

Tennessee High School Speech & Drama League

COMMUNICATOR

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DEADLINE FOR THSSDL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FEBRUARY 8TH APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

State Tournament Schedule for One Act and Interp. Theatre

To reduce uncertainty related to traveling to the State tournament, the following pre-arranged schedule is provided for One Act play and Interp. Theatre. Please use this schedule to assist you in determining your travel plans to the State Tournament. Remember One Act and Interp. Theatre competition is held on Friday, April 18. Please note that the judges will not be aware of the placing at Districts.

One Act Play Schedule

Examine the stage

8:00-8:20 District 4

8:20-8:40 District 1

8:40-9:00 District 2

Performances

9:30 District 4

10:20 District 1

11:10 District 2

12:00-1:00 Lunch

Examine the stage

12:00-12:20 District 5

12:20-12:40 District 3

Performances

1:00 District 5

1:50 District 3

Please do not unload for IT until your performance area is determined.

Interpreters' Theatre: Section A

1:30 District 2 (1st place)

2:00 District 1 (2nd place)

2:30 District 4 (2nd place)

3:00 District 5 (2nd place)

3:30 District 3 (1st place)

Interpreters' Theatre: Section B

1:30 District 4 (1st place)

2:00 District 5 (1st place)

2:30 District 2 (2nd place)

3:00 District 3 (2nd place)

3:30 District 1 (1st place)

Finals at 6:00 p.m.

Rossview High Hosts 2008 State Tournament April 18-19

Rossview High School will be welcoming THSSDL to their campus. Plans are underway for an exciting state championship tournament. The tournament is scheduled for April 18 & 19, 2008. Lee Ellen Beach, Assistant State Chair and District II Director, is planning this year's tournament. Plan now to attend the state tournament in Clarksville, Tennessee. Public Forum Debate will be offered again this year, so encourage your students to participate. Remember, alternates will be allowed in One-Act play and Interp. Theatre. In this newsletter you will find important tournament information. Please take notice of changes related to rules, tournament fees, required documentation and due dates. All THSSDL forms can be found online at www.tnhssdl.org. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at this year's state tournament.

Hotel Information

Rooms are limited, so please make your reservations as soon as possible. For sales tax purposes, you will need a tax form and a school check or credit card. Make sure the hotel that you choose is aware that your group is with THSSDL. All hotels are located off I-24 on Exit 4, 1 exit from Rossview High School.

Country Inn & Suites 931-472-1002

3075 Wilma Rudolph Blvd

Price: \$109.00 a night

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Less than 10 minutes from RHS.

Candlewood Suites 931-906-0900

3050 Clay Lewis Road

Price: \$99.00 a night

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Less than 10 minutes from RHS.

Hampton Inn 937-552-2255

190 Holiday Road

Price: \$89.00 a night

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Less than 10 minutes from RHS.

Wingate Inn 931-906-0606

251 Holiday Drive

Price: \$85.00 a night

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Less than 10 minutes from RHS.

Fairfield Inn by Marriott 931-551-3200

110 Westfield Court

Price: \$79.00 a night

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Less than 10 minutes from RHS.

Holiday Inn 931-648-4848

700 Sango Road

Price: \$95.95 a night

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Less than 10 minutes from RHS.

Hometown Suites 931-551-7711

129 Westfield Court

Price: \$55.00 a night

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Less than 10 minutes from RHS.

Days Inn 931-552-1155

130 Westfield Court

Price: \$45.00 a night

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Less than 10 minutes from RHS.

America's Best Inn 931-552-2663

3080 Wilma Rudolph Blvd
Price: \$39.99 a night
Deadline: April 1, 2008
Less than 10 minutes from RHS.

Guesthouse Suites 931-552-8060

3083 Wilma Rudolph Blvd
Price: \$49.00 a night
Deadline: April 1, 2008
Less than 10 minutes from RHS.

Directions to the Hotels

I-24 East towards Clarksville, take Exit 4, turn left onto Wilma Rudolph Blvd. All hotels are located on Wilma Rudolph Blvd, or directly off Wilma Rudolph Blvd.

