



IESA Annual Fall Speech Workshop Information and Registration

Drama Nightmares...Judges Come for You

Friday, Sept. 13
2024

8:45– 9:00 a.m.: Registration Begins Grab your hex bags and kiss those talismans because bad luck abounds on this Friday the 13th! No worries, you'll be safe here – we hope. Watch your footing as you make your way to Registration!

9:00-9:15 a.m. General Session Nicole “Black Cat” Schaeffbauer will burn some sage as she bids us welcome.

9:15– 10:15a.m.– General Session—Brian “Fox” Ellis, storyteller or international acclaim, will regale you with his telling of traditional world folktales, personal narratives, and superbly crafted original pieces.

10:15– 10:30 a.m.– Break!

10:30– 11:30 a.m.– Session I

∞ **Improv**— Spontaneity is an art-form – and the amazing Wes “Don’t say Macbeth!” Skym can help you with discovering what it takes to get those kids ready to be...well, anything!

∞ **Panel Discussion** Shayla “Dead battery” Grantham, Nina “Flat Tire” Andrews, and Lynn “Dog Poo on my Shoe” Mueller will provide an opportunity for veteran and new coaches to ask any speech questions ranging from the first day of practice to the state contest.

∞ **Storytelling**— Brian “Fox” Ellis will share his trips and tricks for building an engaging story and keeping your audience on the edge of their seat!

11:30– 11:40 a.m.– Break If You’ve survived this far enjoy your break!

Join us:

☉ DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington, IL

☉ Registration begins at 8:45 a.m.

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Schedule for the Day (cont.)

11:40– 12:40 – Session II

∞ **Season Scheduling**– Nina

“Don’t say Macbeth!” Andrews walks you under the many ladders of scheduling your season – often the most difficult aspect of getting your performers prepared for contest.

∞ **Improv Revisited**– If you weren’t able to attend the first run of this presentation, now is your chance to be dazzled!

∞ **Judge Perspective & Rules**– **Mary** “Born under a Bad Sign” **Nelson** will help you navigate those murky, mysterious waters of ratings, criteria, and all things judicial. What *are* those crazy judges looking for anyway (besides a complimentary dinner and a fat check at the end of the night)?

12:40– 1:30– LUNCH Sometimes the best part of the day! Make sure to sit in the area assigned to your section of the IESA star chart (if you don’t, someone *may* give you the evil eye).

1:35– 2:35– Session III

∞ **New Coaches** - Don’t know good luck from bad? Can’t see the actors from the stage? This session with Karen “I lost my keys” Jones will put you on track for what’s up in the wide-

world of speech coaching. A must for brand-new coaches!

- ∞ **Host to Host** - You have to host this year? Well...I’m sure it will be...OK (knock on wood!). Have no fear! Sarah “Nevermore” Wheeler will steer you in the right direction (and not over a cliff) by giving you the right tricks of the trade for hosting the state contest!
- ∞ **Event Overview**– There are things to be mindful of with every event, lest you are cursed with a poor rating or a possible (gasp!) disqualification! Lynn “Full Moon” Mueller will be the guru that charms her way through any questions you may have and help you pair the right event with the right performer!

IESA Speech Workshop Registration

			Total
Number of At- tendees		X \$65/person	\$

Name #1

School

City and Zip

Email Address

Name #2

School

City and Zip

Email Address

Check: Make payable to IESA

WORKSHOP DEADLINE IS SEPT. 9, 2024

*Registration forms and checks must be postmarked by the deadline.

*Please send registration form with check.

*Refunds will not be given after deadline.



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From Chicago:

I-55 to Exit #167– Veterans
Parkway or Business 55
South to Brickyard Drive,
Turn Right.

From Rockford:

I-39 South to I-55 North,
Take Exit #167– Veterans
Parkway or Business 55
South, to Brickyard Drive,
Turn Right.

From Springfield:

I-55 to Business 55/
Veterans Parkway to Brick-
yard Drive, Turn Left.

From Peoria:

I-74 East to I-55 North, Take
Exit #167– Veterans Park-
way or Business 55 South to
Brickyard Drive, Turn Right.

From Decatur:

51 North to Veterans Park-
way/Business 55 North, to
Brickyard Drive. Turn Left.

From Champaign:

I-74 West to Exit 135/or 51
North to Veterans Parkway
North/or Business 55 North
to Brickyard Drive, Turn Left.

Conference Tips

- **Make sure that you dress in layers. The hotel conference center is often cool.**
- **Bring a notebook to jot down all of the great ideas you will encounter.**
- **Bring business cards to pass along your contact information to the other coaches in your contest area.**
- **The Consortium Publishing Company will be attending the Workshop. The company will have scripts available for purchase.**
- **Please look ahead at the host rotation. If your school is up soon, think about attending the hosting session.**