

CEDAR CREST COLLEGE
THS 106 – Fall 2009 Tuesday 12:00 – 12:50PM
Forensic Speech Team
Alumnae Little Theatre

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday and Thursday – 2:30 – 5:00PM; or by appt.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: *“Participation in forensics competition including public speaking and oral interpretation events. Students work with instructors and fellow team members to develop speech and oral interpretation skills. Students meet weekly and train for regional competitions throughout the semester. Students are expected to prepare for and compete in at least two tournaments per term.” (1 credit)*

TEXTBOOK: **WELCOME TO FORENSICS!** Packet – this will be distributed in class.

OUTCOMES: After preparing for a competition, team members will acquire a set of oral presentation and interpretation skills that will aid them in artistic and research projects. Group communication as a team will develop the ability to work as a unit that functions at a high level of productivity.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

As with any team, EVERY member of this team is expected to attend ALL classes and to participate fully. While I am dropping requirements for minimum tournaments, please know that the whole purpose of signing up for the Forensic Speech team is to participate in Forensic Speech tournaments. If a Team Member is unable to make it to a significant number of Tournaments, a meeting will be scheduled with the Team Director to discuss future participation on the team. ALL team members will be expected to attend coaching hours as scheduled, as well as POD meetings, in addition to other coaching, as directed by the Team Director.

Grades can and will be affected by these requirements. This class is significantly different than most, in that it is a prep class for a **TEAM** competition. As such, all members of the team must work together, with one another, and for one another. Yay, team.

POLICIES:

- 1) Students may only miss **one** coaching hour and 12 hours notice must be given;
- 2) **Everyone must attend all coaching hours scheduled during the semester.** This is individual coaching scheduled on a weekly basis;
- 3) ALL FINAL DECISIONS regarding competition will be made by the Coach. We can't register every member of the Team for Prose or Duo, as an example, and so final decisions on which pieces will compete will be made by the Coach. Members will also be encouraged to expand into categories other than their "comfort zones."
- 4) All members of the team are responsible for adhering to the Code of Conduct.

HONOR CODE AND ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

You are required to abide by the Academic Policies of this college. This information can be found in the Cedar Crest College catalog online.

DOCUMENTATION OF DISABILITIES

Students with documented disabilities who wish to request accommodations should contact the Advising Center. See the Student Handbook for complete information.

CLASSROOM PROTOCOL AT CEDAR CREST COLLEGE

The Student Handbook states that *"Appropriate classroom behavior is implicit in the Cedar Crest College Honor Code. Such behavior is defined and guided by complete protection for the rights of all students and faculty to be a courteous, respectful classroom environment."* In a plainer parlance, that means that **when you're IN class, BE in class. Respect the class.** No cell phones. No text messages. No sleeping. No working on homework for other classes. No late arrivals or early departures without permission. *"Get a job. Cut your hair. Don't do drugs. Stay in school."* I anticipate that everyone in my classes will know enough to understand the concept, but if not, please consult the Student Handbook, and if questions remain, please ask.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2009-2010

Fall

Sept. 26-27, 2009	Towson/SNAFU Swing – Towson, MD
Oct. 10-11, 2009	Rose Bowl – West Chester, PA
Oct. 17-18, 2009	Linda Baas Memorial/SNAFU – CEDAR CREST
Oct. 24-25, 2009	Seton Hall/SNAFU Swing
Oct. 31- Nov. 1 2009	Match Made in Heaven – Harrisonburg, VA
Nov. 7-8, 2009	Norton (Peoria) or Marietta (Ohio)
Nov. 21-22, 2009	NYU/SNAFU Swing – NYC

Spring

Jan. 16-17, 2010	HFO (Austin) and West Chester/SNAFU Swing
Jan. 23-24, 2010	Wilkes/SNAFU – Wilkes, PA
Jan. 30, 2010	HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT - Hosting
Feb. 6-7, 2010	GMU/JMU (Harrisonburg, VA)
Feb. 20-21, 2010	PA States – California, PA
March 5-6, 2010	District Tournament (Towson University)

