

You be the Judge!

How would you like to be a part of influencing the development of some of our nation's future leaders just by investing a couple of hours of your time? You will have an exciting opportunity to do just that in Huntsville, Alabama March 22-24, 2007. The first annual **NCFCA Region VII Pre-Qualifying Speech and Debate Tournament** will be held at **Southwood Presbyterian Church** located at 1000 Carl T. Jones Drive, Huntsville , AL 35802.

At this tournament, over 100 home schooled students from Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee will compete to qualify for the Region VII National Qualifying Tournament to be held in April in Birmingham. NCFCA, the National Christian Forensics and Communications Association, is a speech and debate league for homeschooled students ages 12-19. (See www.ncfca.org for more information.) Our students will compete in two types of debate and eleven speech events. For these competitions, we need many judges from the community.

We'd like to invite you to invest in the lives of these students by judging one or more of these events. We ask for only **a three hour commitment** per round and promise you it will be time well spent amid your busy schedule. Snacks and beverages will be provided for our judges throughout the day, as well as a light meal for judges who are with us at the breakfast, lunch, and supper hours. The chart below notes the time judges should arrive for each round.

Thursday March 22	Debate 7:30 a.m. 24	Speech 9:15 a.m. 60	Debate 11:15a.m. 24	Speech 1:15 p.m. 60	Debate 3:15 p.m. 24	Speech 5:15 p.m. 60	Debate 7:15 p.m. 24	
Friday March 23	Debate 7:15 a.m. 24	Speech 9:15 a.m. 60	Debate 11:15 a.m. 24	Speech semi 1:45 p.m. 33	Debate Octas 4:15 p.m. 24	Debate Quarter Finals 6:45 24		
Saturday March 24	Speech Finals 7:15 55	Debate semi- finals 9:15 a.m. 12	Debate LD finals 11:15 a.m. 7	Team Debate Finals 12:15 p.m. 7				

The times noted in the chart are the time you need to arrive for your orientation.

****The red number in the box is the number of judges needed for that round. ****

It is our hope that one of these blocks of time will fit into your schedule. In past state tournaments, judges have been from the local media, court system, state legislature, legal firms, business sector, military and so on. They have been retirees, housewives, store clerks, educators and folks from every walk of life. Few have had experience judging or participating in tournaments such as this. We promise to provide you with sufficient orientation to enable you to make a fair and educated decision in the event(s) you judge. Please consider investing a little of your time to help these young people develop their analytical and oratorical skills.

Contact our Judging Coordinator, Marcia Guyse (uguyse@yahoo.com, 256-355-1542) with the time(s) you wish to judge. And please share this information with your friends, family, and colleagues. It is something you will be glad you did !!! Cell phone for the week of the tournament is 256-318-6464.