



Lake County College-Going Initiative
ACADEMIC DECATHLON

VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM

January 28th & February 4th | Kelseyville High School, Lake County

2011-2012 Topic: The Age of Empire

You're invited to volunteer at the Lake County Academic Decathlon Competition! Approximately 75 students from 7 teams will compete this year, and each county will send their winning team to the state competition. This is the largest state competition in the country, with over 500 high school students from 42 regions in attendance. The team that wins the state competition will advance to the national competition in April to defend California's 8 consecutive national titles.

The Academic Decathlon is a competitive event modeled after the Olympics by stimulating academic achievement and honoring "athletes of the mind." The competition provides students the opportunity to participate in an educational forum, which fosters a deep respect for knowledge, cooperation, and self-esteem.

Like the decathlon of the ancient Greeks, the Academic Decathlon consists of ten events. But, while the Greek events were contests of physical strength, the Academic Decathlon is a contest of academic strength. Communication tests include the writing of an essay, the delivery of a prepared and an impromptu speech, and an interview. **The speech and interview portion of the competition will be held on January 28th. We are looking for approximately 50 volunteers for this date.**

The Academic Decathlon also includes written tests in art, music, language and literature, mathematics, economics, science, and social science, along with a written and oral Super Quiz. This portion of the competition, along with the awards ceremony, will be held on February 4th. All volunteers and the general public are invited to attend the Super Quiz and celebrate with the winners at the awards ceremony. Details for the February 4th event will be announced.

Please encourage and support your local academic athletes for their hard work by volunteering at the Academic Decathlon!

Please contact Cheryl Graves for questions, and send your volunteer request form by 12/17/11 to:

Academic Decathlon/LCOE, c/o Cheryl Graves, 1152 South Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453

You may also **FAX** your request to (707) 263-0197 or e-mail to cheryl@lakecoe.org

Name _____ Title _____

Organization/Affiliation _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Please check your area of interest (see below for more detail):

<input type="checkbox"/> Speech Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Interview Judge
<input type="checkbox"/> No preference (put me where you need me)☺	

- ◆ Have you ever volunteered at a regional or state Academic Decathlon before? No Yes
- ◆ If “yes,” what year(s), and assignment(s)? _____
- ◆ Are you a former decathlete? No Yes If so, last year as an Academic Decathlete _____
- ◆ Are you affiliated with a Lake or Mendocino County School? No Yes If so, please explain (board member, parent, graduate, volunteer, etc.):

- ◆ I give permission for my name/organization to be used in program materials. No Yes

Signature Date

Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities
Coffee and lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

POSITION	RESPONSIBILITIES	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
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Saturday, January 28 th , 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.		
Speech Judge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judge prepared and impromptu speeches (with two other judges) using guidelines provided. Ensure that participants are in the correct room. Ensure that participant enters/leaves room at scheduled time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend mandatory orientation for judges on day of event. Read materials sent prior to event. Pick up packet at registration.
Interview Judge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct structured interviews (with two other judges) for approximately 20 participants. Evaluate each participant’s performance in accordance with predetermined criteria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend mandatory orientation for judges on day of event. Read materials prior to event. Pick up packet at registration.