2 (preset)

12:00 – LUNCH

1:00 – Round 3

3:00 – Round 4

5:00 – Round 5

6:30 – DINNER

7:30 – Round 6

Sunday, September 25

9:00 – Doubles

11:00 – Octos

1:00 – LUNCH

1:45 – Awards

2:00 – Quarters

4:00 – Semis

6:00 – Finals

Entries & Fees

Entry Deadline: Early entries are appreciated! All entries must be received by Friday, Sept. 16th by 5:00 pm MST. This deadline is necessary for the compilation of strike sheets and food orders. Entries will be taken electronically at <http://www.forensicstournament.net>. Schools may drop events without penalty until Monday, Sept. 19th 5:00 pm MST. For open parliamentary debate, strikes need to be submitted by Wednesday, Sept. 21st 3:00 pm MST.

Fees:

\$60 each debate team

\$10 each IE slot

Meals:

\$25 per person, which covers breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday, and breakfast and lunch Sunday

*If you are competing in the Friday IE tournament, please add \$5 per person to cover lunch Friday

\$50 per each late drop

Fees will be assessed Monday, Sept. 19 at 5:00 pm MST.

Please make all checks payable to CSU-Pueblo Forensics Team. We can take cash or checks at this time; we are hoping to be able to take credit card payments in the future.

Judging Commitments: Each judge covers 2 debate entries for NPDA and 5 individual event slots per pattern. Uncovered judging fees will be \$150 per uncovered debate team and \$20 per uncovered individual event slot. We would rather have your judges than your money, so please bring judges to cover your commitment. Please let me know if you would like to be hired for judging.

IE Tournament Procedures

We will be offering novice and open divisions of all AFA individual events. Open and novice divisions may collapse if there are not enough entries to run both divisions. Students may not enter more than three events per pattern. It is the sole responsibility of the competitors to complete all events in the given time. One judge will cover 5 individual event slots per pattern.

Registration: On-site registration will take place at CSU-Pueblo in Psychology 106 from 11:00-12:00pm for all IE squads.

Awards: Individual awards will be presented to 1st-3rd place and certificates for 4th-6th place.

NPDA Tournament Procedures

Unless otherwise specified, NPDA tournament guidelines will govern the tournament's operating procedures. The tournament director reserves the right to make any decisions necessary to facilitate the timely and accurate completion of the tournament. At the end of preliminary rounds, the maximum number of teams according to NPDA bylaws will advance to elimination rounds. Teams advance first based on win/loss record, then adjusted speaker points, then total speaker points, then judge variance. Brackets will be broken in elimination rounds.

Registration: Registration will occur at the Wingate Friday, September 23 from 6pm-9pm in the conference room in the main lobby.

Judging Philosophies: All debate judges must enter a judging philosophy on Forensics Tournament by Monday, September 19 at 5:00pm MST. Schools failing to enter their judges' philosophies will forfeit the right to complete strikes and/or be required to pay a nuisance fee. Please enter philosophies when you enter your judges to ensure that other schools have access to information so that they can make appropriate decisions concerning their strikes.

Judging Obligations: Judges are asked to adjudicate all rounds in a fair and open-minded manner, awarding a win and a loss and speaker points appropriate to the quality of the teams judged. Judges will be expected to judge all preliminary rounds and through the first full elimination round. After that point, judges will be expected to judge one round past the elimination of their teams. Judges are asked to forfeit teams not ready to debate 25 minutes after topic is announced.

Judge Disclosure & Feedback: Judges should disclose their decisions and may provide commentary after rounds, but please conduct such commentary after the ballot has been returned by email. We will be attempting to power-match every round without lagging, so a prompt return ensures that the tournament stays on time. A warm room of results will be provided on parlitournament.com.

Awards: Individual awards will be presented to the top 10 open speakers and top 5 novice speakers. Additionally, awards (one per team) will be presented to all teams who advance to the quarterfinal round and beyond.

Strikes & Constraints: An appropriate number of strikes will be awarded for teams that have submitted judging philosophies online. Strike sheets will be emailed after the entry deadline passes.

Lodging

It is very important that you book your hotel rooms as soon as possible. Because of the Chile Festival, hotels are booking up very quickly, and rates are continuing to increase. I've reserved a hotel block at the Wingate, which is just down the street from campus.

Wingate by Wyndam \$119 per night, 719-586-9000, 4711 N Elizabeth, Pueblo CO 81008. When booking your rooms, be sure to mention "CSU-Pueblo Debate" in order to get the discounted rate.

Additional lodging options:

Motel 6, 719-543-6221, 4103 N Elizabeth, Pueblo CO 81008

Ramada Inn, 719-544-4700, 4703 N Fwy Rd, Pueblo CO 81008

Days Inn Pueblo, 719-543-8031, 4201 N Elizabeth, Pueblo CO 81008

Clarion Inn, 719-543-8050, 4001 N Elizabeth, Pueblo CO 81008

Comfort Inn, 719-542-6868, 670 Eagleridge Blvd, Pueblo CO 81008

Econo Lodge, 719-542-9933, 4615 N Elizabeth, Pueblo CO 81008

Best Western Eagleridge, 719-543-4644, 4727 N Elizabeth, Pueblo CO 81008

Hampton Inn & Suites, 719-543-6500, 4790 Eagleridge Circle, Pueblo CO 81008

Holiday Inn Express, 719-542-8888, 4530 Dillon Dr, Pueblo CO 81008

Campus Information

Tournament Location: CSU-Pueblo is located at 2200 Bonforte Blvd, Pueblo, CO 81001. The tournament headquarters will be the Psychology Building.

Link to campus map: <http://www.csupueblo.edu/maps/PublishingImages/CampusMap.jpg>

Buildings and rooms will be open and available to you by 7:00am on Saturday and Sunday. There is a home football game on Saturday afternoon. Campus will be a bit hectic, but it also means if you have downtime and like football, there will be a game to watch at 2pm. Families may be taking tours of campus, so, just in case, be sure to bring your belongings with you from room to room on Saturday. On Sunday, we are the only group on campus.

Parking: You MUST park in the W3 or W2 lot on Friday and Saturday. Once you enter campus from Bonforte Blvd, you'll turn left for West Campus. You'll see the Art & Music Building, the General Classroom Building, and an amphitheater to show you're in the right place! Because of the football game, parking elsewhere will result in a ticket. Sunday you can park anywhere on campus. Link to parking map: <http://www.csupueblo.edu/maps/PublishingImages/CampusMapColor100.jpg>

Internet: Our IT department has worked to ensure internet access is easy for you throughout the weekend. Specifics on how to access the network will be provided at registration.

Campus Safety: The Office Affirmative Action & Equal Employment Opportunity is responsible for carrying out Colorado State University-Pueblo's commitment to preventing prohibited discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, disability or veteran status, against any of its faculty, staff, students or invited guests. If for any reason you feel unsafe during your stay on campus, please do not hesitate to contact our Title IX Coordinator, Kaitlyn Blakey or the CSU-Pueblo Sheriff's Office.

Kaitlyn Blakey, Interim Title IX Coordinator

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Emergencies **911** (from a campus phone or cell phone)

Non-emergency: 719.583.6250