

Maine ADvocate
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Dear Coaches,

Congratulations to Scarborough, Monmouth, and Calais who were high scorers in their respective preliminary competitions. The regional competitions will be held on January 23, 2010. 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 - Lynda Duplissea herblyn@nb.sympatico.ca

For the Regional Competitions (like the prelims), I would like to receive the high and low score from each school on each test. These 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 These scores will not be published but will be used for some PR with the newspapers about top finishers in the prelims.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.

Remember that **December 18th** 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.

January 26, 2010 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.

February 27, 2010 State Competition – Deering High School, Stevens Avenue, Portland

State Competition - Call for volunteers

I all ready have 27 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 17 schools participating, we need 46 volunteers in Speech/Interview and Proctoring. The following areas will be using volunteers:

- 8 More Speech/Interview Judges (two per team needed)
- 11 More Proctors (one per testing room needed)
- 16 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.

2011 Competition: The state essay will be done on line. I am also pursuing the possibility of doing the regional competitions on line with each school doing the tests in their own computer lab. What do you think? We would have the scores and totals soon after completion.

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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