

Maine ADvocate
December 2, 2011

Dear Coaches,

Congratulations to Scarborough, Bangor, and Calais who were high scorers in their respective preliminary competitions. The regional competitions will be held on January 21, 2011. The sites for this round are:

South - Scarborough High School - Matthew Davis mdavis@scarborough.k12.me.us

Central - Monmouth Academy - Cathy Foyt cfoyt@monmouthschools.org

North - Bangor High School – Steve Godsoe segodsoe@msn.com

East - Calais High school – Julia Berry jberry@calaisschools.org

For the Regional Competitions (like the prelims), I would like to receive the high and low score from each school on each test. Hosts at the prelims were very quick sending these, thanks. The scores will be shared with everyone. I would also like to receive team totals (top six students on the seven exams). These scores will not be published but will be used for some PR with the newspapers about top finishers in the prelims. The more PR we can get the better. I will send a form to each host school along with the exams. The response from the prelims was excellent. Thanks for reporting quickly.

It looks like we will only have 13 schools participating this year. Sanford and Thornton have dropped teams and Shead has joined in. We do have a Bangor Savings Foundation Grant to help startup teams for 2012. If you have any connections, let me know.

Remember that **December 16th** is the deadline for registrations. If you have your material ready prior to that date, please send it in. The sooner I can check GPA materials the sooner we can verify your rosters and prepare for the essay. It looks like we will have seventeen schools competing this year. I have GPA materials for Monmouth and Deering at this point.

Team Forms - December 16th: Team/Alternate registration (9 + 3 essayists)
12 Student Release/Code of Conduct Forms
12 GPA Form (transcripts)

Extras' Forms - December 16th: Extras' Registration
Student Release/Code of Conduct Forms for each extra

T-Shirt order form All participants and coaches

January 31, 2012 Essay Portion of the Competition At your high school
1st event of the state competition

Each coach will be receiving a sealed envelope with topics and directions after I have received and verified GPA's for the competition team
Principal/guidance counselor/non-coach must proctor the essay.

March 3, 2012 State Competition – Deering High School, Stevens Avenue, Portland

State Competition - Call for volunteers

I all ready have 25 volunteers signed up and will email those who volunteered last year. The number and quality of its volunteers drive the state competition. The more volunteers we have the better the day it is for the students. I recognize that some schools who must travel a distant cannot supply many, if any, volunteers. With 13 schools participating, we need 38 volunteers in Speech/Interview and Proctoring. The following areas will be using volunteers:

- 13 More Speech/Interview Judges (two per team needed)
- 9 More Proctors (one per testing room needed)
- 13 Super Quiz (each coach or designate will be assigned a team to proctor)

If you know of people who have not been contacted and would be interested, please send their **names and emails** to David Heckman. I would like to touch base with all of them prior to the state competition.

I am looking forward to this Decathlon year and I welcome any suggestions you have for improving the competition and widening its appeal.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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