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General Schedule

Wednesday, November 30

7:00pm - Wednesday Night Service

Early Registration after evening service

Thursday, December 1st

8:00am - Check-in begins

8:00am – 6:30pm - Competition

7:00pm - Evening Service

Friday, December 2nd

8:00am – 9:00am - Morning Service

7:00pm - Award Ceremony

General Information

All participants are encouraged to come to our Wednesday night service, November 30. If you attend the Wednesday service, we will have early registration following the service, so bring all your things to get checked in early. This service is a youth emphasis night and will feature a guest speaker. Check-in will begin Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. Events will be scheduled throughout Thursday, and Friday. A detailed schedule will be provided upon check-in. The championship basketball game, volleyball game, and the Bible Bowl championship will be held on Friday evening. The final service and award ceremony will be held at the closing of the invitational.

Guidelines

The Northwest Christian Invitational is designed for students in grades 7-12.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the following:

Willamette Valley Baptist School

650 North First Street

Aumsville OR 97325

Phone: 503-448-1800

FAX: 503-448-1801

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Registration

The registration fee per student is \$35. Late registration is \$40 per student

The Cost for chaperones is as follows:

1 - 5 students= 1 chaperone @ \$10

6-10 students = 2 chaperones @ \$10 each

11 - 20 students = 4 chaperones @ \$10 each

30 or more students= 5 chaperones @10 each

Any more adults or children will cost \$20.

*All chaperones, additional adults and children must show meal ticket in order to receive meal.

Registration is due November 3, 2016. Please use the registration forms provided. List of those participating in each area must be sent in by November 3rd Payment is due at time of registration. Please have all event judges forms filled out prior to arrival.

Registration fees include the following meals: Thursday lunch & dinner, and Friday lunch & dinner.

Each school will fill out the REGISTRATION FORM completely. (Omitted information could result in disqualification.) Please include school information and each individual student's information, including grade, along with the events each student is entering. (Grades are required for division placement.)

Dress

Men: Men must have standard haircuts with hair off the ears, off the collar and out of the eyes. Men should, at a minimum, wear a collared shirt with slacks. Men who are competing in athletic events can wear sport-specific attire.

Ladies: Ladies must wear dresses or skirts (which are at least to the bottom of the knee). Denim, slacks, gaucho pants , or shorts are not permitted. Ladies may wear culottes for athletic events (walking shorts are not permitted). Ladies are not permitted to wear low necklines or see-through attire.

Sponsors

Sponsors should be adults who are approved by the school they represent, and they are required to abide by the dress code for participants. Sponsors should help students to get where they need to be.

Events

Student may compete in as many events as they can reasonably schedule.

Each student may enter an event only one time. Students are responsible for their own schedules. Every effort should be made to be at each event at the scheduled time. We will do our best to accommodate those that have schedule conflicts. Please communicate conflict to event coordinator for alternate scheduling.

Every effort will be made to give each participant a copy of the judges' forms.

Awards

The best contestants in each category will receive a medal.

Trophies will be awarded to the school with the best overall performance in each major category. Points will be awarded according to the following standard: 5 points for each first-place award, 3 points for each second-place award, and 1 point for each third-place award.

A trophy will be awarded to the school with the best overall performance in all the divisions. Finishing first in any division is worth 5 points, finishing second is worth 3 points, and finishing third is worth 1 point.

The top three individual participants will also receive a trophy and free registration for the 2016 Northwest Christian Invitational. Points will be awarded to participants according to the following standard: 5 points for each first-place award, 3 points for each second-place award, and 1 point for each third-place award.

Bible Division

BIBLE BOWL (Quiz Team)

The competition will be divided into two divisions: 7th – 9th grade and 10th – 12th grade. Each school may enter only one team per division.

Each team must consist of no more than 4 students.

The questions will be taken from anywhere in the Bible and will be of random difficulty.

The first person to ring the buzzer will have the opportunity to answer without conferring with his team. He will have 10 seconds to answer the question. If the answer is correct, their team will be awarded one point. If the answer is incorrect, the other team will have the opportunity to answer the question. They may confer for 15 seconds. The captain will give the answer.

