

FGCCFL Tournament Invitation
Congress ~ Fall Coaches Meeting
Pine View School
1 Python Path Osprey 34229
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Saturday, September 9, 2023

Registration 7:15 – 7:45 AM

HOST Coaches: Jym Froelich (Pine View) & Dr. Terri St John (Sarasota)

Events: Student Congress only. No entry limit.

Cost: \$15.00 per competitor including host/lunch fee PLUS an additional **\$10.00 lunch fee for each judge**. Fees can be paid via Pay Pal on the league website, checks (made out to FGCCFL) for the full amount, or cash. All fees must be paid in full by the final session of the tournament. Late payments are no longer accepted.

Coaches Meeting: During Session 2 (prior to lunch), all coaches will gather for the live, in-person Fall Meeting. Coaches without Congress entries are still expected to be in attendance for the Meeting. The League will pay for all coaches' lunches, so coaches without entries should notify Jym Froelich as this applies. In the same email, please indicate the entry-less coach's lunch option (*See below*). Suggested agenda items are also welcome—email those to james.froelich@sarasotacountyschools.net, as well.

Food: Closed campus (FGCCFL rule). No one may leave campus for lunch, and no one may have lunch delivered during tournaments. Lunches are automatically ordered for students and judges as part of registration; ONE complimentary lunch will be provided to each school for the head coach. **Coaches must order all vegetarian lunches on Tabroom. Lunch will be catered by Chick-fil-A:**

1. Chick fil A Chicken Sandwich (with chips and cookie)
2. Market Salad¹ (Grilled chicken with mixed greens, blue cheese², apples & berries)
3. Market Salad ~ Vegetarian (No Chicken)

¹ Salads are gluten-free.

² Blue cheese crumbles are separate.

Judging requirements: One (1) judge for every six entries. **COACHES: Do not count yourself in your judge quota as we must be able to use you where needed! All coaches should be prepared to serve as Parliamentarian. Remember to list conflicts (by STUDENT FULL NAME) in the “Judge Notes” space on Tabroom.**

Balloting: This tournament will use paper ballots. Judges must have a linked Tabroom account.

REGISTRATION FOR THE TOURNAMENT:

Go to <http://fgccflcongress.tabroom.com/>. Be sure to register for the correct tournament. Registration must be submitted online by the school's coach only. Registration will not be accepted once registration is closed or by any other means other than Tabroom unless directed to do so. Tabroom registration will close at 9 PM on the Thursday prior to the tournament week. Please have registration confirmed before registering the team on Tabroom. **Registration deadline for this tournament is Thursday, August 31, 2023.**

Coaches must have team and judge rosters set up on Tabroom prior to attempting to register. All students and judges must set up their own individual Tabroom accounts.

Please note: The Executive Committee **will** levy additional tournament fees of \$25.00 for any dropped entry on the tournament day including drops after start of first session, and for each registered, but missing judge. All changes made after the close of registration, but before tournament day must be reported to Jym Froelich at james.froelich@sarasotacountyschools.net, and Josh Schneider at joshschneider@me.com. Schools will forfeit registration fees for all drops made after the close of online registration on the Thursday before tournament week.

Tournament Day Registration: 7:15-7:45

Only the team Head Coach or Assistant Coach should proceed through the registration line. Coaches should have invoice and registration forms printed from Tabroom and correct fees in check/large bills or paid online via the website.

Head Coaches or Assistant Coaches should register in the Media Center. Students will report to the Student Union (cafeteria). Judges will report to the Media Center. Please bring a copy of registration from Tabroom, check made out to FGCCFL or cash, or Pay Pal receipt from the league website.

Schools **MUST** be registered no later than 7:45 AM. Announcements for students and judges will begin at 8:00 AM.

CONGRESS RULES:

Every school entering Student Congress **MUST** provide at least one (1) piece of satisfactory legislation. Schools may submit up to six (6) items, but no student may sponsor more than one (1) item.

All legislation must be written using the templates on the FGCCFL website and uploaded to Tabroom by the registration deadline (9:00 p.m. on the **Thursday prior to tournament week**). Late, frivolous, stale, or unsatisfactory legislation will not be considered. The legislative docket and chamber assignments will be published on Friday evening.

Coaches may email legislation to Josh Schneider <joshschneider@me.com> for review; allow 48 hours for a response. This is **NOT** a substitute for uploading the legislation to Tabroom.

Timetable for Fall Congress

7:00-7:45	Online Express Check-In (prepaid schools only)
7:15-7:45	Tournament Day Registration (coaches only) <i>Schools not registered by 7:45 will be dropped from the tournament.</i>
8:15	Student announcements in Student Union Judge announcements in Media Center (Judges' Lounge)
8:35	Judge Call
8:45-10:30	Session 1 (includes preliminary business)
10:35	Judge Call
10:45	FGCCFL Coaches' Meeting
10:45-12:30	Session 2
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:05	Judge Call
1:15-3:00	Session 3 (includes Best PO election)
3:30 or ASAP	Awards in Auditorium

Notes

- **This timetable is TENTATIVE.** Rounds may run early or late; it is participants' responsibility to be aware of judge calls and postings.
- Contestants not present **10 minutes** after the scheduled or posted start time forfeit the round. Judges not present for judge call will be replaced.
- Ballots are to be returned within **10 minutes** of the end of the round. *Congress judges are advised to write ballots and award scores **while students are speaking**. At the end of the session, all that should be left to do is the PO ballot and speaker ranks.* A judge who has not returned her/his ballots from a previous round cannot accept ballots for a subsequent round.

DIRECTIONS to Pine View School, 1 Python Path, Osprey FL 34229

From the North via I-75

Take I-75 South to Exit 200 (Osprey/Venice).

Travel West on SR-681 to light at Honore Avenue. Turn right at light.

Take Honore Avenue North to first roundabout. Take second exit in roundabout at Bay Street.

Take Bay Street West to the sixth street on the left, Old Venice Road. Turn left onto Old Venice Road.

Take Old Venice Road South to Python Path (Pine View School). Turn left onto Python Path.

Stay right at the fork [and marquee] and park in any of the numbered slots in the main parking lot.

From the South via I-75:

Take I-75 North to Exit 195 (Laurel Road). Turn left onto Laurel Road at the end of the exit ramp.

Take Laurel Road West to US 41 (Tamiami Trail). Turn right at the light at Laurel Road and US 41.

Take US 41 North through Nokomis & Osprey. Turn right at Old Venice Road light (just past the Publix on left).

Take Old Venice Road North to Python Path (Pine View School). Turn right onto Python Path.

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