Nationals

April 2-5, 2010	AFA – Eau Claire, WI
April 16-21, 2010	NFA – Athens, Ohio

CLASS SCHEDULE –**(subject to change)**

Tuesday, Aug. 25th	Intro. to Course and Overview of Season
Tuesday, Sept. 1st	Organizing for Team Retreat
Fri. Sept. 4 th – Sun. Sept 6 th	TEAM RETREAT
Tuesday, Sept. 8th	Organizing for District Workshop
Saturday, Sept. 12 th	District VII Workshop – Lafayette College
Tuesday, Sept. 15th	Comparing Notes from District Workshop
Tuesday, Sept. 22nd	Surviving Impromptu & Extemp. Filing
SEPT. 26-27th	TOWSON/SNAFU SWING
Tuesday, Sept. 29th	Review Towson – POD A Presentations
Tuesday, Oct. 6 th	Prep for Rose Bowl – POD B Presentations
OCT. 10-11th	ROSE BOWL
Tuesday, Oct. 14 th	FALL BREAK
OCT. 17-18th	<u>OUR TOURNAMENT HERE ON CAMPUS!!!</u>
Tuesday, Oct. 20th	Debrief on Our Tournament & Prep for Seton Hall
OCT. 24-25th	SETON HALL/SNAFU SWING
Tuesday, Oct. 27 th	Take a breath... and prep for MMH
OCT 31-NOV 1st	MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN
Tuesday, Nov. 3rd	Prep for Norton and/or Marietta
NOV 7-8th	NORTON and/or MARIETTA
Tuesday Nov. 10th	Status Update... Where Are We? Where Do We Need To Be?
Tuesday, Nov. 17th	Prep for NYU
NOV. 21-22nd	NYU/SNAFU SWING
Tuesday, Nov. 24 th	Well-Deserved DEEP Breath...
Tuesday, Dec. 1st	Last Class of the Semester

PODS

As a requirement of participation in Tournaments, members of the Forensics Team must participate fully in their respectively assigned PODS. Pod assignments will be given in class, and will meet for an hour, once a week, at a time mutually agreed upon by members of the Pod.

Each pod will be assigned with a blend of varsity and novice team members. Each pod will elect a member of the pod to be the Pod Leader, who will be responsible for management of the group, will present status reports to the group about progress being made on work within the pod, and will ensure timing of competitive projects.

Pods will be responsible for presentation in class on the assigned week in the syllabus. This time can be given to full presentation of a piece, or cuttings of work by each member of the pod. Time allotted for each pod will be determined the week prior by the Coach.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All members of the Forensics Team are representatives of Cedar Crest College, and maintain significant visibility during competition. As such, it is important that all members of the Team adhere to this Code of Conduct:

- 1) All Members of the Team will be PREPARED for competition. This includes proper preparation of materials, appropriate attention given to timing of materials, and rehearsal with introductions. NO piece will be eligible for competition without approval of Coach. NO exceptions. It may be the best piece ever, but if I haven't seen it, it's not going. If materials are not sufficiently prepared, the piece will not be registered for competition, or will be dropped at the competition;
- 2) If it's illegal, it's illegal – no exceptions during travel. Underage drinking, the purchase of alcohol for those not of legal age, and the consumption of any other illegal substances is strictly forbidden. In addition, excessive consumption of alcohol by those of legal drinking age will be forbidden. "Excessive" will be determined by the Coach;
- 3) All Members will observe a curfew during travel, which will be determined by the Coach for each specific tournament;
- 4) All Members will conduct themselves during travel and at tournaments in a PROFESSIONAL manner. This includes competition and time spent away from campus as a Team

Failure to observe these rules can and will result in an effect on your class grade, competition probation, and/or removal from the Team.