

March 18, 2008

To: FPS State Bowl Attendees
Parents of FPS State Bowl Attendees

From: Belinda Veillon, Laura Miller, Chris McBride, Kim Mantych

RE: FPS State Bowl Overview

Greetings! The NMS teams were very successful at Regionals this year. With fifteen teams qualifying, . It is such a wonderful opportunity for our students, and it is always a rewarding opportunity for me. This year Illinois celebrates its 28th year of participation. Enclosed you will information about FPS State Bowl and answers to some frequently asked questions.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at any of the following:

NMS: 678-7129 Ext. 243

Home: 815-344-0579 Cell phone: 815-546-7212

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WHAT IS THE COST: All cost incurred by State Bowl are to be paid by participants.

TOTAL cost per student: \$160

(This includes the Team Entry Fee, Room and Meal Ticket, Pizza Party and Dance, Special NMS T-shirt, Transportation.)

If you are not able to pay the fee please do not hesitate to contact the school administration office or me.

HOW?: We are planning to take a coach bus from Lamers Bus Service to ISU.

WHEN?: Arrive at NMS on Friday morning May 16 no later than 6:15 a.m. We will be departing by 6:30 am as we have an early dorm check-in time.

WHAT ABOUT BREAKFAST?: Food is allowed on the bus.

UPON ARRIVAL: We will check into our dormitory, if time permits and go to the Opening Ceremony. (See the 'Official' schedule.)

CAN PARENTS JOIN IN THE FUN?: There are some additional seats available on the buses for parents who are interested in traveling with us. There is also rooms available for parents who are interested in staying with us in the dorm. Board is the same for adults and students. (Your transportation housing choices can be indicated on the form at the end of this packet.)

WHAT DOES ROOM AND BOARD INCLUDE?: Included in the Room and Board fee are accommodations for Friday, May 16 in Hamilton Hall, three meals, pizza party and dance. (The meals included on the meal ticket on May 16 are dinner and pizza party. On May 17, the meals included on the meal ticket are breakfast and lunch. Meals covered in the meal ticket will be eaten in Hamilton Hall Southside Dining Service.)

WHAT ABOUT SPENDING MONEY?: The lunch on Friday, May 16, is not included in the State Bowl fee. In addition, there may be some time to stop in a nearby campus store. The students may want an ISU t-shirt or some other memento.

WHAT COULD WE WATCH IF WE JOIN YOU AT STATE?: The Oral Presentations will be on Saturday. All presentations for Juniors and Middles will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Spectators are welcome. After Orals, feel free to join us for lunch in the Southside Food Service in Hamilton Hall. Meals can be purchased by anyone joining us who does not have a meal ticket.

WHAT ABOUT CLOTHES?: Once again, we are having a specially designed t-shirt for all students attending State Bowl. It is important that we dress in the same shirts. Not only is it important for us to look like a team, it assists chaperones and other participants in the identification of our students. Students are expected to wear the Official team shirt on Friday, May 16 to attend the Opening Ceremony and Competitions on this day. Otherwise, we will follow normal dress procedure for a school day.

In addition, your child may have a plan with his/her team to bring a special kind of shirt to wear for Orals. This might include bringing the same color or an 'old' one that can be "customized" for the presentation.

WILL I BE ABLE TO DRIVE MY CHILD HOME?: This is permissible. If you plan to attend State Bowl for the Closing Ceremony and would like to drive your child home please check out with a coach/chaperone prior to departure.

WHEN IS THE RETURN TO SCHOOL?: We will be getting back to school approximately 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 17.

I think most of the other necessary information is included in the attached packet that we received from the FPS State Organization. **Please complete the attached form regarding your attendance and that of your child.** Return it to school by Friday, April 4. Enclosed checks should be made payable to Nippersink Middle School. (The school will then make the appropriate payments to Illinois Future Problem Solving and Lamers Transportation.) Checks for any Illinois State Future Problem Solving "goodies" purchased should be made payable to Illinois Future Problem Solving.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me: School phone-815-678-7129, Ext. 243; Home phone-815-344-0579. Don't hesitate.

I am looking forward to accompanying your children to the State Bowl. They are a pleasure, a credit to their families and to Nippersink Middle School. I am proud to have such exemplary representatives. I hope that in about ten weeks some of our teams will be packing their bags to go to the F.P.S. International Competition in Lansing, Michigan at Michigan State University. Conrad Camellino has already qualified to represent Nippersink Middle School and the State of Illinois for the scenario that he entered for the Scenario Writing Contest in January 2008.

