Washington FPS

FROM THE AD'S DESK
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Odle Middle School PAP team wins 1st place Middle Division at the 2019 State Bowl.

Shuksan Middle School PAP team wins 2nd place Junior Division at the 2019 State Bowl.

Machias Elementary School PAP team wins 3rd place Junior Division at the 2019 State Bowl.

Hello Coaches,

The GIPS evaluators have been busy evaluating the Qualifying Problem and will soon have scores back. You can expect to receive your results and scoresheets soon, including an invitation to the 2020 State Bowl if your team has qualified.

February 20 is the **Community Problem Solving deadline** for submission. The five required pieces are the Title Page, the Written Report, the Addendum, the cover sheet and the Statement of Authenticity. For the Cover Sheet you may use the first page of your team's Progress Report with any changes necessary. Completed projects should be submitted to your Dropbox.

We do not yet know what the **International Conference topic** will be, but we anticipate that the International Office will release the topic sometime near the end of February, so we hope to be able to announce it to you in next month's newsletter.

FPSPI has just made available **a collection of the future scenes** that were used from 2008-2019. If you want a library of future scenes that you can use for practice with your students, this will be a very valuable resource. If you are interested in purchasing the anthology, please go to FPSPImart.org. Cost is $25.

Now through March 31, you and your students are invited to **vote for the 2021-22 FPS topics**. Read about the topics here and then cast your vote!

Coaches, please **send photos** of your students, either individually or in groups, to Kari Beyer, kaldrich@nr.k12.wa.us, in order for these photos to be included in the slide show at the opening ceremony of the 2020 State Bowl.

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REGISTRATION PROCEDURES FOR STATE BOWL

Qualification: As a coach, you will be notified if your team(s) and/or individual(s) have qualified for the 2020 State Bowl.

Registration Deadline: March 3, 2020

Registration Procedure: The registration process will be the same as last year through the WA FPS website. Each student, coach, chaperone, and adult day visitor will need to register through the WA FPS website, (Register and Shop menu item). Registration will open the second week in February.

Payment Procedure: You or your district may use a credit card to register all coaches, chaperones, and students on the WA FPS website by clicking on the PayPal button (you do not need a PayPal account). This option allows for credit cards to be used. If your school district is not using a credit card, select the offline payment method. An invoice will be generated once your order has been received. Please plan to have this invoice paid by your school district prior to the State Bowl.

Paperwork Required: Each student must complete and submit these two forms via the coach's Dropbox: 1. the **Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity and Competitor Rules and Regulations form**, and 2. the **Medical Release** form. Both forms are available on the WA FPS website.

Submitting the Required Paperwork: If possible, please scan all Medical Release Forms together in one file, and all Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity and Rules/Regulations as one file. These two files should then be placed in your coach's **Dropbox** in the folder named State Bowl Forms by **March 6**.

REGISTERING ONLINE

Please note: when registering students online for the State Bowl, the team or individual number will also need to be entered in the appropriate box for each participant.

2019 State Bowl T-shirts will be available for purchase. A link to the T-shirt order form will be sent to coaches within the next week. Pre-purchased t-shirts will be available for pick up during check-in at the State Bowl. A very limited number of t-shirts may be available for purchase at the State Bowl. Teams will also have the opportunity to have their team photos taken during check-in.

Coaches: If you have a team that is unable to attend the State Bowl after qualifying, please contact me asap at jbuissinkwafps@gmail.com or text at 509-386-6297.

MAGIC AT IC

What's MAGIC? Multi-**A**ffiliate **G**lobal **I**ssues Problem Solving **C**ompetition (Junior, Middle, Senior, Adult) provides an opportunity for collaboration with other problem solvers from around the world as competitors are randomly placed onto teams by division at the International Conference.

Who can register for MAGIC? An invitation to represent Washington State FPS at IC will be extended to the GIPS Individual 2nd and 3rd place winners at the State Bowl. There will be additional MAGIC slots available. Participants who register for this competition MUST be experienced in GIPS, thus well versed in the problem solving process. Students from the same registration will not be placed on a MAGIC team together.

What's involved? Eight challenges, eight solution ideas, and a shortened grid will be completed in the MAGIC booklet. At the International Conference, MAGIC will have the same 2 hours as GIPS Teams and will compete in the same location at the same time.

ONLINE GIPS COURSE

FPS and Purdue University are offering a free online course to learn and practice the Six-Step Problem Solving Process using the topic Desertification.

Participants work through the steps virtually with their team, who could be anywhere in the world, and become a member of the Global Desert Reclamation Project Restoration Team.

Want more information? Visit: futurelearn.com/courses/desertification.

SOLUTION IDEAS

Writing clear well-defined solutions that directly relate to your UP is essential for completing a successful booklet. Check out these guidelines.

