

Dear Speech Coach:

We are pleased to invite you and your speech team to the Lincoln Junior High School Speech Tournament for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students on **Saturday, November 5, 2011, to be held at Plymouth High School.**

Each participating school is invited to enter a team of up to **50** entries (the Speechwire program will award the top 25 entries for sweeps – you no longer have to designate – **WOO HOO!**) with **no more than ten per event**. Those students entered in the category of Discussion may not double because of time constraints, and Extemp may not double in Radio due to prep; all other students may double in events. No student may participate in more than two events.

Please provide **one judge for every five entries**. The judge may be a teacher or other adult or a varsity high school student who has participated in competitive speech events during his or her high school career. If you are unable to provide us with the necessary judges, please inform us with your pre-registration form.

We will be following the Indiana High School Forensic Association rules with the exception of time limits: 4-8 minutes for Drama, Humor, Declamation, Original, Prose, Poetry, and Duo. The Discussion topic will be: “Should the FDA require that the source of all food ingredients be disclosed?” Please make sure your Radio entries bring a prepared 2 minute newscast.

Double ribbons will be awarded to the top eight finishers in each event. Team trophies will be awarded to the top five schools. The hosting school will not accept a team trophy.

We will be providing food from the start of registration through the end of the tournament. We would appreciate it if you would ask your students and judges to purchase food at the tournament because it is one way for us to fund the tournament.

Please register using Speechwire (you should have received an email from me October, 10th showing you how to do this, but if you didn't please contact me) no later than Monday, October 31, 2011 by 3:00 P.M. You may make changes to your entry on your own until this date. After this date, you will need to contact me. If you have trouble registering, please email or call me – I'd be happy to help.

Final registration for the tournament will be from 8:15 – 9:00 A.M. on the morning of November 5th. There will be a judges' meeting at 9:00 A.M. Extemp Draw/Prep and Radio Commercial Prep will begin at 9:00 A.M. The first round of competition will begin at 9:30 A.M. with each round lasting one hour.

We hope that your school will be able to participate on November 5th. If you should have any questions or require further information, please contact Sarah McKenzie at either 574-936-3113, Ext. 2203 (school); 574-936-3574 (school fax); smckenzie@plymouth.k12.in.us (school email); 574-780-0880 (cell); or 574-935-0700 (home)

Sincerely,

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Lincoln Junior High School Speech Coaches

