



## 2008 California Southern Baptist Youth Speakers' Tournament

### WHAT IS IT?

The Youth Speakers' Tournament is a dynamic and enlightening way to develop leadership among your teenagers. It teaches them Christian doctrine, public speaking, poise, and confidence in leadership.

### WHO IS IT FOR?

The Youth Speakers' Tournament is for teenagers in grades 10 - 12. Participants should be involved in the Discipleship program of your church or otherwise interested in deepening their own Christian walk. Youth Speakers' Tournament can be a part of your ongoing Discipleship program.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Youth speakers present a four to six minute speech on topics provided by the Healthy Church Group of the California Southern Baptist Convention. At each level of the tournament, participants are judged on their content and delivery.

### WHAT ARE THE LEVELS?

#### CHURCH TOURNAMENT

The Church Tournament must be conducted before the Associational Tournament. The suggested date is

**March 16, 2008.** The Church Tournament may be conducted **on or before** this date. Youth who score **60** or more points will advance to the Associational Tournament. On the day after the church drill, please send to your associational office the name, address, phone number, school grade, and church information of each person who advances.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Associations are encouraged to hold a Youth Speakers' Tournament **on or before March 29, 2008.** Youth must participate in their association's tournament to be eligible to advance to the State Finals. The Youth Leadership Department can supply plans for an association-wide youth meeting that includes Youth Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament. If an association fails to provide an Associational Tournament, contact the Bible Drill office before **March 10, 2008** for alternate arrangements. Participants who score **75** or more points will advance to the State Finals.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 📖 Set the date and location for the Tournament.
- 📖 Publicize the Associational Tournament with personal contacts to each church in your association.
- 📖 Provide training and orientation to the Speakers' Tournament program. Contact the Bible Drill office for help in this area.
- 📖 Publicize the Speakers' Tournament at all associational meetings.
- 📖 Enlist and train judges for the Associational Tournament.

- 📖 Provide training for judges at the Church Tournaments, if necessary.
- 📖 **NOTE!** The Associational Youth Leader (or designated person) must send to the Bible Drill office the name, address, phone number, school grade, church information, *and a copy of each speech* for each associational winner. The copies should be typed with corrections from the Associational Tournament. The speeches must be postmarked or faxed by **April 2, 2008.** **ONE HALF POINT WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE SPEECH FOR EACH DAY THE SPEECH IS POSTMARKED OR FAXED BEYOND APRIL 2, 2008!**

#### STATE FINALS

The State Finals will be held at First Chinese Baptist Church, Los Angeles (**new location**), on **April 19, 2008.** The top scoring speaker will present their speech at the Tsunami Youth Conference in San Jose on December 29-31, 2008. Registration and housing fees will be paid by Student & Family Ministries. For more information visit the official Tsunami web site at [www.studentwave.com](http://www.studentwave.com).

#### WHAT ARE THE 2008 TOPICS?

- 📖 Called by God: A Biblical Perspective
- 📖 The Biblical Message for Today's World
- 📖 How the Bible Influences My Politics
- 📖 "On Mission" for God
- 📖 My School Is a Mission Field
- 📖 Next Generation Leadership
- 📖 The Cost of Being a Christian
- 📖 Can a Committed Christian Drink Alcohol?

- 📖 The True Focus of Worship
- 📖 The Church's Main Purpose
- 📖 Sex: What Are the *Real* Limits?
- 📖 What Does It Mean to Witness?
- 📖 The Kingdom Focused Family

## HOW IS A SPEECH JUDGED?

At each level three judges and a timer will judge the speakers. Judges will evaluate the speech on a scale of 2-10 based on the following criteria.

### CONTENT/COMPOSITION

#### 1. Originality & Topic

Does the speech reflect original and creative thinking by the participant on the subject?

#### 2. Organization

Is the speech easy to follow and does it make sense to the audience?

#### 3. Structure & Grammar

Does the participant use complete, grammatically correct sentences?

#### 4. Resources & Credit for Quotations

Does the speech use supporting authorities that add strength to the thesis of the speech? Is proper credit given to source material? All source material must be cited in the both the delivery and the manuscript. **Biblical references must be included.**

#### 5. Goal & Purpose

Does the speech do what it is intended to do?

### DELIVERY

#### 1. Delivery without Notes

Does the speaker communicate without notes or prompting?

#### 2. Voice & Articulation

Is the speaker direct, sincere, convincing and understandable?

#### 3. Poise & Confidence

Is the speaker composed and at ease? Does the speaker speak with conviction?

#### 4. Personal Appearance

Is the speaker well groomed and appropriately attired? Is his or her posture appropriate?

#### 5. Within Time Allotment

Participants will be penalized one point for every 10 seconds that a speech is over or under the four to six minute time limit (up to 10 points).

### SCORE SHEETS

Use an approved score sheet from the Youth Leadership Department. Extra score sheets are available from the Bible Drill Office. Permission is granted to make photocopies.

## WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- 📖 Speeches must be the work of the individual speaker. Plagiarism or major written assistance by someone else is grounds for disqualification.
- 📖 The event is a Speakers' Tournament. No extra credit will be given for use of music or drama except for their ability to communicate the purpose of the speech.
- 📖 Speakers are encouraged to use a variety of source material in their research. All direct or indirect quotes should be footnoted in the manuscript. Speakers should also include a bibliography.
- 📖 Visual aids are discouraged.

- 📖 Clothing is important. Casual clothes are acceptable, though most participants prefer coat and tie or dresses. Costuming is discouraged.
- 📖 Enlist the support of the pastor and staff.
- 📖 Provide recognition of the speakers by the entire church.
- 📖 Use the Tournament to start regular youth discipleship classes at the church.
- 📖 It is important for speakers to have an English teacher review the speech since manuscripts must be handed in at the State Finals.

## WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

Winner and Participant Ribbons (old style)	\$ .05
Winner and Participant Ribbons (new style)	\$ .25
Score Sheets	\$ .05

The above items are available from the Bible Drill Office at 559-229-9533 ext. 243 or at [vmorales@csbc.com](mailto:vmorales@csbc.com).

## WHERE CAN I GO FOR HELP?

- 📖 For personalized training on conducting Youth Speakers' Tournament call the Bible Drill Office at 559-229-9533 extension 243 to schedule training at your church.
- 📖 You can find more complete information at the California Southern Baptist Convention website at

[www.csbc.com](http://www.csbc.com)

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A Cooperative Program event through the Healthy Church Group, California Southern Baptist Convention