Any help from the audience will nullify the question.

The first team to answer five questions correctly will win that round.

This will be a double-elimination tournament.

A 7th-9th grader may move up to the 10th-12th grade division. A 10th-12th grader may not play down.

BIBLE DOCTRINES ESSAY

1. Participants are to write an apologetic essay explaining and defending the **Doctrine of the Deity Christ**.
2. The essay must be the original work of the student.
3. The essay must be accompanied by an outline.
4. Plagiarism of any kind disqualifies the entry.
5. Each contestant may submit only one essay.
6. Each essay must be at least 500 words, but no more than 700 words.
7. The essay must be typed and presented double-spaced on plain white paper. There should be a one-inch margin on all sides. Students should use a twelve-point font similar to Times or Garamond. Elaborate fonts or special effects with the fonts are not permitted.
8. The grammar and mechanics of the essay will be considered in the evaluation of each work.
9. Three copies of the essay should be mailed in ahead of time for judging. Essays should be postmarked by **November 4th**. Each essay should have a cover page that includes the student's name and the school name.
10. Only contestants who attend the invitational are eligible to win.

BIBLE MEMORY

Romans will be used this year's Bible memory. Each contestant will receive a fill-in-the-blank Bible memory test. The contestant will fill in as many blanks as he can. The winner will be the contestant who fill in the most blanks correctly before filling in ten blanks incorrectly or not at all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON – Ladies Only

The competition will be divided into two divisions: 7th – 9th grade and 10th – 12th grade.

The time allowed will be from 5-7 minutes in length for 7th – 9th grade and 7-10 minutes in length for 10th – 12th grade. Points will be deducted for going under or over time limit. (Competitors will be deducted for each minute she goes over. We are on a tight schedule and competitors should be aware of the time.)

Contestants will be judged for content, Biblical basis, clarity, logic, visuals, persuasiveness, spiritual impact, appearance, presentation, stage presence, vocal projection, and diction.

In this contest, the Bible story should be geared to a primary-age child (first through third grades). The key for this competition is using teaching methods geared toward this age group.

Contestants may use any Bible story of their choosing.

Only the King James Version of the Bible may be used.

Ladies are expected to wear an outfit that would be appropriate for a Sunday school teacher.

Three copies of the outline must be submitted to the judges. before the contestant begins her lesson.

Outline must be typed on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper in a twelve-point font.

The outline will be judged for neatness, clarity and logic.

PREACHING—Gentlemen Only

The competition will be divided into two divisions: 7th – 9th grade and 10th – 12th grade.

Each sermon will be 5-7 minutes in length for the 7th – 9th grade and 7-10 minutes in length for the 10th – 12th grade. Points will be deducted for going over or under the time limit.

Contestants will be judged for content, Biblical basis, clarity, logic, fervency, persuasiveness, spiritual impact, appearance, presentation, stage presence, vocal projection, and diction.

In this contest we are looking for preaching with a *revival spirit*, not a speech or oration.

Only the King James Version of the Bible may be used.

Contestants are expected to wear a suit, coordinating dress shirt with a tie, and well polished shoes.

Three copies of your outline must be submitted before the contestant begins his sermon. This outline must be typed on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper in a twelve-point font.

The outline will be judged for neatness, clarity and logic.

SONG LEADING—Gentlemen Only

The competition will be divided into two divisions: 7th—9th grade and 10th—12th grade.

Contestants should approach the platform with confidence, establish eye contact, and project their voices well.

Men should wear a suit coat, shirt, and tie.

Contestants should be thoroughly familiar with their song selection.

Contestants should announce the page number & name of the song.

Correct pattern and left hand/right hand independence must be exhibited.

Three copies of the song must be submitted to the judges at time of competition. (Song books are allowed)

The contestant may choose any song from the hymn book.

The song leader will be judged on tempo, clarity, expression, coordination, and appearance.

