

Tennessee High School Speech & Drama League COMMUNICATOR

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Deadline for THSSDL Scholarship Applications: March 6th Applications Available Online

District IV Hosts 2010 State Tournament April 16-17

Maryville College is hosting this year's THSSDL state tournament at the Clayton Center for the Arts. This year's tournament is scheduled for April 16 - 17. Zach Best, District IV Director, and Lucy Boydston, District IV Rep, have been working hard in preparing for the state tournament. Make plans now to attend the tournament in Maryville, TN.

Impromptu Speaking will be included again this year; encourage your students to participate. Remember, alternates will be allowed in One-Act play and Interp. Theatre, but they must be included on the Intent to Compete form.

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 the state tournament.

How Do I Get My Set to Maryville (Or What to Expect at State)

Suzanne Terry and Lisa Biery

If you are one of the lucky five schools in the State of Tennessee selected to attend the THSSDL One Act Play competition, congratulations! It is such an exciting opportunity to demonstrate your school's style of acting. Usually there are some uncertainties that go along with the journey. One of the first things to consider is how to get a set to Maryville and back.

Be aware that the first three performances will share the back stage area prior to the lunch break and the final two performances will also share the backstage area after lunch. All shows are equal but it is logical that the first show will need to have the wings first and then so forth. (Be sure to look at the specs of the space to make sure your set will indeed fit).

Second, keep in mind at state we use only lights up and lights down. It is vital that all shows have a level playing ground and using special effect lighting can give a school an unfair advantage.

Third, remember this is an exciting educational opportunity and your state organization wants it to be positive for everyone. It is important to remember that all groups are entering a space for the first time and all groups are trying to meet whatever challenges this space may present. A sense of community, fair play and working together should be the minimum that adults and students alike bring to the state tournament. If you have any specific questions regarding the space it might be a good idea to ask our host, Zach Best. I wish you many broken legs at districts and state!

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 16. Please note that the judges will not be aware of the placing at Districts.

One Act Play Schedule

Examine the stage

8:20-8:40 District 5

8:40-9:00 District 2

9:00-9:20 District 1

Performances

9:30 District 5

10:20 District 2

11:10 District 1

12:00-1:00 Lunch

Examine the stage

12:00-12:20 District 3

12:20-12:40 District 4

Performances

1:00 District 3

1:50 District 4

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

Interpreters' Theatre: Section A

1:30 District 3 (2nd place)

2:00 District 2 (2nd place)

2:30 District 4 (1st place)

3:00 District 1 (1st place)

3:30 District 5 (1st place)

Interpreters' Theatre: Section B

1:30 District 4 (2nd place)

2:00 District 1 (2nd place)

2:30 District 5 (2nd place)

3:00 District 3 (1st place)

3:30 District 2 (1st place)

Finals at 6:00 p.m.

Hotel Information

These hotels are in the Alcoa area. There are a variety of restaurants and shopping nearby. Bring a copy of your schools tax exemption form in order to receive your exemption.

Please make your reservation by **March 19**; be sure to mention Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League to guarantee the quoted rate. Some of these hotels are suites or they have couches that make beds, so you might be able to put more than 4 in a room.

Luxbury Inn & Suites 865.983.9839
805 Foothills Mall Dr. Maryville 37801
Price: \$65 a night
2.4 miles, 8 minutes from the Clayton Center

Jameson Inn 865.984.6800
206 Corporate Place Alcoa 37701
Price: \$68 a night
2.7 miles, 8 minutes from the Clayton Center

Holiday Inn Express 865.981.9008
130 Associates Blvd. Alcoa 37701
Price: \$85 a night
2.7 miles, 8 minutes from the Clayton Center

Mainstay Suites 865.379.7799
361 Fountain View Circle Alcoa 37701
Price: \$70 a night
2.8 miles, 9 minutes from the Clayton Center

Country Inn & Suites 865.273.2800
162 Cusick Rd. Alcoa 37701
Price: \$60-65 a night
4.8 miles, 10 minutes from the Clayton Center

Courtyard by Marriott 865.977.8333
141 Furrow Way Alcoa 37701
Price: \$109 a night
4.9 miles, 11 minutes from the Clayton Center

Directions to the Hotels:
Hotels are located off State Hwy 133

Contact information for more detailed directions to the location:
Zach Best - Farragut High School
865.671.7167
zachbest@hotmail.com

Lucy Boydston - Soddy-Daisy High
423.332.8828 ext. 3233
Boydston_maria@hcde.org

Center for the Arts
502 East Lamar Alexander Parkway
Maryville, TN 37804-5907

Drop fees are entry fees plus twice the entry fee for the event. Drop Fees occur after April 2, 2010. Drop fees on the first day of the tournament (April 16) are \$50 per drop in debate and \$30 per drop in Congress and IE. Judging fees are \$50 per hired judge for IE (one judge covers six IE slots) and \$75 per uncovered debate team.