Directions to Rossview High School from Nashville

To get to the high school, take I-24 East towards Nashville, take Exit 8, make left off the Exit on to Rossview Road, school will be on right.

Drop fees are entry fees plus twice the entry fee for the event. Drop Fees occur after April 4, 2008. Drop fees on the first day of the tournament (April 18) are \$50 per drop in debate and \$25 per drop in Congress and IE.

Judging fees are \$40 per hired judge for IE (one judge covers six IE slots) and \$75 per uncovered debate team.

Entry fees may be sent with "Intent to Compete" forms; however, fees are not required until official registration at the tournament. Checks should be made out to the *Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League (THSSDL)*.

Intent to Compete

Coaches! It is important to remember that it is the responsibility of each coach to officially enter qualified students in the State Championship Tournament. Also, the "Intent to Compete" forms must include your judges. Revised "Intent to Compete" forms can be found on www.tnhssdl.org.

The "Intent to Compete" form must be received by the Executive Director no later than Friday, April 4, 2008.

THSSDL Mailing Address:

Dr. Mike Gotcher
APSU P.O. Box 4446
Clarksville, TN 37044
Phone # (931) 221-7364
Fax # (931) 221-7265

The Intent to Compete form posted on the website can be filled out using Microsoft Word and submitted via email to gotcher@apsu.edu. If submitted via email, a hard copy must also be mailed to the above address.

Remember, it is your responsibility to guarantee delivery of your entries. Certified mail is the preferred choice because it provides you with a receipt.

Tentative Tournament Schedule

Registration

On **Friday**, registration tables will be near the theatre at Rossview HS. Debate Registration: 1 p.m.-2 p.m. General Registration: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Schools are encouraged to register on Friday.

On **Saturday**, Registration will be near the theatre at Rossview HS. General Registration: 7 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony: 8:00 a.m. Competition Begins: 8:15 a.m.

Competition Times

Friday

One-Act Play competition will begin at 9:30 a.m. on April 18 with stage inspection for morning performances between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., and afternoon performances between 12:00 a.m.- 12:40 p.m.

Interpreters' Theatre begins at 1:30 p.m. with finals at 6:00 p.m. The order of competition has been set and is included in the article on the front page of the newsletter.

Debate competition will begin at 3:00 p.m. Four rounds of debate will take place on Friday.

Saturday

All competitions will begin at 8:30 a.m. All competitors, coaches and judges are to meet in the theatre for the opening ceremony at 8:00 a.m.

Technical Theatre Design: Set and Costume competition will take place on Saturday as an Individual Event. The selected plays for Technical Theatre for 2008: *Thoroughly Modern Millie, The Miracle Worker, She Stoops to Conquer*

Performance Spaces for One-Act and Interpreter's Theatre

Interpreters' Theatre prelims will be held in theatre spaces, which meet THSSDL specifications on size. Prelims will begin

at 1:30 p.m. on April 18. Finals will be held in the auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

One-Act Play competition will be held in the auditorium. The stage has a nice loading area for the productions. The cross from stage right to stage left will occur behind an upstage curtain.

Debate at the State Tournament

Debate at the State Tournament will be LD Debate and Public Forum Debate. For LD Debate, the NFL January-February topic will be used. Resolved: It is just for the United States to use military force to prevent the acquisition of nuclear weapons by nations that pose a military threat. The time format is 6:3:7:3:4:6:3. Prep time is three minutes.

LD Debate will be divided (if possible based on the number of teams) into Novice and Varsity Divisions. "Novice" refers to students who are in their first year of debate.

For **Public Forum Debate**, the topic will be the April topic and will be determined in early March, found on the NFL website (<http://www.nflonline.org/Main/CurrentTopics>). Five preliminary rounds will be held with appropriate elimination rounds.