1. Solution ideas are written in statement form as definite proposals.
2. A Relevant solution idea addresses, or has a relationship to, the Key Verb Phrase and it is clear or easily inferred that it supports the Purpose. It also must not contradict the Future Scene parameters.
3. The Condition Phrase, Key Verb Phrase, and/or Purpose is not required to be repeated verbatim for a solution idea to be relevant. A solution idea can be relevant even if the Purpose is not specifically mentioned as long as the Purpose is clearly impacted by the solution idea.
4. A Relevant solution idea does not have to work perfectly, be humane, be tried and true, or be new. The solution idea does not have to totally solve the Underlying Problem. How well the solution idea solves the Underlying Problem is evaluated in Step 6.
5. To receive points for elaboration, at least three of the critical questions, *who*, *what*, *how*, *why*, *when*, and *where*, must be explained. When addressing the "*who,*" it must be an appropriate *who*. While it is helpful to include when and where, these will only be counted toward elaboration if substantive in nature and not merely the Future Scene parameters.
6. For non-competitive problems, if the Underlying Problem has no Purpose, the evaluator will impose a Purpose that seems logical to the Future Scene and the Key Verb Phrase without referring to the solution ideas or plan of action. **For the State Bowl competition (as well as the Qualifying Problem), evaluators will not impose a Purpose if the Underlying Problem does not include one.** Thus, it will be very difficult for a team that writes a UP without a purpose to advance to the PCA round of evaluation.

TIPS FOR PRESENTATION OF ACTION PLAN

At the State Bowl and International Conference, another aspect of the competition kicks in. All teams have the opportunity to (and are required to) complete a Presentation of Action Plan performance (formerly known as the Skit Competition). This is an opportunity for those students who are creative and enjoy being in front of an audience to shine.

This competition occurs on Thursday afternoon after the team has completed the GIPS booklet. At lunch that day, teams are given a quote and two spontaneous items that they are required to use as part of their 4-minute presentation.

The action plan that was created and written by the team in the GIPS competition is now used as the basis for their presentation. From the time the team completes the GIPS competition, the team members should be focusing on how to take their action plan and turn it into an entertaining presentation that will wow the judges.

What should a good presentation include? Here are some suggestions that could be incorporated into the presentation. This is neither an all-inclusive list nor are any of these suggestions required to be part of the presentation.

- ✓ Humor
- ✓ Song and dance
- ✓ Creativity
- ✓ Acting--Verbal and non-Verbal communication
- ✓ Expressiveness
- ✓ Dramatic effect
- ✓ Effective use of props
- ✓ Clear enunciation
- ✓ An obvious beginning and a noticeable ending
- ✓ Team work with all members participating
- ✓ A clear relationship between the performance and the written action plan

Resource List: All props and costumes must be fashioned exclusively from the Resource List and Mandatory Props.

- 1 magazine
- 1 set of 8 water-soluble markers
- 1 roll of tape
- 1 roll of paper towels
- pens / pencils
- 1 box of aluminum foil (any part thereof)
- 12 pipe cleaners
- 1 plastic garbage bag (any variety)
- 10 sheets of colored 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper

A pair of scissors, 1 stapler, and a box of staples may be used for the creation of props, but for safety reasons, cannot be used as props during the presentation.

Four chairs will be provided for the participants, but their use is not required.

STATE BOWL FEES

If you are starting to plan for the 2020 State Bowl, here are the fees and costs. Registration and payment will be on the WAFPS website again this year. Registration will open by February 11 and will close on March 3.

State Bowl 2020 will be held at the Warm Beach Conference Center in Stanwood. Please note the State Bowl dates, which are **earlier** this year: March 18-20.

State Bowl Registration: $60 per participant; $25 per adult
Options 1 and 2 below are in addition to the registration fee:

1. Room and Board* $124 (includes 2 nights, 5 meals)
2. Commuter $55 (includes 5 meals, no lodging)

Day Adult Visitor: $35 (includes registration and one meal, one additional meal may be purchased at $11.50** through the WAFPS website)

***Linens add $12**
****Revised as of 1/1/20**

Important Dates

2/4: Scenario Performance due

2/11: State Bowl Registration opens

2/20: CmPS projects due

2/28: Advancing Scenario Writing Cover Sheets due to IO

3/3: State Bowl registration deadline

3/9: Advancing Scenario Writing due to IO

3/18-20: State Bowl at Warm Beach

4/3: Advancing CmPS Cover Sheet due to IO

4/14: Advancing CmPS projects due to IO

6/3-7: 2020 International Conference, Amherst, Massachusetts

WHAT IS ALLOWED DURING GIPS COMPETITION AT SB?

WHAT CAN BE BROUGHT INTO THE GIPS COMPETITION ROOM AT STATE BOWL?

Pencils, pencil sharpener, pens, highlighters, dictionary and thesaurus, pack of unopened sticky notes, calculator (non-programmable), and water.

No notebook paper. However, blank white paper will be provided.

ARE YOU ALLOWED TO STAND UP AND WALK AROUND?

Please stay within reach of your table, so as not to disturb other competitors.

FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

For those of you coaching scenario performers, the deadline for submission to your coach Dropbox is February 4. Please follow the guidelines for submitting the student work, and good luck to you and all your students as you complete the final taping and submission.

Please call/text (509) 386-6297 or email me (jbuissinkwafps@gmail.com) any time you have questions.

Next Month: **State Bowl information; Scenario Writing results.**

"The best way to predict your future is to create it." **– Abraham Lincoln**