

NCFA Debate Camp at Los Medanos – September 14th – 15th 2013

Friends and Colleagues,

I am pleased to invite you to this year's Northern California Forensics Association Debate Camp at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, CA on Saturday September 14th, through Sunday September 15th 2013.

This year's program has several changes since last year:

- We have moved to a two-day event. Offering lectures, workshops and practice rounds of Parliamentary Debate and Policy Debate on Saturday and Worlds and NFA-LD Debate on Sunday. You can attend one or both days but you cannot double enter in the practice tournament in two formats of debate that are concurrent.
- We will no longer be providing lunch, but you will have a lunch break and there are many options a short driving distance away.

The model for this event runs on volunteers to give the lectures and run the labs. Also, experienced competitors can assist or be given their own time for instruction. We will also be using junior and senior level competitors as judges in the practice rounds so please bring motivated students to help us run the event.

Each morning will feature a brief orientation followed by a choice of 45 min to one-hour lab electives during three independent sessions. After an off campus lunch on your own, we will return to LMC for an afternoon of scrimmage rounds for camp participants in the format of their choosing.

I look forward to seeing you in sunny Pittsburg this fall. A few weeks before the event, I will release a revised schedule with the specific lecture topics and who will be leading them. Please contact me if you are in search of more information or would like to volunteer yourself or some students to lead a session

Respectfully for the NCFA and Los Medanos College,

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Events

Novice/Junior Parliamentary – Three Rounds

Novice/Junior Policy Debate – Two to Three (Shortened Rounds)

Novice/Junior NFA-LD Debate – Three Rounds

Novice/Junior Worlds Debate – Two Rounds

Each format will be offering lab/lecture sessions in the morning and then two or more practice rounds later in the day.

All formats of debate will be governed by their respective national and international rules of NPDA rules of debating. Rounds 1 and 2 will be preset; round 3 will be powered off of round 1. There will be no awards ceremony, however directors will be emailed the records and seedings of each debate team after the event. Ballots will also be available electronically after the event. Disclosure and discussion is encouraged, but please stay aware of the schedule when giving novice debaters and don't forget to return your ballots!

The workshop directors of each event reserve the right to adjust the schedule, format of debate, or schedule for what they feel will be most effective given the resources available. Announcements will be made ASAP in the event of any changes.

If there is insufficient interest in an event or format, notification for the event being cancelled will be sent on the evening of Wednesday September 11th.

Judging

One judge covers two entries in any form of debate per day. A judge can be split between two different formats on the same day (Parli/Policy or LD/Worlds) but may only be assigned to one pool by the director.

Any coach, faculty member, or open level competitor with at least one year of experience may judge at the camp. Please bring enough judges to cover your entry. Entries may be restricted based on available judging; we are not planning on hiring judges.

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Fees

Our fee structure is designed to be very affordable and accessible. We have to cover administrative costs, room services and would like to provide light refreshments. Please contact Kasey Gardner if these fees constitute a financial hardship for your squad.

School Fee - \$15

Parliamentary/Worlds/Policy - \$10

NFA-LD - \$5

We are not permitting uncovered entries, so there is no uncovered fee. If you would like to 'rent' a judge from another school we can set that up if judges are available.

Non-debating students may attend the event for free and observe.

Please make checks payable to “Los Medanos College Foundation.”

Entry

Entry for the Debate Camp will be done online on www.debateresults.com with a closing date of Wednesday September 11th at 4pm. Changes ARE permitted in person the morning of the event at registration, at that time rosters will be finalized for the practice debates later in the day. This should give us the opportunity to make hybrid teams if an odd number of debaters make the event from given squads.

Do not send your debaters to the event without registering them in the tournament. Adding entire schools day of adds unnecessary stress to the event. Also, please send a coach or other representative from your school to oversee and supervise the learning of your students even if you are not judging or lecturing.

Entry Restrictions

If entry to the camp exceeds the available rooms for the afternoon debates, we may be forced to cap the number of teams each school will be able to enter. I will let all participants know ASAP if this unlikely scenario occurs.

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Novice/Rookie level competitors only. This event is designed to orient and encourage novice participation in debate. While open level competitors are encouraged to come enjoy lectures, lead presentations, and judge debates-- Please do not allow any open level competitors to enter the competitive tournament. The tournament will rely on coach discretion to enforce this policy.

ADA Accommodations

Please let us know as soon as you can if you or anyone in your group requires an accommodation. LMC is very conscious of persons with disabilities and we have a wide range of rooms that are ADA friendly, and some that are disastrously unfriendly. Please let the tournament know when you enter if this applies to anyone in your party and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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Directions

Los Medanos College is located at 2700 E. Leland Rd., Pittsburg, CA 94565. Parking is free on Saturday/Sunday in any staff or student spot in the front parking lot right off of Leland Road. Proceed to registration in the Library Community Room, the large new building on your right across from Science at the main entrance.

