



**Leatherstocking Forensics Fall Kick-Off**  
Hosted by Leatherstocking Forensics League  
at Mount Markham High School  
HYBRID OPTIONS AS NEEDED  
November 2, 2024  
Registration by 8:30 am, Round 1 begins at 9 am.

Please consult this live doc periodically. We're hard at work to prepare for a great tournament, and there may be circumstances to which we must adapt that are beyond our control. We will use this invitation as a central source for conveying this information.

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Dear Forensics Community,

We are pleased to invite you to Leatherstocking Forensics League's Fall Kick-Off Tournament

Entry fees are \$5 per student. Prizes for in-person tournaments will be awarded at the tournament. In the case of virtual or asynchronous tournaments, downloadable certificates will be emailed to coaches.

Entries and judges are due by 8 pm, Thursday 10/31/2024.

We are hosting some new events to encourage new students to get started; these include Storytelling, Sports Extemp, Sightreading, and Sales Pitch. We will also offer Junior High (7th and 8th grade) events in Duo Interpretation, Extemporaneous, Oral Interpretation, Declamation, and Impromptu.

*For purposes of encouraging additional participation and the development of programs and opportunities. The league will also offer some or all of the following events. Offerings will be based on the sole decision of the host team coach in conjunction with the LFL Tournament Director*

*Poetry Sight Reading: A performance of poetic material is provided by the tournament. Competitors shall be given one minute to review the literature, and then create an interpretation-based performance of that literature. While the preparation time is limited to one minute, the duration of the performance should be dictated by the length of the literature provided (i.e. there is no time limit to the performance, only the prep time. Tournaments should keep this in mind when selecting literature). The tournament will provide the same piece of literature to all competitors in each round. (This will run similarly to impromptu speaking)*

*Children's Storytelling - A memorized performance of a single published, printed story, anecdote, tale, myth, or legend. The story may be delivered standing or seated, thus one chair is permitted, however, this is not an acting event; thus, no costumes, props, lighting, etc., are to be used. Maximum time is 5 minutes including introduction. This event is designed to create a storytelling scenario that uses the competitor's commitment to bringing a narrative to life for a child of approximately ages 3-7.*

*Sports Extemp - Similar to extemporaneous but all topics will be drawn from the last six weeks of Sports Headlines.*

*Sales Pitch - Competitors will have 30 minutes to prepare both a 30-second elevator pitch along with a subsequent 3-minute sales pitch. Topics will generally be new inventions, technological breakthroughs, or identified community or societal needs. All rounds will be run similarly to extemporaneous.*

**JUDGE INFORMATION:**

- Please enter points for each speaker, from 70-100. Your top speaker should receive the highest amount of points. No ties.
- Please write a minimum of 30 words of feedback on ballots. You will be asked to go and add more feedback if there are not at least 30 words per ballot.
- Judges are still responsible for timing pieces. Please do not consider the length of video as the length of the piece. Many students also include additional information at the beginning that is not to be considered part of their timed performance.

Cost is \$5 per student and payments are accepted by check to Leatherstocking Forensics League or venmo to @sculver135

If you have questions about the tournament, please contact Suzanne Culver at sculver135@gmail.com.

Thank you!