Creativity will be allowed as long as direction is easy to follow. (Example: holding, slowing, etc.)

A pianist will be provided for this category. Please have a copy of the music ready for the pianist as well.

Providing your own “congregation” is strongly suggested.

Athletics Division

Basketball

Tournament Rules

Four ten-minute quarters (running clock)

Stopped clock last two minutes of each half (within 15 points or less)

Overtime will consist of one four-minute period (running clock)

Semi-finals and championship game will be operated under standard high school rules and periods.

Schools may have two teams playing in the tournament, but an individual player may not play on both teams.

The number of teams entered will determine the tournament format.

Awards

Tournament Champs

Tournament MVP

All-tournament team (5)

Sportsmanship Award (Team)

Iron Man and Iron Woman

The Iron Man and Woman contests will be divided into two divisions: 7th – 9th grade and 10th – 12th grade. There will be a men's and women's division.

Rules:

Each contestant must perform the exercises in the following order: push-ups, sit-ups, weight hold. A one minute break may be taken between each exercise performed.

The judge will count the number of correct exercises. Each contestant will receive one warning for an incorrect execution and counting will stop if there is a second incorrect execution.

Each push-up is worth three points; each sit-up is worth one point; and each thirty-second segment of weight holding is worth five points. The man/woman with the highest number of points is the winner.

Push-ups:

The contestant will lie flat on his stomach with the palms of his hands flat on the floor. His hands must be about 12 inches from his ears and directly to the side of his head.

The contestant will straighten his arms to lift his body

The contestant's chest must touch the floor after each lift.

The contestant's body must be rigid throughout the entire push-up.

The contestant will have three minutes to do as many push-ups as possible without stopping. As soon as the contestant stops, no more push-ups will be counted.

Sit-ups:

The contestant will lie flat on his back with his legs bent at least 90°. His feet must be together and flat on the floor, and he must fold his arms across his abdomen.

For each sit-up, the contestant must touch his knees with his folded arms.

The contestant's arms must remain folded across his abdomen and the upper torso may not tilt or lean to either side during each sit-up.

The judge will assign another man to hold down the contestant's feet.

Each contestant will have four minutes to do as many sit-ups as possible without stopping. As soon as the contestant stops, no more sit-ups will be counted.

Weight hold

The contestant must hold a weight in each hand level with his shoulders. (Men -10 pounds, Ladies – 5 pounds)

If the contestants arms drop below the plane of his shoulders the time stops.

The object is to hold the weights the longest amount of time.

Ladies Volleyball

Tournament Rules

Matches are best of three games.

National Federation Rules

Rally scoring to 25 and must win by 2

Third game to 15 and must win by 2

Knee-length culottes must be worn—no walking shorts. Culottes must be full, loose fitting, and have the appearance of a skirt. When in an upright standing position, culottes must be below the knee.

Teams not playing will act as linesman.

The number of teams entered will determine the tournament format.

Awards

Tournament Champs

Tournament MVP

All-tournament team (6)

Sportsmanship Award (Team)

Punt, Pass, Kick (Men only)

This event will consist of three stations.

This event will be divided into two divisions: 7th – 9th grade & 10th – 12th grade.

Each contestant will punt, pass, and kick a football.

Each contestant will get two attempts at each station.

Total yards will be added from each station.

Softball Throw (Men only)

The softball throw is designed to measure distance and accuracy.

This event will be divided into two divisions: 7th – 9th grade & 10th – 12th grade.

Participants will be allowed 3 throws. All three throws must be taken consecutively.

Participants will throw the softball as far as possible, down the marked line. The distance away from the line (right or left) will be measured and deducted from the total distance of the throw.

Softballs will be provided.

Men's Table Tennis (Singles)

This event will be divided into two divisions: 7th – 9th grade & 10th – 12th grade. **(5 per Division)**

Unless otherwise stated below, all rules of the USA Table Tennis Association will be observed. These rules are available online at <http://www.usatt.org/rules/index.shtml>.

Equipment will be provided.

