

Lockwood High School Presents
The Final Countdown Invitational
Saturday, January 18th, 2025

Lockwood High School cordially invites you to The Final Countdown Speech, Drama and Debate Tournament on Saturday, January 18, 2025. Please register ASAP with all expected entries at <http://finalcountdown.tabroom.com/>

Registration: There will be no live registration the morning of the tournament; invoices will be handed out in the tabroom. Any drops can be texted the morning of the tournament to (406) 214-5766 or emailed to smithj@lockwoodschool.org. An entry fee of \$6.00 will be charged for each participant.

Registration and adds must be completed on tabroom.com by Friday, January 10, 2024 at 5:00pm. Please sign up as early as possible, so we can start figuring out judges.

Each school may enter up to three entries in each event. Dual Entry will be allowed. AA schools may register only novice and JV competitors. Students who drop after Thursday (1/16) at 6:00pm will be charged as if they are competing. If you have drops after this time, please text or call Jared at (406) 214-5766 or email at smithj@lockwoodschool.org.

MHSA Rules: All events will be conducted in accordance with the 2024-25 MHSA Handbook. All contestants will follow Class A rules, with the exception of some judge restrictions. Coaches may be asked to judge.

- **Extemp Topics:** January topics for Extemp. Extemp Draw will be in the high school.
- **Lincoln Douglas Debate Topic:** *Resolved: The United States ought to become party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and/or the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.*
- **Public Forum Debate Topic:** *Resolved: The African Union should grant diplomatic recognition to the Republic of Somaliland as an independent state.*
- **Policy Topic:** *Resolved: The United States should substantially reduce its military support of Taiwan.*

Lunch: The Concession Stand will be open for students at Lockwood High School. We are still working on what times. We also hope to have the coffee shop open as well. There are also several restaurants nearby that deliver. Food will be provided in the hospitality room in the high school for judges, coaches and drivers.

Competition Site: At this time, Speech/Drama events will be held at Lockwood High School, and Debate events will be held at the Middle School. All finals will be held at Lockwood High School. The cafeteria/commons will be the common area for contestants in the High school and the cafeteria at the Middle School. Students should be in the commons area when not in rounds and are reminded that they are guests and should act as such. No tampering with classrooms, computers, or teacher and/or student materials! Coaches are expected to monitor their students. Because of the noise factor, no open stereos in any buildings EXCEPT when required for a piece.

Tournament Schedule: There will be three preliminary rounds and finals in all events:

ROUND	EXTEMP DRAW	DEBATE	SPEECH/DRAMA
Round 1	8:00	8:00	8:30
Round 2	9:30	10:00	10:00
Round 3	11:30	12:00	11:30
Finals	2:00	2:30	2:30

Awards: Sweepstakes will be awarded for first in Speech and in Drama in AA, A, B & C classes. Medals/ribbons/certificates (we're still deciding) will be presented to individual finalists. The Awards Ceremony will be held in the Fergus High School Auditorium as soon as the finals results have been tabulated. Please be advised there is no food or drink allowed in the auditorium.