

Hello!

The Forest Grove Speech and Debate Team would like to cordially invite you to a Speech Workshop, held **Saturday, September 27 from 9am-4:30pm** at Forest Grove High School.

The cost is **\$5 per student**, and that *includes a pizza lunch* from our local Pizza Schmizza. (Please notify me of vegan requests in your registration email; vegetarian and carnivorous options will be available.)

To register your team, please email me at [jconner@fgsd.k12.or.us](mailto:jconner@fgsd.k12.or.us). I just need approximate numbers of students. *Please register by 5pm on Friday, September 26* so I can order enough food.

The schedule is as follows:

**8:30am** Check-in

**9:00am** Oratory, Duo, Extemp

**10:00am** Expos, HI/DI, Impromptu

**11:00am** ADS, Poetry/Prose, Radio

**12-1:00pm** Lunch (Coaches Meeting, New Coach Meeting, Judges Orientation)

**1-2:30pm** Congress, LD, Public Forum

**2:30-4:30pm** Congress, Parli, CX

This schedule allows students to experience all event genres (platform, interpretation, limited preparation, and debate) if they are unsure about events. Congress will run during both afternoon debate sessions.

The goal of the workshop is to prepare students for their first tournament by understanding event performance, guidelines, and expectations. To this end, I am utilizing area coaches and the Pacific University Forensics Team to lead sessions. Session leaders have extensive coaching or competitive experience at the state and national level.

The Workshop also aims to be a true workshop; students will learn about the event and then have time to brainstorm topics or develop outlines. Students will receive handouts for all events for future reference.

For coaches who are attending, we will have a brief meeting during lunch. For any new coaches attending, we'll also have a meeting for you to meet other coaches during lunch. This allows you to learn about events that may be new to you. If there is sufficient interest, I am also happy to host a judge orientation session to work with new judges.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. I understand this is short notice for a lot of teams, but we hope you will make the pleasant drive out to Forest Grove!

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