The choice of ends and the right to be server or receiver in the first game of every match shall go to the youngest player, provided that, if he chooses the right to be server or receiver, the other player shall have the choice of ends, and vice versa. Following the first game, the players then switch sides, and the first server of the first game becomes the first receiver of the second game. If a third game is required, the procedure will be the same as the first game.

Because of a limited time schedule, warm-up may be no longer than one minutes.

The match judge will determine unsportsmanlike conduct. A verbal warning will be given before the first penalty. Penalties are as follows: Penalty one: Lose game. Penalty two: Lose match. Penalty three: disqualification from further competition.

A game shall consist of 11 points in all preliminary games up to the quarterfinals. From the quarterfinals on, a game shall consist of the standard 21 points. If the game becomes tied at 10 or 20 points, the winner of the game shall be the player who first wins two points more than his opponent.

A match shall consist of the best of two of three games to the score of 11 in all preliminary games up to the quarterfinals. All preliminary games are in a single elimination format. From the quarterfinals on, a match shall consist of the best two or three games to the score of 21. Losers of the quarterfinal matches will go into another bracket to determine places.

Coaching will not be permitted during a match or game. Play should be continuous.

In the final match, play should also be continuous throughout, except that either opposing player is entitled to claim a repose period of not more than five minutes duration between the second and third games of a three-game finals match. Any other circumstance requiring a delay in play, be it injury, equipment problem, or other, shall be considered and ruled on by the Chief Judge.

Ladies' Table Tennis (Singles)

The rules of the event are the same for the men's table tennis competition.

Academics Division

Themes for all original compositions must be sacred, patriotic, or historical. In no case should an unbiblical or worldly theme be used. Each section of this competition, with the exception of Chess & Checkers, will be divided into two divisions: 7th – 9th grades and 10th – 12th grades.

Essay Writing

1. The essay must be the original work of the student.
2. The essay must be accompanied by an outline.
3. Plagiarism of any kind disqualifies the entry.
4. Each contestant may submit only one essay.
5. Each essay should have a main idea that is supported by at least three main points.
6. Each essay must be at least 500 words, but no more than 700 words.
7. The essay must be typed and presented double-spaced on plain white paper. There should be a one-inch margin on all sides. Students should use a twelve-point Times or Garamond font. Elaborate fonts or special effects with the fonts are not permitted.
8. The grammar and mechanics of the essay will be considered in the evaluation of each work.
9. Three copies of the essay should be mailed in for judging. **Essays should be postmarked no later than November 4.** Each essay should have a cover page that includes the student's name and the school name.
10. Only contestants who attend the invitational are eligible to win.

Poetry Writing

1. The poem must be the original work of the contestant.
2. Plagiarism of any kind disqualifies the entry.
3. Each contestant may submit only one poem.
4. The poem must be typed and presented double-spaced on plain white paper with a one-inch margin on all sides. Poems may not be centered.
5. They should use a twelve-point font similar to Times New Roman or Garamond. Elaborate fonts or special effects with the fonts are not permitted.
6. The poem must be at least eight lines long, but no longer than thirty-two lines.
7. The grammar and mechanics of the essay will be considered in the evaluation of each work.
8. Three copies of the essay should be mailed in for judging. **Poetry Writing should be postmarked no later than November 4.** Each essay should have a cover page that includes the student's name and the school name.
9. Only contestants who attend the invitational are eligible to win.

Short Story Writing

1. The short story must be the original work of the contestant.
2. Plagiarism of any kind disqualifies the entry.
3. Each contestant may submit only one short story.
4. Each short story should present a compelling, believable story that is brought to a satisfactory conclusion.
5. Each story must be at least 800 words long, but no longer than 1,200 words.
6. The short story must be typed and presented double-spaced on plain white paper. There should be a one-inch margin on all sides. They should use a twelve-point font similar to Times or Garamond. Elaborate fonts or special effects with the fonts are not permitted.
7. The grammar and mechanics of the essay will be considered in the evaluation of each work.
8. Three copies of the short story should be mailed in for judging. **Stories should be postmarked no later than November 4.** Each Short Story should have a cover page that includes the student's name and the school name.
9. Only contestants who attend the invitational are eligible to win.

