District Tournament Overview

TIMBERSTONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Location: 9000 Sylvania Ave
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Tournament Date: January 14, 2017

Host School Coordinator: Lucas, Wood, Fulton, Williams, Defiance, Henry, Wood and Ottawa Counties

Regional Assignment: Students that qualify for the Regional Tournament will go to Lourdes University on *WEDNESDAY*, March 8, 2017.

REMINDERS:

1. One teacher may COACH both grade levels. But one teacher CANNOT judge both grade levels on the day of a competition. *DO NOT ENTER A TEAM AT BOTH GRADE LEVELS UNLESS YOU CAN PROVIDE AND TRAIN A JUDGE FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL*

2. The signature of your Principal must appear on your Registration Form.

3. Either payment or PO # must accompany your Enrollment Form.

4. To avoid a late registration fee, please register by October 25th.

5. To avoid a late payment fee, instruct your Treasurer or Business Office to pay your PO by 12/31/16.

6. Contestant and Judge names (on pink sheet) are due December 1st. (The due date for December events is November 20th.

7. Do not attempt to FAX entry Forms or Contestant and Judge names on colored paper. COPY COLORED PAPER FORMS TO WHITE PAPER BEFORE FAXING (FAX: 330-659-6291). Scanned opies of the forms may also be e-mailed to: webmaster@powerofthepen.org.

8. Questions concerning fees may be addressed to the State Office- 330-659-3226, or by e-mail: webmaster@powerofthepen.org.

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Say it with Style

Participate
in your local

Power of the Pen
Interscholastic Tournament

An Enrichment Program that

- ✍ Identifies
- ✍ Challenges
- ✍ Rewards

Excellence in Written Expression

Where?

Timberstone Junior High School
9000 Sylvania Ave
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

When?

January 14, 2017
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Power of the Pen
Box 442
Richfield, Ohio 44286
Tel 330-659-3226 FAX 330-659-6291
e-mail: webmaster@powerofthepen.org

This non-profit educational program is endorsed by The Ohio Middle School Association, and the Ohio Activities Association for Seventh and Eighth Grade Students

What's it all about?
Almost every school throughout the nation has a football team, a basketball team, and a wrestling team. Why not a writing team? Why not a season of interscholastic writing events? Why not a regional competition for the best young writers in Ohio? Why not a State Finals to measure and reward the art of written expression?

These were the questions that inspired the vision and development in 1986 of a program called POWER OF THE PEN, a program which was incorporated as a non-profit educational organization in 1989 and has since attracted participation from schools in more than 80 counties in Ohio.

How does it work?
Through a series of interscholastic writing tournaments, designed for students in grades 7 and 8, POWER OF PEN encourages schools to develop writing teams, allows young writers to meet, compete, and receive recognition and awards for excellence in three rounds of impromptu writing, and offers immediate feedback from teacher coaches who act as judges on the quality of their written expression. The project trains teachers to grade student work holistically; provides materials for pre-tournament practice and post-tournament follow-upactivities; and identifies strongholds of excellence from which methods and techniques used in successful writing programs may exported and shared. Formal opportunities for professional development are also povided to all schools that enroll pm am pm-going basis. Participating schools receive a Writing Coach's Manual, practice prompts, and models of excellence with which to work. THESE ARE COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR USE BY MEMBER SCHOOLS ONLY.

How much does it cost?
Schools may enter a full writing team of 12 students (six seventh and six eighth graders) for an Entry Fee of $400. Or a school may enter a writing team at either grade level (7th or 8th), in which case the fee is $300. This initial Entry Fee covers the cost of (a) this year's Membership in Power of the Pen and materials which may be used effectively in all classrooms as well as for preparing writing teams; (b) District participation; and (c) Regional participation. Each school is guaranteed that at least one District contestant at each grade level will be qualified to continue to the Regional level. If a school does not participate at Regional, the fee remains the same. Small schools may enter less than six or twelve students to form a team, but the fee remains the same. Once a school enrolls and receives materials, there is no refund of fees invoiced or paid.

Other Requirements
One qualified teacher-judge per grade level team is required to accompany the students to the District tournament and serve, as needed, as a tournament judge for the day. **A school unable to supply Judges at both grade levels may enter a team at only ONE grade level.** It is also mandatory to bring along at least one adult volunteer to assist.

Where and when are the tournaments?
Schools in Lucas, Wood, Fulton, Williams, Defiance, Henry, Wood & Ottawa Counties may attend a POWER OF THE PEN tournament at the Timberstone Junior High School on Saturday, January 14, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Qualifiers from this event may attend the Regional Tournament at Lourdes University on *WEDNESDAY*, March 8, 2017. Schools finding either of these dates inconvenient should contact Power of the Pen to explore other possible sites and/or dates. Coaches should avoid selecting team members who have other events to attend on either of these dates.

Where can I get more information about POWER OF THE PEN?
Your Host School Coordinator is Sara Nelson She may be reached on her cell phone at 419-654-1845, or e-mail her at sanelson@sylvaniaschools.org. You may also contact your State Coordinator, Beth Dixon, at 937-390-2452 (evenings only).

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT AND HOW YOU CAN HELP PREPARE YOUR STUDENTS FOR IT WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS YOU RETURN THE ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT OR PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER TO:

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Power of the Pen
Initial Registration

TIMBERSTONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
9000 SYLVANIA AVB
SYLVANIA, OHIO 43560

JANUAY 14, 2017 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Qualifiers from the District Tournament will attend the Regional interscholastic competition on WEDNESDAY, March 8, 2017, at

LOURDES UNIVERSITY

Qualifiers from the Regional Tournament will attend the State Tournament at **The College of Wooster** on May 25-26, 2017.

Early Registration Deadline-- October 25, 2016

After Nov. 15th schools whose payment or P.O # has not been received will be invoiced an additional $25 for deferred entry.
Payment on all purchase orders must be made by December 31st to avoid an additional assessment.

Please Check One

☐ We are entering BOTH 7th & 8th grade contestants (1-6 at each grade level) for $400. This covers Membership, and both District & Regional participation.

☐ We wish to enter ONE GRADE ONLY (1-6 students) for $300. This covers Membership, and both District & Regional participation.

☐ We wish to enroll as *members only* for a fee of $150. This entitles us to receive and use Power of the Pen materials in the classroom*; it does not cover tournament entry fees.

**This fee does not entitle the enrollee to hold POP tournaments on its own.*

Please print or type information

SCHOOL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ **COUNTY** _____

SCHL PHONE _____ **SCHL FAX** _____
Include Area Code Include Area Code

This registration is approved by the School Principal.

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School Principal's signature- required.

Name of 7TH WRITING COACH _____

Home PHONE _____ **E-mail** _____
Include Area Code

Name of 8TH WRITING COACH _____

Home PHONE _____ **E-mail** _____
Include Area Code

Mail this registration form to:

POWER OF THE PEN
Box 442
Richfield, Ohio 44286

The sooner you register, the sooner you will receive instructions for identifying writers for your team and practice materials to prepare them for this season of events. Make checks payable to POWER OF THE PEN, or provide Purchase Order number. There is no refund of fees in case of withdrawal.