Importantly, schools must bring qualified debate judges for LD in order to compete. Also, for Public Forum Debate, schools must bring IE judges willing to judge Public Forum Debate. Public Forum judges will be needed on Friday. Schools must bring one judge for every two teams. (LD or Public Forum). Debate judges should be separated from IE judges or Student Congress judges. Be sure to enter debaters and list judges on the "Intent to Compete" form.

Important Manual Changes

- The manual has been updated and is posted on www.tnhssdl.org.
- Please note changes in the rules for Duo Interpretation and those for participation in Congress after elimination from LD Debate.
- A revised Intent to Compete form will be placed on the website making it easier to register for the State Tournament.

Call for Krider and Hall of Fame Nominations

District Directors, make plans to place names in nomination for the Krider Award and for the **Hall of Fame** at the Board of Directors meeting during the State Tournament. Nominations can be made by any THSSDL member; however, nominations must be made at the District tournaments.

Nomination forms can be found on www.tnhssdl.org. Forms must be completed and 15 copies submitted to the Executive Director by **April 4, 2008**.

The Hall of Fame was created in an effort to reward outstanding teachers of the dramatic and forensic arts. Selection of Hall of Fame members are based on these elements: ten or more years of service in the state of Tennessee, integrity, outstanding service above and beyond the call of duty, willingness to help colleagues, commitment to speech and dramatic arts education and dedication to caring for the individual student and his/her future. Bonnie Barker & Mickey Hutson were inducted into the Hall of Fame in August 2007.

The **Krider Award** honors educators who promote excellence in the study, preparation and/or performance of speech and dramatic arts not exclusive to competitive activities. Some of the qualifications for the award include strong commitment to speech and dramatic arts education, ability to inspire creativity and willingness to help colleagues and THSSDL members. The 2007 Krider Award winner was Saralynn Archibald from Overton High School.

Krider Award Winners

Billy Pullen (1987)
 Jane Eldridge (1988)
 Laura McCammon (1989)
 Gloria Robinson (1990)
 Blanche Tosh (1991)
 Harriet Medlin (1992)
 Carlene Ford (1993)
 Lee Ellen Beach (1994)
 Glenda Sullivan (1995)
 Linda Wilson (1996)
 Kathy Ligon (1997)
 David Bernheim (1998)
 Mickey Hutson (1999)
 Suzanne Terry (2000)
 Sandra Davis (2001)
 Lynne Colvin (2002)
 Bonnie Barker (2003)
 Cathie C. Stamps (2004)
 Leslie Capozzoli (2005)
 Randy Sullivan (2006)
 Saralyn Archibald (2007)

Hall of Fame Members

*Ruby Krider (1991)
 *Nancy Pridemore (1991)
 *Freda Kenner (1991)
 Anne White (1991)
 *Betsy Mashburn (1992)
 *Robert Woodland (1992)
 Gene Crain (1992)
 Roberta Daws (1992)
 Hazel Gann (1993)
 Blanche Tosh (1993)
 *Dockie Shipp Weems (1994)
 *Jane Eldridge (1994)
 Howard Henderson (1995)
 Florence Roach (1995)
 Frank Bluestein (1996)
 Sally Welch (1996)
 Barbara Corley (1998)
 Debbie Nelson (1998)
 *Doug Tidwell (1999)
 Doris Buchanan (1999)
 *Tully Daniel (1999)
 Billy Tate (2000)
 Guy Stanley (2000)
 Harriet Medlin (2000)
 Linda Wilson (2001)
 Kathryn Pugh (2001)
 Aldameda Landiss (2001)
 Lee Ellen Beach (2002)
 Lola Barkow (2002)
 Glenda Sullivan (2004)
 Paulette Regan (2004)
 Sandra Davis (2005)
 Katherine Ligon (2006)
 Bonnie Barker (2007)
 Mickey Hutson (2007)

*deceased

T-Shirt Contest and Orders



Showcase your high school! Bring a T-shirt or sweatshirt that represents your forensics team or drama program. Shirts will be displayed during the tournament. The best shirts will receive cash prizes.