Academic Testing

Grammar

1. Each contestant will be given a test and assigned a desk. WVBS will provide pencils or pens.
2. Each contestant must complete the test. When completed the test must be given to the judge.
3. The contestant with the most correct answers will be the winner.
4. A player may not leave the test room for any reason. Any participant that leaves will be disqualified.

History

1. Each contestant will be given a test and assigned a desk. WVBS will provide pencils or pens.
2. Each contestant must complete the test. When completed the test must be given to the judge.
3. The contestant with the most correct answers will be the winner.
4. A player may not leave the test room for any reason. Any participant that leaves will be disqualified.

Mathematics

1. Each contestant will be given a test and assigned a desk. WVBS will provide pencils or pens.
2. Each contestant must complete the test. When completed the test must be given to the judge.
3. The contestant with the most correct answers will be the winner.
4. No calculators are allowed.
5. A player may not leave the test room for any reason. Any participant that leaves will be disqualified.

Science

1. Each contestant will be given a test and assigned a desk. WVBS will provide pencils or pens.
2. Each contestant must complete the test. When completed the test must be given to the judge.
3. The contestant with the most correct answers will be the winner.
4. A player may not leave the test room for any reason. Any participant that leaves will be disqualified.

Spelling

1. Each contestant will be given a piece of paper and assigned a desk. WVBS will provide pencils or pens.
2. The judge will pronounce each word twice and use it in a sentence. The contestants will then write the word. The judge will give two practice words before the competition officially begins.
3. Each contestant must write all the words given. Following the final word, the judge will collect all papers.
4. The contestant who spelled the most words correctly will be the winner.
5. All words will be taken from *Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th Edition*, and the preferred spellings of the dictionary will be used.
6. A player may not leave the test room for any reason. Any participant that leaves will be disqualified.

Music Theory

1. Each contestant will be given a test and assigned a desk. WVBS will provide pencils or pens.
2. Each contestant must complete the test. When completed the test must be given to the judge.
3. The contestant with the most correct answers will be the winner.
4. A player may not leave the test room for any reason. Any participant that leaves will be disqualified.
5. Music theory test (Div 1 and 2) Competitors will take a written exam that will cover scales, chords, key signatures, technical names for scale degrees, intervals & musical math

Poetry Recitation

1. Contestants should approach the platform with confidence, establishing eye contact, and project their voices well.
2. Contestants should be thoroughly familiar with their subject matter.
3. Men should wear a collared shirt and slacks. Ladies should wear a nice skirt and blouse or dress.
4. Three typed copies of the work must be submitted to the judge at time of competition.
5. No selection may be used if it conveys improper worldly influences.
6. The selection must be a minimum of eight stanzas or 32 lines. No free verse will be allowed.
7. There is a five-minute time limit.
8. The work must be recited from memory

Expressive Reading

1. Contestants should approach the platform with confidence, establishing eye contact, and project their voices well.
2. Contestants should be thoroughly familiar with their subject matter.
3. Men should wear a collared shirt and slacks. Ladies should wear a nice skirt and blouse or dress.
4. Three typed copies of the work must be submitted to the judge at time of competition.
5. The contestant must choose any spiritual, patriotic, or historical passage and recite it to the audience. No selection may be used if they convey improper worldly influences.
6. The performer may wear a costume, but no props or pieces of furniture are allowed.
7. There is a five-minute time limit.
8. The work must be recited from memory.

Checkers

1. WVBS will provide a board and a set of checkers.
2. **Schools will be allowed only four competitors for this event. There is no division of grades in this event— A total of 4 students for the entire school.**
3. The object of the game is to capture all of an opponent's men or to reduce him to immobility. The loser is the first person that loses all of his men, or is blocked and unable to move any of his remaining men.

