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Dear Fellow Forensics Coach,

Pennsbury High School forensics is honored to invite you to the eleventh annual Pennsbury Falcon Invitational at Pennsbury High School in Fairless Hills, PA on Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1, 2014. This year, we have made a few changes in our event offerings. As always, we will offer varsity competition in Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas, Congressional Debate, and Public Forum. This year, we will offer fully separate JV divisions of Policy and LD. On the Speech side, we continue to offer Declamation, Dramatic Performance, Duo Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, and Impromptu. However, this year we will split OI into separate events for Prose and Poetry. All main draw events will begin at 4pm on Friday and will continue through Saturday; Supplemental Events will be available for all non-clearing contestants on Saturday. Awards will be presented at 8:00 p.m. Double and even TRIPLE entry are encouraged (in Speech events only).

The PFI is a TOC bid at Finals for Policy Debate and Top 6 for Congressional Debate. We are also a TOC Extemp Qualifying tournament (level determined by number of entries).

## Fees, Entry Limits, and Judge Requirements

Event	Entry Fee	Initial Entry Limits	Judge Requirement
Policy Debate	\$20.00	6 Varsity, 3 JV	1 judge for every 2 teams
Lincoln-Douglas	\$18.00	6 Varsity, 3 JV	1 judge for every 3 debaters
Public Forum	\$20.00	6 entries	1 judge for every 4 teams
Congressional Debate	\$18.00	6 entries	1 judge for every 5 entries (Speech and Congress combined)
Speech Events	\$15.00 (Duo – \$18.00)	5 entries in each event* *Fee calculated by entry, not contestant	

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Judge requirements round up in all cases; please no half judges. Please provide experienced judges. We have a limited number of judges for hire for \$120 in all events - please request hires early. We may accept additional out-of-category judges in lieu of hiring; contact the tournament director.

# Registration

Registration is through tabroom.com under "High School Invitationals". Registration is open from October 5 through Tuesday, January 28, at 6 p.m. ALL changes after Thursday, January 30, at 9 p.m., MUST be e-mailed to the Tournament Director. Fees are locked at this time.

- Congress bills are due prior to registration on Friday, January 10 (see website).
- Policy judge registrations are due early for preferences on Friday, January 17

### **Contact Information**

Please direct all inquiries to pennsburyfalcon@gmail.com.

Jeff Kahn, Tournament Director: 215-630-2678 (cell) Steve Medoff, Tournament Host: 215-206-6247 (cell)

On the web: http://pennsburyfalcon.wordpress.com; http://pfi.tabroom.com/

We look forward to seeing you January 31!

Steve Medoff – Tournament Host & Coach Emeritus Matt Lanning - Head Coach Jeff Kahn - Tournament Director

### **Tournament Timing**

Rounds begin at 4pm on Friday. Please do not arrive prior to 2:30. Saturday morning rounds resume between 8 - 8:30am. Awards for all events will be presented at 8pm Saturday. Please plan to stay!

#### JV Debate

Debaters are eligible for JV if they are 10<sup>th</sup> grade or younger, and in their first or second year of debate.

## **Speech Brackets**

Speech events will be bracketed (all at the same site). Students may compete in up to three Speech events [excluding Supplementals]. It is not recommended that students double enter within brackets as they will overlap at times. Each event will have four preliminary rounds.

Bracket A: Poetry, Declamation, Duo Interpretation

Bracket B: Dramatic Performance, Original Oratory, Impromptu

Bracket C: Extemporaneous Speaking, Prose

Please see <a href="http://pennsburyfalcon.wordpress.com/policies/schedules/">http://pennsburyfalcon.wordpress.com/policies/schedules/</a> for more information.

# Waitlist

The entry limits listed above are initial limits per school; all further entries will be waitlisted. As the tournament approaches, we will shift our available rooms to clear competitors off the waitlists. By two weeks before the tournament, all events will be opened until we run out of rooms. Please do not wait until the last minute to register!

### Location

Pennsbury High School East: 705 Hood Blvd., Fairless Hills, PA 19030 Pennsbury High School West: 608 S. Olds Blvd., Fairless Hills, PA 19030

Preliminary rounds are held in both buildings, condensing to a single site for Saturday lunch, elimination rounds, and awards. Please check <a href="http://pennsburyfalcon.wordpress.com">http://pennsburyfalcon.wordpress.com</a> for specific information as the tournament approaches. Registered schools will receive a detailed email a few days before the tournament.

# **Lodging**

This year, we are back at the **Sheraton Bucks County** for the tournament hotel. The Sheraton is a full service hotel with an indoor pool and a restaurant. It is also closer to the many restaurants in the area than the other hotels. Block rate of \$87/night, open until January 17! Ask for the Pennsbury Falcon Invitational block rate.

Please contact Melissa Gaynor at 215-269-3405 or melissa.gaynor@sheratonbuckscounty.net.

There are many other fine hotels in the area, including the Holiday Inn Express Langhorne, Marriott Courtyard, and Residence Inn by Marriott.

### Food

Friday dinner (in both buildings) and Saturday lunch (in one building) will be sold for competitors. Snacks will be available for sale throughout the tournament. Dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday will be provided for judges and coaches.

## More Information Available at pennsburyfalcon.wordpress.com

Please see our website at <a href="http://pennsburyfalcon.wordpress.com">http://pennsburyfalcon.wordpress.com</a> for more information about the tournament, including: Directions, Policy Debate judge strike system, Event Rules and Policies, Congress legislation requirements, entry limits information, and more.

Registration is open on tabroom.com. We hope to see you in January!