



NITOC NUGGET



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Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Tournament Director's Message

Lodging: Approximately \$50-\$120 per night
NITOC 2016 Registration/Event Fees: From \$60 + for one student
Meals: \$80 campus meal plan for one individual
Gas, car rental, airfare: Varies
Other incidental expenses: Varies

Awesome national competition: Priceless
Celebration of your speech & debate season: Priceless
Scholarship opportunities: Priceless
Continued training for and pursuing excellence: Priceless
The Three "F"s: Fellowship, Fun, and Friends: Priceless
There are some things money can't buy...

Numerous green check marks have been earned. Invitations are being sent out. NITOC 2016 registration has officially begun. Preparations are well underway.

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

The Administration team is looking for volunteers to help get all the check-in materials ready. we will begin Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 AM and work until the work is completed. Even if you cannot stay the entire time, all help is appreciated. For more information on shifts and times, please email Lisa Farquhar at scisa29@verizon.net

Many hands make light work.

For some of you, coming to NITOC has been a goal the entire year. You've worked hard, and once you earned your green check marks, you started making plans to attend!

For some of you, coming to NITOC was not your goal this year. You worked just as hard, you earned your green check marks, and now, you're wondering, "Should I stay home, or, should I go to NITOC 2016?"

Two of the biggest considerations for attending NITOC 2016 are TIME and FINANCES. It takes time and money to attend. So...how do you decide whether you should stay or go?

Each family must first pray and seek God for His guidance. If in your heart, you desire to "go", He will show you the way and open doors to make it happen. If He is clearly showing you to "stay", you will be joyful and at peace with your decision. If you are torn between the two, here are some considerations:

- **The NITOC is individualized.** Each person's experience at NITOC will be different. God will be showing each individual Himself in a way that is personal and real. It's through NITOC that everyone will grow in Him through interactions with others, through competition, and through all the different activities and events.

- **The NITOC is a celebration.** Everyone who has earned green check marks and invitations to NITOC will be celebrated. We are celebrating your achievements together with everyone from different parts of the country.

- **The NITOC has great competition.** Everyone coming into NITOC has experience and has already achieved success in their communities. Bringing everyone together into one place means there will be a variety of different competitors sharpening each other's skills and be a new challenge for all competitors. You will learn and grow even more in your skills by competing at NITOC.

- **The NITOC experience is truly priceless.** Whether you are being invited to NITOC with one or dozens of events (well, OK, maybe not dozens, but you get the idea!), you will be encouraged and uplifted being surrounded with like-minded peers who are all working hard and doing their best for God. There's no price tag for this experience.

- **The NITOC continues your journey of training and running for Christ.** You've worked hard this year. You've made it!! This is the Olympics of speech and debate. Come to the NITOC and continue in your training as you run your race for Jesus Christ with others from around the country! **1 Timothy 4:8: "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."**

The Board and I hope to have a chance to see you, greet you, and thank you for being a part of the home school speech and debate

LIGHTING TEAM aka TEAM AWESOMENESS 2016

The Security/Lighting Team needs 6-8 more volunteers, part-time or full time, during the entire week of NITOC. Shifts are either in the mornings (7-11 AM), afternoons (11-4 PM), or especially in the evenings (4-8 PM).

Skills needed: Walk around, stand for period of time while keeping people going where they need to go and not jaywalking across traffic, and SMILE!!

Contact: Flint Callaway, phone or text

[425-503-3155](tel:425-503-3155) or email FVC1911@gmail.com

CHECK-IN STAFF

Would you like to greet our excited students when they arrive at NITOC and to help ensure they have a great and efficient experience at check-in? If that's you, then, we need you on our check-in staff. Check in is Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 PM and Tuesday, May 24 at 7:30 AM.

REMINDER FOR MONOLOGUE

For Parents, Students, and Judges

Please go back and read the rules on this event .



community this past year. We want to celebrate your hard work, perseverance, and achievements. We want to celebrate YOU!!

In His Service,
Joanne Quan
NITOC 2016 Tournament Director



JUDGE ORIENTATION

We understand that each Stoa tournament around the country may use different Judge Training presentations at local tournaments throughout the year. To ensure that all our judges are judging from the same, national mindset for NITOC, we will present a mini Judge Orientation at our Opening Ceremonies so everyone will be on the same page at NITOC.

For those unable to attend the presentation at Opening Ceremonies, we will provide more JOs throughout the week of NITOC (including right after the Opening). It is our goal that every parent attend Judge Orientation at NITOC.

Apply Within for Hospitality

Hospitality



(Kitchen): Volunteers needed

"Do you love watching Food Network shows? Here's your chance to be part of the action! We are looking for sous chefs, line cooks, prep cooks, porters, and dishwashers. Parents earn "Judging Credit" and may enjoy the fruits of their labor during their shifts! Sign up for 3-hour shifts. This is your big chance to **"Practice hospitality"** (Rom. 12:13) and also to **"Do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."** (Gal. 6:10)

Food Buyer needed. This job entails making runs to the supermarket or Sam's club as needed for Judge Hospitality. No experience necessary, must be able to read list:)

Sign-Up Genius has been set up so you can sign up for your desired time slots. [Please sign up here.](#)

This is not a Platform Speech in which "eye contact" is on the ballot. As in any interpretive event the student may or may not make eye contact depending on their interpretation of the selection. [Click here to review the rules.](#)

Timer Table Team



There are eight (8) more slots open at the Timer Table.

5/24 7:30a-8:30a (1 slot open)

5/25 8:00a-10:30a (1 slot)

5/26 8:00a-10:45a (2 slots)

5/27 7:15a-10:45a (2 slots)

5/28 8:00a-10:00a (2 slots)

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Hospitality (Dining Area): Volunteers needed

If you love serving people then we have a position for you!! We are looking for people to help in the judges' area. I am calling us "Replenishers", we will make sure the judges tables are clean and nice and

that the food table has all of the food and drinks replenished on them. Parents you can earn "Judging Credits" by taking a 3-hour shift. Sign up for as many slots as you would like.

I am looking forward to meeting and working with you!

Michelle Mack

[Please sign up here.](#)

JUST A REMINDER FOR DEBATERS....

Please make sure to read the Stoa rules for your event before you come to NITOC. Does that seem too simple? Do you know that many problems at NITOC, including adjudications, can be prevented just by debaters knowing the rules for their events? So please read them and reread them! Also, it is a great idea to bring a paper copy of the rules with you to NITOC.

[Stoa Debate Rules](#)



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