RULES:

1. Black has the first move. The youngest player will receive black.
2. Any piece that is touched by a player during his turn **must** be moved if possible; if a playable piece is moved over any angle of the square, the move must be completed in that direction.
3. There is a time limit of three minutes per move unless a player is confronted with a compulsory move in only one direction, and then the time limit is one minute.
4. All jumps **must** be completed. If a player makes a move contrary to this rule, he must take back his move and complete the compulsory jump.
5. Checkers is a one-game elimination event.
6. Competitors must be available to play during their designated time slot. If the contestant is not available, he might have to forfeit his match.

Chess

1. WVBS will provide the chess set.
2. **Schools will be allowed only four competitors for this event. There is no division of grades in this event—only 4 students per school allowed.**

Object of play – The game is won by capturing the opponent’s king. When a king is attacked and cannot escape, he is said to be “checkmated” and the game ends. A game may end by the resignation of the other contestant if he realizes that he cannot escape eventual defeat.

Drawn games – A game may be discontinued as a draw for any one of the following reasons: stalemate; perpetual check; agreement by either parties; or the 50-move rule.

Note: The 50-move rule may be called at any time, but is immediately canceled if any piece is captured or if a pawn is moved.

Rules:

1. White moves first, and the younger player will have first choice of white or black.
2. A player may not touch a piece without the consent of his opponent unless he intends to play that piece.
3. Each move has four-minute time limit. Time is called at the end of three minutes. At four minutes, a player must forfeit the game.
4. A player may not disturb his opponent or allow spectators to do so. There shall be **no** talking by players or spectators in the competition area.
5. Chess is a one-game elimination event. A competitor must be available to play during his/her designated time slot. If the contestant is not available, he/she might have to forfeit his match.

Music Division

Rules:

- 1. Appropriateness of Music**—Music may be **sacred or classical**. **Rock, jazz, blues, country western, or contemporary Christian style** will not be permitted. In the sacred music category, we are looking for song selections that have a revival spirit and lyrics with a strong Biblical message for the local New Testament church. We are looking for songs that do not borrow stylistically from contemporary secular music in their melodies, rhythms, and/or vocal techniques (example of contemporary styles: scooping & sliding into a pitch, singing breathy, etc.). Failure to follow these guidelines will result in disqualification.
- 2. Questions**—Any questions about appropriateness of song selection should be directed to Julie Preston **prior to the competition** **Contact info:** WVBS, 650 North First Street, Aumsville, OR 97325 or via email at julie.preston@wvbco.com. Please don't hesitate to ask a question. We want to make sure that all the music that is sung/played brings honor and glory to the Lord.
- 3. Accompaniment**—(a) A cappella performances are allowed. (b) Only live instrumental accompaniments on traditional acoustic instruments. (c) Pre-recorded accompaniments are not allowed. (d) Accompanists may not sing from the piano. (e) We do not provide an accompanist for entries. (f) **5 points** will be deducted if the contestant appears to not have practiced with the accompanist sufficiently ahead of time.
- 4. Length**—(a) No selection may be longer than five minutes (exception: Band/Orchestras selections may be up to 9 minutes.) (b) Selection of song Each choir may only sing one song.
- 5. Memorization**—All song entries must be performed by memory except instrumental duets, ensembles, and band/orchestra. (This does not apply to the accompanist.) 10 points
- 6. Conductors**—Conductors are permitted only for the choir and orchestra competitions. Vocal and instrumental ensembles are expected to perform without the aid of a conductor.
- 7. Introduction**—Competitors must announce their name, school, and selection before they begin.
- 8. Instrumental Ensembles**—Each school may have two instrumental ensemble entries. A contestant may not enter in two different ensembles unless they are playing a different instrument in each ensemble.
- 9. Legal Copy**—One legal copy of the music must be provided for the judges. A legal copy is (a) a purchased copy of the selection, or (b) a written notice from the copyright holder granting permission for a photocopy to be used. Contestants **SHOULD NOT** provide additional (illegal) photocopies for the judges' convenience. In addition, the music should reflect exactly what is being performed. Any improvisations must be notated accordingly in the music.
- 10. Arrangement Legality**—When contestants arrange their own works using pre-existing copyrighted songs (such as "God Bless America" or "How Great Thou Art"), they must (a) show the copyright notice of the song within their arrangement and (b) have written permission from the copyright holder to use the song in the arrangement.
- 11. Dress**—Men who are competing in this division must have a button up shirt, tie, and slacks. Women must have a skirt/dress below her knees and modest neckline. All performers must be dressed appropriately for the performance. Sports uniforms will result in an automatic 10 point deduction.
- 12. Make Up Times**—Make up times will be determined **ONLY** if other events conflict.
- 13. Division Guidelines**—When a category specifies 7th – 9th grade or 10th – 12th grade, ensembles must have at least half the members (not counting accompanists) in that age group. Groups that are exactly evenly divided will compete in the 10th – 12th grade category.
- 14. Judging Sheets**—Each competitor must fill out and provide the judges with **three** copies of the judging sheet for their event. These forms are available in the competition guidelines and can be found on the Fine Arts page of the GSBC website. Judging sheets will not be provided at the event.