Entry fees will be \$8 per individual entry for IE, LD Debate and Congress; \$16 for Duo, Duet Acting, and Public Forum; \$25 for One-Act Play and Interp. Theatre. Fees are due at the official registration, please do not send with the "Intent to Compete" forms. 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. "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 2, 2010.

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 gotchem@apsu.edu.

Remember, it is your responsibility to guarantee delivery of your entries. E-mail is the preferred delivery choice; an updated list of received entries will be sent via e-mail continuously so please watch for this correspondence.

Tentative Tournament Schedule Registration

On **Friday**, registration tables will be near the lobby of the Clayton Center for the Arts.
Debate Registration: noon -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 lobby of the Clayton Center for the Arts.
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 16 with stage inspection for morning performances between 8:20 a.m. and 9:20 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 2:00 p.m. Five rounds of debate will take place on Friday, if possible.

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 2010: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*; *Last Night of Ballyhoo*; *Grapes of Wrath*; *The Foreigner*.

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 16. Finals will be held in the auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

One-Act Play competition will be held in the Clayton Center for the Arts. The stage has a nice loading area for the productions.

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: Economic sanctions ought not be used to achieve foreign policy objectives. 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/StudentResources/Topics>). Five preliminary rounds will be held with appropriate elimination rounds.

Important

Schools **must** bring qualified debate judges for LD and appropriate judges for Public Forum Debate in order to compete. For Public Forum Debate, schools must bring IE judges willing to judge on **Friday and Saturday morning** for 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.

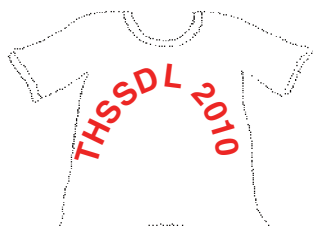
Call for Krider and Hall of Fame Nominations

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 2, 2010**.

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. Lynne Colvin and Cathie C. Stamps were inducted into the Hall of Fame in August 2009.

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 2009 Krider Award winner was Rick Marshall from Science Hill High School.

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 April 2, 2010 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.

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)
PollyAnna Parker (2008)
Rick Marshall (2009)

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)
Kathryne 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)
*Mark Collins (2008)
Mike Gotcher (2008)
Suzanne Terry (2008)
Lynne Colvin (2009)
Cathie C. Stamps (2009)

*deceased

Preliminary State Tourney Committee Assignments

If you are interested in serving on a committee for the State Tournament contact Dr. Mike Gotcher at gotcherm@apsu.edu

One Act Chairperson -
Suzanne Terry
Interp. Theatre Prelims - Lisa Biery
& Katie Amspaugh
Interp. Theatre Finals -
Cathie Stamps
Extemp Topics - Lee Ellen Beach
Extemp/TV Draw -
LD Debate - Charles Oakes
Public Forum Debate -
Congress - Randy Sullivan &
Fontaine Allison
TV Packets - Amy Jackson
Friday Registration - (1-4) Linda
Starnes, Greg Krosnos &
Lisa Gillespie
Saturday Registration - (6:45-8:00)
Leslie Capozzoli &
Paulette Regan
Judging Assignments - Suzanne
Terry, Mickey Hutson, Kari
Smith & Pollyanna Parker
Timekeepers - Lucy Boydston
Group Events Judges - Zach Best
T-Shirts - Mickey Hutson
Ballot Table - Lisa Gillespie &
Sabrina Arnold
Hospitality- Zach Best
Tab Room - Board Members,
Linda Miller & Amy Jackson
T-shirt Judges-
*Tournament Contact:
Zach Best
Farragut High School
865.671.7167

Lucy Boydston
Soddy-Daisy High School
423.332.8828 ext. 3233

Student Congress Information for 2010 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 gotcherm@apsu.edu by April 2, 2010. 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 on April 16 & 17. Email legislation to gotcherm@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(s) 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 2, 2010. If topics are not received by the due date, Extempers from that school are subject to disqualification. Send them to:

Lee Ellen Beach
1237 Rossview Rd.
Clarksville, TN 37043
or fax to RVHS
(931) 503-3419

Important Manual Changes

- The manual has been updated and is posted on www.tnhssdl.org.
- A revised Intent to Compete form is on the website.
- Consult the manual for changes related to Interp. Theatre.
- Note changes in Extemp, TV and Impromptu ballots.

District Reports Due

In order to update and maintain the THSSDL files and website, please submit district reports as soon as possible. Once reports are received, changes can be made to the Directory and 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.

Your time and attention to this important matter is appreciated.

Send your reports to:
Dr. Mike Gotcher
Austin Peay State University
P.O. Box 4446
Clarksville, TN 37044
(931) 221-7364