



The Argumentation and Communication Leadership Academy and Robert C. Heideman Elementary School are proud to present our next tournament event, The Heideman Road Runner Fall Forensics Festival.

The theme of this tournament is "The Force Within". The theme will be relevant to SPAR Debate, Writing Completions, and Original Narrative.

This tournament will have events for elementary and middle school only.

Tournament date: Saturday, December 7th

Address: 15571 Williams St, Tustin, CA 92780

Payment

School Fee: \$65

\$15 per I.E. Event (Pattern B) and \$35 per debate event (Pattern A).

Registration will open November 15 and close December 1st at 5 PM. Fees will be frozen December 1st. All changes required after December 1st will need to be emailed directly to the tournament director (wwashington@aclacademy.org). Students can be added after December 1st for an increased price (\$20 per I.E. event and \$40 per debate event). If a drop is needed after December 1st, a \$15 penalty per drop will be assessed to the school due the day of the tournament. Payment is due electronically by December 2nd 5:00 PM.

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All Pattern B events will have a 30 second grace period. This means that judges should not lower the competitor's score as long as they do not go over the grace period.

We will offer 4 rounds of Pattern A (Debate) and 3 rounds of Pattern B (I.E.s). This tournament will not have out-rounds. The tournament is designed so students may compete in only pattern A or B, or they can compete in both patterns.

Awards: The top students in each category will receive trophies and, depending on the number of entries, medals will be awarded to other top-ranking competitors. Events with less than 3 entries will be cancelled or collapsed. If cancelled, a refund will be issued at the tournament.



Original Narrative

The theme for Original Narrative is **“The Force Within.”** In Star Wars the “Force” is a mysterious energy field created by life that binds the galaxy together. Harnessing the power of the Force gives the Jedi, the Sith, and others sensitive to this spiritual energy extraordinary abilities. While the Force can grant users powerful abilities, it also directs their actions. (starwars.com) In this original narrative we ask students identify a special skill, talent, or ability they have, and explain how they have used it to benefit others and/or their communities. Have fun with it!

In this event, the students will have the opportunity to present an original **personal** story that explores the original narrative theme of the tournament. This speech should be delivered extemporaneously (not from a manuscript). The event will mirror the storytelling format of the Moth and Snap Judgment (NPR) podcasts.

Examples can be found here:

http://player.themoth.org/#/?actionType=ADD_AND_PLAY&storyId=388

<https://themoth.org/>

Original Narrative Guidelines

Time limit: 5 minutes, maximum

Students will be ranked in the following categories.

Meeting the Tournament Theme: How well does the speech relate to **“The Force Within”**

Emotional/Humor appeal: How well does the speech pull in the judge in emotionally?

Personal: How well do we get to know the competitor?

Moral/Lesson: Does the speech teach the audience something?

Delivery: Standard public speaking concepts/performance.

This is not an interp event and students should **not** have a formal introduction.

Judging

This tournament will require 1 for every two debate entries, 1 judge for every 5 I.E. entries. There will be a charge of \$100 for every uncovered judge slot, and you are only allowed 2 uncovered slots. Missing ballots will result in a \$25 nuisance charge per ballot. Judges must be 16 years old or older. (Middle school students are **not** allowed to judge at this tournament.) Judges check in will be in room 18.



Lunch

Vendors will be on site selling a variety of food. Lunch will be provided for all judges.

Schedule

7:15 to 7:45	Registration
7:30 to 7:55	Judges Training
8:00 to 9:10	Round 1 Pattern A
9:15 to 10:25	Round 2 Pattern A
10:30 to 11:40	Round 3 Pattern A
11:45 to 12:50	Round 4 Pattern A
12:50 to 2:00	Lunch, and Awards for Pattern A @ 1:35
1:55 to 2:10	Judges training Pattern B
2:15 to 3:25	Round 1 Pattern B
3:30 to 4:40	Round 2 Pattern B
4:45 to 5:55	Round 3 Pattern B
6:45	Awards for Pattern B

Events

Pattern A – (Single Entry Only)

SPAR Debate (Elementary & Middle School) See guide
Lincoln Douglas Debate (Middle School Only) “Resolved: The United States ought to eliminate subsidies for fossil fuels.”

Pattern B Interpret Grit (Double entry Only)

Declamation	10 Min Max - MS 8 Min Max - ES
Storytelling	5 Min Max - both divisions
Impromptu	7 min total running clock - both divisions
Original Narrative	5 min Max - both divisions
Spanish Interp (Script performed in Spanish)	5 min Max - both divisions
Little Orators Poetry (Grades 1 to 3)	3 min Max



Pattern C

Writing Competition (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

Photo release: Please let all parents know that we will be taking photos at this tournament to help promote future tournaments and activities. By signing up for this tournament, participants have agreed to allow images to be used to promote Speech and Debate and future ACLA tournaments. Parents are not allowed to film or take photos of any students except their own during competition rounds. Please let the judge know if you intend to film during performances.