These competitions will be divided into two divisions: Division I (7th-9th grade) and Division II (10th –12th grade)

1. Piano Solos
2. Vocal Solos
3. Instrumental Solos

These competitions may only have one entry in **each division** per school: Division I (7th-9th and Division II (10th-12th)

1. Vocal Duets
2. Vocal Trios & Quartets (one category)
3. Vocal Ensembles (5 to 8 people)
4. Instrumental Duets

This competition may have two entries per school regardless of division (7th-12th):

1. Instrumental Ensembles (3 to 8 people)
-Pick two from the following:
1. String Ensemble 2. Wind Ensemble 3. Mixed Ensemble

These competitions may only have one entry per school:

1. Choirs
2. Band/Orchestra (one category, minimum of 9 people)

Art Division

General Rules:

Each entry must be labeled (on the back) with the following information:

Student's name

Student's school name, address, and contact information

Category of entry

1. Contestants are responsible for the transporting and handling of their own artwork.
2. Entries must be the sole work of the student.
3. Entries must be of appropriate subject matter. No artwork should portray the face of Christ.
4. Students may enter each category only one time.
5. All pictures of people should meet the dress and appearance standards of the Northwest Christian Invitational.
6. All entries not complying with these guidelines will be **disqualified**.

Graphic Design

This is a design contest where students will design a poster for a Sermon Series. The theme is “**In God We Trust**” (**American Patriotic Look**)—**2 Chronicles 7:14**. Students may use computer software (such as Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Corel Draw, etc.) to design this poster.

Rules:

1. Each entry must clearly present the event.
2. All entries must be hard copies (computer files are not accepted.)
3. All entries must be designed at a minimum of 300dpi. (5 pts.)
4. All entries must be **mounted** to mat board with a two inch border or **framed**.
5. Minimum size: 11 inches x 17 inches

Judging Standards

1. Creativity
2. Use of color
3. Accuracy (spelling, grammar) of text
4. Effective use of design elements
5. Overall impression
6. Print (quality of print, resolution, pixilation)

Art

Categories

1. Oil/**Acrylic** (one category)
2. Watercolor
3. Pen and ink (monochromatic*)
4. Pencil Drawing (monochromatic*)

Guidelines

1. All artwork must be **framed**. Artwork that is not framed will be disqualified.

* *For the purpose of clarification, monochromatic means one color only.*

Art Judging Standards

Composition: clarity, balance

Difficulty

General merits of entry

Handling of media

Logic: perspective, light direction

Rhythm: Continuity of lines and masses

Photography

Categories

1. Landscape—a section or expanse of rural scenery, usually extensive, that can be seen from a single viewpoint.
2. Still life—An arrangement of objects
3. Wildlife & Animals—A picture of wild animals and birds, flowers, plants, insects, domesticated animals, etc.
4. Special Effects—trick photography that creates an illusion or unusual effect. Entries in this category should include a written explanation of the photograph was created. **No computer software can be used** except as listed in rule 6. Entries with no explanation will be disqualified.

