

Something exciting is happening in Irvington, New York!

We need *your* help.

The National Christian Forensics & Communications Association
is hosting the
2008 Freedom Regional Qualifying Tournament
the week of
March 13-15
at the
Foundation for Economic Education
in Irvington-on-Hudson, NY.

High School competitors from all over the region (ten states) will gather in Irvington for three days of competitive debate and speech – debating illegal immigration and foreign policy, performing humorous and dramatic interpretations, delivering compelling persuasive speeches, and much more!

We need **YOUR** help! Please volunteer to serve as a judge by **SIGNING UP** for two or three rounds or whatever time you can spare.

To sign up and learn more please visit:
<http://freedom.homeschooldebate.org/judges>

Freedom Tournament Schedule 2008

Please circle the orientation(s) and the round(s) you will be able to attend.

Thursday – March 13

7:30 am	Check-In and Judge Orientation
8:30-10:00 am	Debate Round 1
9:15 am	Judge Orientation
10:15-11:45 pm	Speech Round 1 Pattern A
11:00 am	Judge Orientation
12:00-1:30 pm	Speech Round 1 Pattern B
12:45 pm	Judge Orientation
1:45-3:15 pm	Debate Round 2
2:30 pm	Judge Orientation
3:30-5:00 pm	Speech Round 2 Pattern A
4:15 pm	Judge Orientation
5:15-6:45 pm	Debate Round 3
6:00 pm	Judge Orientation
7:00-8:30 pm	Speech Round 2 Pattern B

Friday – March 14

7:30 am	Judge Orientation
8:30-10:00 am	Debate Round 4
9:15 am	Judge Orientation
10:15-11:45 pm	Speech Round 3 Pattern A
11:00 am	Judge Orientation
12:00-1:30 pm	Debate Round 5
12:45 pm	Judge Orientation
1:45-3:15 pm	Speech Round 3 Pattern B
2:30 pm	Judge Orientation
3:30-5:00 pm	Debate Round 6

Saturday – March 15

7:30 am	Debate Judge Orientation
8:30-10:00 am	Debate Octafinals
9:15 am	Speech Judge Orientation
10:15-11:45 am	Speech Semifinals
11:00 am	Debate Judge Orientation
12:00-1:30pm	Debate Quarterfinals
12:45 pm	Speech Judge Orientation
1:45-3:15 pm	Speech Finals
2:45 pm	Debate Judge Orientation
3:45-5:15 pm	Debate Semifinals
3:45 pm	Debate Judge Orientation
4:45-5:30 pm	LD Finals
4:45 pm	Debate Judge Orientation
5:45-7:15 pm	TP Finals
8:00 pm	Awards

Please Take One

Dear Friend,

Thank you for considering volunteering your time at our tournament. Our students have worked hard all year long on their speeches and debate plans, but it is these tournaments that really crystallize all that time and training and we could not do this for them without you. Community, or “lay” judges play a key role in what we are trying to teach our children. A quote from one of our league’s documents entitled NCFCA Philosophy of Judging says it well: “...lay judges encourage competitors to become so adept at their particular skill that they can literally teach others and explain their position even to those with no prior knowledge of competitive speech or debate.”

Your judging experience will take 3 hours; for your training, being in the round and completing your ballots after the round is over. Please visit the special refreshment area we will have set up for our community judges. You are welcomed and encouraged to judge more than 1 round if your schedule permits.

If interested, please take one.

Thank You!

The Freedom Speech and Debate Tournament 2008
March 13 – 15, 2008
Foundation for Economic Education
Irvington-on-Hudson, NY

Community Judge Registration Form

"Judges are ordinary, everyday people volunteering themselves to do an ordinary, everyday activity, which is to be an audience member. Anyone can evaluate which presenter seems to communicate most effectively at any given time. There is no such thing as a group of 'expert' judges. Be sure to let your judges know that they are perfectly qualified to do this by virtue of the fact that they are willing volunteers."

— *NCFCA-Running an Individual Events Tournament*

Judges must be at least 18 years old on Jan. 1, 2008,
and must not be competing in the league this year.

Judge's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Email will be the way we communicate with judges unless you specify otherwise.

Date and time you will be showing up: _____

Name of student bringing this judge: _____

Participants whom this judge knows*, and therefore should not judge:

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

- * A parent must never judge his or her own child.
- * A coach must never judge any of his or her own competitors.
- * An invited judge must not judge close friends.
- * Judges must not judge speakers/debaters from the same club.

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For more information and directions:
<http://freedom.homeschooldebate.org/>

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

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