

2016 North Carolina Future Problem Solving State Bowl:

What You Need to Know

Friday, April 15 & Saturday, April 16, 2016

Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center

Banner Elk, North Carolina 28604

The State Bowl is the North Carolina Future Problem Solving Program's culminating activity. Our goal: recognize excellence and creativity in problem solving and select representatives to the FPSPI International Conference.

Student Conduct

As guests of the North Carolina Future Problem Solving Program (NC FPS) and Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center, participants are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and honorable manner. We will not tolerate destructive behavior to persons or property or use of alcohol or illegal drugs. Individuals violating this code will be asked to leave immediately and will be assessed for any damages. Please review the *Participation Contract*, *Authorization of Treatment of Minor* and *Publication Release and Statement of Authenticity* with your students and mail these three (3) signed forms for each participant and guest to NC FPS Office no later than **March 31, 2016**.

Registration Online

Student participation at all bowl levels requires paid registration. Each participant who has received an invitation to NC FPS State Bowl will be registered by their coach online at www.nc-fps.org. The registration fee is \$128.00 per team and \$50 per Individual competitor. Information about Holston Presbytery Camp will be found on the website. Guests, parents, and/or coaches who will use Holston Camp for lodging and meals must pre-register and pre-pay NC FPS. Cabin rooms are reserved for participants and chaperones. Each cabin must have at least one adult chaperone. The cost for a **cabin room**, dinner Friday night and breakfast and lunch on Saturday is \$68.00 per person.

A few hotel-style rooms in Guenther Lodge are available at a first come-first served basis. **Lodge rooms** with meals will be \$90.00 per person. Children under 12 and participants who stay in the Lodge with an adult will be \$68.00 each.

Coaches must register teams online at www.nc-fps.org. **The deadline for registration is Thursday, March 31, 2016.** Participation Contracts need to be mailed or scanned and emailed by **Thursday, March 31**. All registration fees and camp fees must be mailed or charged by **Thursday, March 31, 2016** or the room will be reassigned.

Check-in

All competitions and ceremonies take place at Holston Camp in Banner Elk, North Carolina. Directions may be found on the Holston Camp website, www.holstoncamp.org. Teams should eat lunch prior to arrival. Check-in will begin at 12:30 pm at the Dining Hall, NC FPS Central. Drive directly to the Dining Hall to check-in instead of the camp office. The assigned parking area is located beside Guenther Lodge.

Only coaches can register teams/individuals and pick up team/individual registration packets at the registration table. Chaperone nametags are included in the registration packets. Only pre-registered, pre-paid coaches, participants, and guests will be allowed to eat in the dining hall. Meals have been carefully planned for the number of paid participants and guests.

Guests who will not be spending the night at the camp or dining with the participants have been registered with their coach. Name tags should be worn by all participants, guests, and volunteers at all times.

Opening ceremonies will begin in the Dining Hall promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Team registration packets can only be picked up by the coach. Each packet contains the following items:

1. Name tags for FPSers, coaches, and guests—For security reasons, nametags should be worn at all times
2. Sealed envelopes with the State Bowl future scene for each team or individual—DO NOT OPEN UNTIL ADVISED AT COMPETITION!
3. A change form to make last-minute changes or corrections for your registered teams
4. One complete, blank FPS booklet for each team or individual
5. Step 6 Action Plan on NCR paper so that each team will have a copy of the underlying problem and action plan to help prepare the Action Plan presentations
6. Cabin assignments for participants and presentation room assignments for divisions
7. A map of Holston Presbytery Camp
8. A parking pass that should be placed on the dashboard visible in the windshield of all vehicles.

COMPETITION: Coaches/teams should bring a supply of # 2 pencils, paper/sealed post-it notes (if desired), dictionaries, and thesauri. NC FPS supplies blank booklets and copies of the future scenes to teams and individuals.

Schedule

Check-in is at 12:30 and opening ceremonies begin at 1:00 pm on Friday, April 15 in the Dining Hall. Directly after the opening ceremonies, booklet teams will be dismissed to their assigned competition rooms to complete competition booklets. No coaches, guests or chaperones will be allowed in competition rooms during competition.

Teams will meet at the dining hall at their assigned time for the Team-building Activity after booklet competition. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:15 pm. After dinner, a short meeting will be held in the Dining Hall. Junior, Middle and Senior Division teams will receive their bag of prop materials and a list of quotations and stage items that will be used for their Action Plan presentations on Saturday morning. The Affiliate Director will meet with Action Plan Presentation emcees Friday evening after the prop bags have been distributed to review the procedure.

