

*Welcome to the*  
**2025 WESTLAKE THUNDERDOME**  
*Speech and Debate Invitational*



**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Dates: October 24th-25th, 2025

Location: Westlake High School  
99 S 200 W Saratoga Springs, UT 84045

Tournament Host/Director: Kimber Rodeback, [krodeback@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:krodeback@alpinedistrict.org)

Cost: \$25/day (\$50 both days)

\$4/person per event

Judges: Speech 1:6, Async 1:6, CX 1:2, Debates 1:4, Congress 1:6  
(Judges can judge both speech and debate events)

Students may double-enter in Speech Events (except for extemp)--at their own risk. The tournament will not be held up for double entries. They may only participate in one Debate event, but there are several async event options!

**Speech Topics**

- Mixed Extemp rounds will have 2 National and 2 International options for each speaker
- Impromptu topics will include people, things/ideas, and quotes

**Debate Topics**

- Novice/Varsity PF Topic - Resolved: The United Kingdom should rejoin the European Union.
- Novice/Varsity LD Topic - Resolved: In the United States justice system, plea bargaining is just.
- **Novice/Varsity BQ Topic - Resolved: Moral systems rooted in theism are preferable to non-theistic moral systems. \*\*\*NSDA UPDATED\*\*\***
- Novice/Varsity Policy Topic - Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic.

\*\*\*The novice policy packet rules will apply to novice policy debaters\*\*\*

**WE ARE SCHEDULING A FOOD TRUCK**

**A VARIETY OF CONCESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE WITH DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS OR APPLE PAY**

**ONLY! NO CASH ACCEPTED!**

## *Events*

### **FRIDAY: NOVICE AND VARSITY SPEECH EVENTS**

#### **NOVICE**

- Mixed Extemp
- Impromptu
- Mixed Interps (HI/DI/DUO/POI)
- Oratory
- Informative

#### **VARSITY**

- Mixed Extemp
- Impromptu
- Interps (HI/DI/DUO/POI--Depending on number of entries will determine if they are combined or held separately.)
- Oratory
- Informative

### **SATURDAY: DEBATE EVENTS**

#### **NOVICE**

- Public Forum
- Policy
- Lincoln Douglas
- Big Question
- Congress (First session will be a learning session, as needed for novice)

#### **VARSITY**

- Public Forum
- Policy
- Lincoln Douglas
- Big Question
- Congress

### **ASYNC EVENTS**

- Lip Sync
- Newscaster
- Original Poetry
- Declamation
- Story Telling

# Schedule

## FRIDAY:

- 2:30-3pm Online Check-in
- 3pm Judge Instructions in Judge/Coach Lounge
- Extemp Prep to Start at 3:15pm and 15 min before the start of each round.
- 3:30pm Round 1
- 5:30 pm Round 2
- 6:30 - 7:30 Dinner (7:15 extemp prep start)
- 7:30 pm Round 3

***(We will run rounds faster if possible)***

**A food truck will be available between 4pm-7pm**

**Concessions will be available all day!**

## SATURDAY:

- 8-8:30am Check-in
- 8:30am Judge Instructions in Judges/Coaches Lounge

Debate (Double flighted PF/LD/BQ)

Round 1 9-11am

Round 2 11-1pm

Round 3 1-3pm

Congress

Session 1 9-11:30

Session 2 12-2:30

**A food truck will be available between 11am-2pm**

**Concessions will be available all day!**

## Awards on Saturday at 4:00 pm

Awards for the Top 3 in each event! The top 5 will be announced!

\*School Size will be determined by number of students entered per school for the Large School Sweepstakes Award and Small School Sweepstakes Award.

\*Sweepstakes will be done using NSDA points

Speech: Points by placement per round

Debate: Points by win/loss per round

Congress: Points by placement overall