



Dear Colleague:

Southwestern College is pleased to invite your team to the 13th annual Southwestern Invitational. The Southwestern Invitational is an IE-only tournament and the first half of a swing with the Sunset Cliffs Classic at Point Loma Nazarene University. The Southwestern Invitational offers IE competitors a full tournament experience immediately preceding the Sunset Cliffs. The date of the Southwestern Invitational is Friday, February 3, 2012.

The Southwestern Invitational offers all 11 individual events in both Open and Novice divisions. Two preliminary rounds of competition will be offered with a single break to Finals. Double entry is permitted in both patterns. Due to tight scheduling, *triple entry will not be allowed*.

Reasons to consider competing at the Southwestern Invitational:

- IE competitors attending the Sunset Cliffs Classic get an additional day of tournament competition.
- Competitors have another chance to earn legs for Nationals.
- We have a novice division and won't collapse open and novice unless absolutely necessary.
- Great tasting snacks.
- Swing Sweepstakes awards available to schools participating in both the Southwestern and Point Loma tournaments.
- Sweepstakes awards for both two-year and four-year schools.
- Awards given to the top three speakers at the tournament.

We hope to see you and your team on Friday, February 3, 2012.

If you have any questions please contact Jordan Mills

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Southwestern Invitational

February 3, 2012

Entries:

Undergraduate students attending a two-year or four-year college carrying 6 or more units are eligible to compete. Students may not use materials at this tournament that they used in interscholastic competition before September 1, 2011.

Novice Eligibility: Novice eligibility is limited to students competing in their first two semesters of college forensics who have not yet placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any like-events in at least two tournaments in which a final round occurred. Students may double enter in each pattern. *No triple entry is allowed.* Southwestern College students may compete.

Extemp Files: Extemporaneous speakers may use electronic information retrieval systems as long as they are drawing from databases on the premises. Linking to outside databases or pulling from Internet sources will not be allowed.

Rules:

AFA regulations will guide tournament decisions.

Entry Deadline:

All entries must be done at <http://www.forensicstournament.net/>. The entry deadline is 6:00p.m. Wednesday, February 1st, 2012. **All entries are final. No refunds will be made for drops after the February 1st deadline.**

Entry Fees:

\$30.00 school fee

\$10.00 per entry (Duo is \$10.00 per team/pair)

\$10.00 per uncovered judging slot (for details, see judging requirements)

Registration:

Registration is scheduled from 11:30 – 12:30 at the Student Union. The Student Union is located on the north end of the campus. Please check the campus map enclosed for its location.

Tournament Schedule:

11:30 - 12:30	REGISTRATION
12:15	Extemp Prep
12:30-1:45	Pattern A, Round 1
1:45	Extemp Prep
2:00-3:15	Pattern A, Round 2
3:15-4:30	Pattern B, Round 1
4:30-5:45	Pattern B, Round 2
5:45	Extemp Prep for Finals
6:00-7:15	Pattern A Finals
7:15-8:30	Pattern B Finals
9:00	AWARDS CEREMONY

Events:

Pattern A - Extemp, Informative, After Dinner Speaking, Prose, and Poetry

Pattern B - Impromptu, Persuasive, Communication Analysis, Drama, POI, and Duo

Judging:

Each judge can cover up to five IE slots or portion thereof in their heaviest pattern. Judges must be qualified to judge at the level of competition at which their school's competitors are entered. Schools will be charged \$10.00 for each uncovered judging slot. All judges are obligated to judge through finals.

School Sweepstakes:

Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the 2-year and 4-year schools accumulating the most points. Sweepstakes points will be based on the following formula.

1st place = 10 points

2nd place = 8 points

3rd place = 6 points

Finalist = 4 points

Sweepstakes points earned at the Southwestern Invitational will also be carried over to the Sunset Cliffs Classic for a combined Swing Sweepstakes trophy.

Individual Sweepstakes:

Awards will be given to the top 3 competitors earning the most sweepstakes points. The same formula for calculating team sweepstakes will be used to calculate individual sweepstakes points.

Directions:

Southwestern College is located about 4 miles east of 805 South. Take the East H Street exit until you reach Otay Lakes Road. Southwestern is located on the corner of East H Street and Otay Lakes Road. There is campus entry from both streets. A map is located at the end of this letter.

Southwestern College is about 8 miles from the Mexican Border, so we're pretty far south. If you begin seeing exits for Telegraph Canyon Road, Orange Avenue or Main Street, you've gone too far. If this happens, get on 805 North, take off the H Street exit, and make a right to get back on track.

Those coming from Point Loma Nazarene University:

Exit Point Loma Nazarene University on Lomaland Drive. Turn left on Catalina. Take Catalina to Rosecrans and turn left. Rosecrans will take you to Interstate 8. Take Interstate 8 East to 805 South. Once on 805 South, follow the directions above.

Those coming from Interstate 5:

Take Interstate 5 South to Highway 94. Take Highway 94 East to Interstate 805 South. From 805 South, follow the directions at the top of the page.

Parking:

The best parking is located in lots I, J, and K. However, feel free to park where you like. Please see campus map. An interactive campus map is available at www.swc.cc.ca.us under Campus Resources.

Accommodations:

Please reference the Sunset Cliffs Classic's tournament letter.

Food:

The cafeteria open until 2:00pm. Also, I've arranged for a coffee cart to sell gourmet coffee drinks and snacks. There are lots of restaurants across the street from the campus on both East H Street and Otay Lakes Road including , Taco Bell, Bagel Bar Sandwiches, Starbucks, Carl's Jr., Rice King, and Boston Market. You will also find Chinese food, Mexican food, Hawaiian-Japanese food at Yokozuna's, and a smoothie bar.