T-Shirt Order: T-shirts will be available at the State Tournament, but ALL orders must be placed by

March 31, 2008 with Mickey Hutson. To reach Mickey, call 901-853-3310 or fax 901-853-3313. Order forms can be found at www.tnhssdl.org under the *forms* link.

Preliminary State Tourney Committee Assignments

One Act Chairperson - Suzanne Terry
 Interp. Theatre Prelims - Julie Watson &
 Pollyanna Parker or Amy Jackson
 Interp. Theatre Finals - Cathie Stamps,
 J. Alexander
 Extemp Topics - Glenda Sullivan
 Extemp Draw/Personnel - **Person Needed**
 LD Debate - Charles Oakes, Glenda Sullivan
 Public Forum Debate - **Person Needed**
 Congress - J. Shorter or Fontaine Alison
 TV Packets - Jane Brown
 TV Draw - **Person Needed**
 Friday Registration - (1-4)
 Zach Best & Kari Smith

Saturday Registration - (6:45-8:00)
 Leslie Capozzoli &
 Paulette Regan
 Judges - Kathy Ligon, Suzanne Terry &
 Mickey Hutson
 Timekeepers - Lee Ellen Beach
 Group Events Judges - Lee Ellen Beach
 T-Shirts - Mickey Hutson
 Ballot Table - Lynne Colvin & Rita Read
 Hospitality- District II
 T-shirt Judges- Paulette Regan &
 Leslie Capozzoli
 *Tournament, contact:
 Lee Ellen Beach at
 Rossview High School
 (931) 553-2070

Student Congress Information for 2008 State Tournament

Anyone planning to enter Congress must be listed on the "Intent to Compete" form. Each school is required to submit two (2) pieces of legislation with numbered lines and which follows NFL guidelines. The legislation must be submitted as either a word document or pdf file and emailed to gotcher@apsu.edu by April 4, 2008. The legislation will be posted on the website to assist in the preparation for State competition. Participants must also bring 30 copies of the legislation to the tournament.

There is a \$25 drop fee for Congress.

Email legislation to gotcher@apsu.edu

Documentation Issues

Due to the increased number of challenges concerning authenticity of materials, contestants in ALL Interpretative and Acting events must bring the original source or sources of their presentation to the tournament (this includes Interp. Theatre and One-Act play).

Students and coaches should be prepared to present the documentation at District or State tournaments if requested by tournament officials. Failure to present the requested materials could result in immediate disqualification. All material presented in acting and interpretive events must be published and of recognized literary merit and not the original work of the student.

Also, remember that students are not allowed to use the same cutting in different events at competitions. This decision by the Board of Directors means that a student cannot use a cutting in Dramatic one year and use the same cutting in Duo the next year (or subsequent years).

Extemp Topics for State Tournament

Each school that enters Extempers in the State Tournament must send in at least 5 domestic, 5 foreign and 5 economic topics from periodicals of the current academic year for the State Tournament no later than April 4, 2008. If topics are not received by the due date, Extempers from that school are subject to disqualification. Send them to:

*Glenda Sullivan
560 Grindstone Hollow Rd.
Dickson, TN 37055
or fax to DCHS*

District Reports Due

In order to update and maintain the THSSDL files and website, I need district reports as soon as possible. Once I receive the reports, I can make changes in the Directory and update the website. Please have district members check the names, addresses, and phone numbers to be included in the Directory. Also, be sure to include email addresses and fax numbers.

I appreciate your time and attention to this important matter.

*Send your reports to:
Dr. Mike Gotcher
Austin Peay State University
P.O. Box 4446
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(931) 221-7364*