From the South Bay

Take I-680 North to CA-242. CA-242 will turn into CA-4 E towards Pittsburg/Stockton. Get off at Loveridge and turn right. Left on Leland, and then a right into Los Medanos College. (80mins)

From the San Francisco

Take I-80 E to I-580 E to CA-24 E. CA-24E will turn in to I-680 North toward Sacramento. Take the CA-242 exit towards Concord/Antioch and CA-242 will turn into CA-4 E towards Pittsburg/Stockton. Get off at Loveridge and turn right. Left on Leland, and then a right into Los Medanos College. (60mins)

From Marin/Sonoma

Take I-580 or CA-37 to I-80. From Vallejo you will take I-780 to I-680 South to CA-4 E. From Richmond you will take I-80 E to CA-4 E. Take CA-4 E, Get off at Loveridge and turn right. Left on Leland, and then a right into Los Medanos College. (60-75+mins)

From Stockton/San Joaquin Valley

Take I-5 North or South depending on your location to CA-4 West in Stockton. Get off at Somerville Rd. in Antioch and make a right to go under the freeway. Make a right on Century and a left into Los Medanos College. (60-90mins)

From Sacramento

Take I-80 West to I-680 S to CA-4 East. Get off at Loveridge and turn right. Left on Leland, and then a right into Los Medanos College. (75-90mins)

Public Transit – LMC is served by various bus lines of Tri-Delta Transit that connect with the Pittsburg Bay Point BART Station. Given that lunch is on your own, and the unreliability of weekend connections, I don't recommend public transit for this event.

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Restaurant/Local Recommendations

Pittsburg has a vibrant downtown; many locally owned restaurants and is easy commute distance from nearby cities and the California Delta.

Downtown Pittsburg – Left on Leland Road, Right on Railroad. All the way down where town meets the water.

- Lumpy's Diner – American Fare, Local American Diner Food.
- La Veranda – Upscale Italian Food.
- EJ Phair – Great Pub Food, Craft Beer.
- New Mecca – Mexican Food. Local tradition very popular and fairly priced.
- Pirate Yogurt – It's Pittsburg, get it?

Delta Center – Right on Leland, Left on Somerville, under the Freeway. Left on Century Blvd. (Watch out for construction!)

List: Chipotle, Outback, Jamba Juice, Wing Stop, El Pollo Loco, In n Out, Del Taco, Olive Garden, Chili's, and Red Lobster.

Delta Fair Blvd – Right on Leland, Becomes Delta Fair, Center is on the left before Kaiser.

- Taqueria Salsa – In the shopping center on the right side. Delicious.
- Pho Victory – Left side of the center. Also delicious.

Leland and Railroad – Left on Leland, either way on Railroad. **List:** Turn right on Railroad – Panda Express, Wah Sing, Taste of Seoul, La Pinata (make an additional right on Bliss Rd.)

List: Turn left – Nation's Giant Hamburgers, Mehran Indian, Domino's, Little Ceasar's and Subway.

There is no tournament hotel, if you are staying the areas I recommend one of the following:

- Hampton Inn & Suites Pittsburg, 1201 California Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565, (925) 473-1300
- Best Western Heritage Inn, 4600 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521, (925) 686-4466
- Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Dr, Concord, CA 94520, (925) 825-7700

NCFA Novice Policy Debate Camp Schedule

- 9:15 a.m. Introduction to Evidence Based Debate – Argumentation 101 (Scott Laczko)
- 9:45 a.m. Small group breakout sessions – LD and Team split up
- Activity ideas: Short introductions for everyone;
- SPAR debates – 1 min. “take a side” debates;
- Format walk-thru of a debate – have debaters sit in position and talk about what would be in each speech and who speaks when, etc.
- 10:15 a.m. Affirmative Case Construction and Defense (Ryan Guy)
- 10:45 a.m. Small group break-out sessions – LD and Team split up
- Activity ideas: look at the Aff case provided – cross-ex each other after reading through it; Brainstorm other possible aff areas on topic
- 11:15 a.m. Going Negative – DAs, CPs, and Case Attacks, Oh My! (Sue Peterson)
- Small group break-out sessions
- Activity ideas: go over negative evidence; cross-ex after reading through it; Brainstorm how to answer it
- 11:45 a.m. Preparing for Debates – how to read a posting, what to do in a round, and what to expect!
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch in Pittsburgh
- 1:15 p.m. DEBATE ROUND #1 - BOTH
- 2:15 p.m. DEBATE ROUND #2 - LD
- 3:15p.m. DEBATE ROUND #2 – TEAM
- DEBATE ROUND #3 – LD
- 4:15 P.M. DEBATE ROUND #4 – LD
- 5:15 PM DAY ENDS!

Parliamentary Debate Schedule

9:00am Orientation and Welcome – Kasey Gardner, LMC

9:15am Lab Session One

1) Case Construction and Stock Issues (Rookie)

Coach Richard Aragon– San Joaquin Delta College

OR

2) Constructing and Refuting Topicality (Novice)

Professor Stephen Ban-Butte College

10:15am Lab Session Two

1) Flowing: Tips and Tactics (Rookie)

Professor Hal Sanford-Santa Rosa Community College

OR

2) Impacts and Impact Analysis (Novice)

Professor Kasey Gardner-Los Medanos College

11:15am Lab Session Three

1) Opposition Strategy (Rookie)

Professor Marie Arcidiacono-Los Medanos College

OR

3) Rhetorical Strategies and Presentation Skills (Novice)

Professor Nathan Steele-City College of San Francisco

12:00pm-1:20pm Lunch (On your own)

1:15 Pairings Released

1:30pm Topic Announce Round One

1:50pm Round One Start

2:30pm Pairings Released

2:45pm Topic Announce Round Two

3:05pm Round Two Start

3:45pm Pairings Released

4:00pm Topic Announce Round Three

4:20pm Round Three Start

5:00pm Parli Camp Completed, Feel free to talk/linger until 6pm.

***Please Note:** "Rookies:" Anyone who has never done debate before (i.e. they have no prior high school debate experience), has just started attending an argumentation and debate course this semester. "Novice:" Anyone who is in their first year of competition; they may have had previous exposure to debate in the form of classroom instruction the previous semester(s).