Rules

1. Contestants are allowed to enter only **one photo per category** and a **maximum of two categories**.
2. The same photo may not be used more than once.
3. Photos can be in color or black and white.

1. Entries must be created by the contestant without assistance from another person and may not be the work of another contestant.
2. All entries must be 8 x 10 and mounted with 11 x 14 matting.
3. Computer software can be only be used for red eye, cropping, rotating, printing, and tonal adjustment (lightness, darkness, and contrast – not enhancement).
4. Each entry must be labeled on the back with following information:
 - (1) student's name,
 - (2) student's school
 - (3) category of entry
 - (4) a title
8. There should **not** be people in any of the photos.
9. All entries not following these rules will be disqualified.

Photography Judging Standards

1. Composition Total (lines, balance, cropping)
2. Content
3. Contrast Density
4. Difficulty
5. Focus
6. Lighting
7. Mounting
8. Originality
9. Print Quality
- 10, Appropriate for Category

Sewing (Ladies Only)

1. Contestants are allowed to submit one entry per category and must not receive help on their projects.
2. All fashions must meet the requirement that Christian ladies should dress modestly. With this in mind, the judges will remove any miniskirts, slacks, pantsuits, shorts, bathing suits, sleepwear, undergarments, or garments with low necklines. Slits in skirts or dresses must be no higher than the bottom of the knee. Thin or see-through fabric must have an opaque lining.
3. Contestants may vary from their pattern, but should include their reason for doing so.
4. Entries must have been created in the last 12 months and not entered in this competition previously.

Each entry must include these items:

1. Pattern
2. A 3" x 5" card must be attached to each piece of the entry with the following information: student's name, and explanation about modifications to the original pattern.
3. Plastic bag to hold pattern. Attach to entry using a safety pin or hanging on the hanger
4. Garment entries should include a color photograph of someone wearing the garment you made.

Garments

1. Sportswear – Only two pieces may be submitted. One piece must be a blouse; the second piece may be a skirt, a jumper, or a pair of culottes.
2. Dresses – any one-piece dress.
3. Formals – full-length dress, tea-length dress, or formal blouse and skirt.

There may be no serged seams because there is no way to judge a serged seam against a hand/machine finished seam. However, serging may be used to finish a seam. Garments that include a serged seam will be marked down considerably.

Explanation: A "*serged seam*" means both front and back of the garment are serged together.

"*Serged finishing*" is each side of the garment is separately serged for neatness.

Sportswear/Dresses/Formals judging standards

1. Christian appropriateness
2. Collar/neckline detail
3. Creativity
4. Hem detail
5. Overall beauty of design
6. Seam finish
7. Sleeve set and detail
8. Stitching
9. Zipper, buttonholes, or fastenings

Other Sewn Entries: (Quilts, pillows, aprons, etc.)

1. Contestants are allowed to submit one entry in this category and must not receive help on their project.
2. All entries must meet the standards of appropriateness. With this in mind, the judges will remove any items from the competition that are considered to be inappropriate.
3. Contestants may vary from their pattern, but should include their reason for doing so.
4. Entries must have been created in the last 12 months and not entered in this competition previously.

Each entry must include these items:

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Tablescape Competition

A tablescape is defined by www.yourdictionary as an artistic arrangement of articles on a table.

Theme: The required theme is a Sports Award Banquet.

Table Dimensions: Each group will have one complete tabletop (Card table size). Table will comfortably seat 4 people. Chairs will not be included.

Requirements: Your tablescape should include the following items: linens, dishes, flatware, glassware and centerpiece.

Guidelines:

- Each school is allowed to submit one entry for each division (7-9 grade & 10-12 grade)
- This event is considered a group competition.
- Tables will be provided
- Set up time will begin at a scheduled time and you will have 30 minutes to set up your table
- Judging will take place on Thursday
- The submitted tablescape décor is required to have been started and completed within the 12 month period prior to the beginning of the competition.
- The competition only includes items on the table. You will not be allowed to utilize the walls, ceiling or floor.