On Saturday, April 16, breakfast will begin at 7:45 am. SR presentations will begin at 8:45. Junior and Middle Action Plan presentations will begin in assigned rooms at 9:50 am. Junior and Middle teams should be seated in assigned room for presentation competition at 9:40 am. Teams are responsible for cleaning up all materials and leaving practice rooms the way they found them. After presentations, cabins will be inspected. Lunch will be at 12:30 pm. The Awards Ceremony will be held in the dining hall at 2:00 pm.

State Bowl Essentials

- Casual dress is the norm for both participants and coaches for all events at the state bowl.
- Friday night dinner and Saturday breakfast/lunch is included in the lodging fee for pre-registered and pre-paid participants, parents and guests. If guests plan to eat with participants at the camp but stay elsewhere, they must pre-register and pre-pay by **March 31** for meals. Friday Dinner—\$12.00 Saturday Breakfast—\$10.00 Saturday Lunch—\$12.00. The camp is planning meals for a specific number of people, so participants and visitors must pre-register and pre-pay.
- NC FPS State Bowl trophies and medallions will be awarded for winners in Global Issues Problem Solving Team and Individual Booklet competition per division. Plaques and medallions will be presented to winners of the Action Plan Presentation Competition. Every participant will receive a certificate.

Presentation of Action Plan (PAP)

Each booklet team must present a four-minute presentation of their action plan in competition. Individual participants will present with a team from their district or division. Junior and Middle division teams will perform planned presentations Saturday. The Senior Division team will present a planned State Bowl Topic presentation with team-designed props on Friday in the dining hall during the opening ceremony.

NC FPS will supply teams with "Presentation of Action Plan" materials that will be distributed on Friday evening after dinner. Senior, Junior, and Middle Division teams can use Friday night for preparation and planning of thoughtful skits.

Senior, Middle, and Junior teams should bring the following "tools" for costumes and props: **scissors, 1 stapler and 1 box of staples, 1 roll of tape, pens/pencils, water-soluble colored markers, 10 sheets of colored or construction paper (9 x 12 or smaller), 1 roll of paper towels (any kind/size), 1 box of aluminum foil, 1 catalog or magazine.** NC FPS will not provide these items. Complete rules and PAP evaluation guidelines are posted on the website.

International Bids

First place winning teams in each grade level division (Junior, Middle, and Senior) automatically earn a bid to the International Conference. The 2016 Future Problem Solving Program International Conference (IC) on June 1-5 at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan. The state bowl is governed by the 2015-2016 Rules of Competition found in Dropbox with team materials. Please familiarize yourself and your teams with these rules.

Team Substitutions

The students who wrote the QP booklet have won the right to compete; substitutions are discouraged. However, if a student on the qualifying team cannot attend the bowl, the coach may replace that member with another student who has participated on an FPS team this year. If that team goes on to win the state title, the students who participated at the bowl will represent North Carolina at International Conference. Replacements of more than one team member must be approved by the state director.

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What You Need to Bring

- ☐ Pillow and sleeping bag and/or sheets and a blanket—the beds have new mattresses, but no sheets, blankets or pillows, so bring your own. April nights can be very cold in the mountains.
- ☐ Towel and washcloth—every cabin has a bathroom, sink, and shower/bathtub.
- ☐ Toiletries –shampoo, soap and tooth brush, toothpaste, brush, comb
- ☐ Bedding is provided in Guenther Lodge rooms.

Clothing (Nothing fancy)

- ☐ Jogging suit, comfortable pants and a t-shirt, or sweatsuit for sleeping because of the cool temperatures
- ☐ **Dress in layers and dress warm:** fleece, sweat shirt, jacket, long sleeved shirt, long pants etc. (at an elevation of 4000 feet temperatures can still drop into the 30's and below)
- ☐ Warm hat and gloves in case the weather turns cold
- ☐ Rain coat or Poncho (Rain is a common occurrence in the mountains.)
- ☐ Socks/slippers for the cabin
- ☐ Comfortable shoes and a pair of shower shoes (flip flops).

Things you may want

- ☐ Headlamp or flashlight with batteries
- ☐ Change of clothes
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Camera

The camp and NC FPS is not responsible for lost or damaged personal items. We recommend that you do not bring CD players, Gameboys, etc. We will have plenty to eat, so snack foods shouldn't be needed.

Questions and Contact Information

If you have additional questions about the NC FPS State Bowl, please contact Sandra Horton.

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