Sincerely,

Belinda Veillon
Future Problem Solving Coach

F.P.S. STATE BOWL 2008 SCHEDULE

Friday, May 16, 2008

Junior, Middle, and Senior Divisions

6:30 a.m.	Depart from N.M.S.
10:30 a.m.	Check-in at I.S.U.
11:00-12:00	Welcoming Ceremonies -Center for Performing Arts-Concert Hall
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch on our own
2:00-4:00 p.m.	ALL Teams Written Competition -Whitten Dorm, Floors 2-6
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Dinner at Hamilton Hall-Southside Food Service
6:30 -7:15 p.m.	Orals Training -Center for Performing Arts-Concert Hall
7:30-8:30 (?) p.m.	Orals Prep in Hamilton Hall Team Dorm Rooms
8:30-10:30 p.m.	Student Pizza Party and Dance -Hamilton Hall-Southside Food Service
10:30-11:00 p.m.	Orals Prep -Quiet in Hamilton Hall Team Dorm Rooms
11:00-11:30 p.m.	Finalize bedtime preparations: brush teeth, contacts, shower, etc.
11:30 p.m.	Lights out -Everyone in assigned room

Saturday, May 17, 2008

Junior, Middle, and Senior Divisions

7:00-7:45 a.m.	Breakfast at Hamilton Hall Southside Food Service
8:30-10:30 a.m.	Orals Presentations -Center for Visual Arts, Center for Performing Arts-Concert Hall, Schroeder Hall
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lunch -Hamilton Hall-Southside Food Service
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Pack Rooms, Key Turn In, Dorm Check-out
1:00-2:00 p.m.	
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony Center for Performing Arts-Concert Hall
2:30-3:00 p.m.	Depart Illinois State University
6:00-6:30 p.m.	Arrival at N.M.S.

Important I.S.U. Locations

<u>Non-Competition Areas</u>	<u>Competition Areas</u>
Hamilton Hall - Dorm Rooms Center for Performing Arts-Concert Hall Hamilton Hall Southside Food Service	Whitten Hall Center for Visual Arts Rotunda Center for Performing Arts-Concert Hall Schroeder Hall

Emergency Phone Number

Phone at Hamilton-Whitten Dorm Desk: **1-309-436-9263**

Things to bring to State Bowl

The following **are not provided**:

1. Towels
2. Wash cloths
3. Blanket/Sleeping Bag
4. Toiletries
5. Alarm clock

The following **are provided**:

1. Pillow
2. Sheets
3. Pillow case

Lost Dorm Keys:

There will be a \$70.00 fee for all lost dorm keys. This fee must be paid prior to team's departure from State Bowl.

Lost Meal Card:

There will be a \$25.00 charge for meal cards that have been lost.

Team Conduct at State:

Teams are the guests of Illinois-FPSB. Team members are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and respect. Any use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or behavior destructive to persons or Dorm property will not be tolerated. Any individual violating this will cause his/her team to be asked to leave immediately and his/her principal and superintendent will be notified.

There have been no problems in the past, but I feel it is appropriate to spell out the consequences of inappropriate conduct.

Lights Out:

All students should be in their rooms at 10:30 p.m. Students will be allowed to stay up and work on their Oral Presentation if they do not disturb any other students in adjacent rooms and on their hall.

MATERIALS PERMITTED DURING WRITTEN COMPETITION:

- Pens and pencils
- Dictionary and/or Thesaurus
- Electronic Dictionary and/or Thesaurus
- *American Heritage Word Book*
- Stapler

Teams my not bring the following items into Written Competition rooms:

- Notes and other research and resources
- Cell phones
- Palm pilots
- CD players
- All electronic devices

Parent Packet

- * Will be available in the lobby of the Center for Performing Arts Concert Hall
- * Will provide specific information regarding where students perform Oral Presentations of Action Plans. Packet pick up will be available between 7:30 and 8:15 a.m. on Saturday morning.
- * See attached team information for your child. It will be necessary to have this information in order to assure that your child's team can be located.

Awards at State Bowl:

Team Oral Presentation

1st through 6th Place medals awarded for each competition room
Picture plaque for 1st Place

Written Team Packet

1st through 6th Place Medals
Picture plaque for 1st Place
1st and 2nd Place teams from Junior and Middle Division, 1st Place team from Senior Division qualify/qualifies for International Competition
Flag for 1st Place Teams
Traveling Plaque for one year for 1st Place team
Bucky Award

International Future Problem Solving Bowl:

Internationals this year will be held Thursday, May 29, 2008 to Sunday, June 1, 2008. It will be held at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan . (In the event that we would be attending, it will probably be necessary for us to leave on Wednesday, May 28.)

The topic will be **Child Labor**