

There are some exciting changes to the Ritual & Speech Competitions this year!

Individual Ritual: It's time to start practicing Ritual for your Area Competitions! You will be reciting multiple lectures to prepare for the Supreme Assembly Ritual Competition in July, 2020.

One big change for our competition - *there will be no prompting at our GA competition*. Supreme competition doesn't prompt, nor do many of the other States at their competitions. If a girl does not know what her next words are and she is completely stuck, she will just say "end" and she will be done with her lecture.

Individual Competition lectures:

Group 1 – Age 11-13: Religion and Service Initiation lectures

Group 2 – Age 14-15: Hope, Charity and WAA initiation lectures

Group 3 – Age 16-17: Super 7 (All seven bow station initiation lectures)

Group 4 – Age 18 to Active 20: Super 7 (All seven bow station initiation lectures)

Individual Sweepstakes winner: You are now able to win the Individual Ritual Sweepstakes award in each age category. For example, if you won the Ritual Sweepstakes award when you were age 14 and competed in Group 2 (age 14-15 category) you will be able to compete again in Group 3 (age 16-17) when you reach that age group and Group 4 (age 18 to active 20) when you reach that age group. You may only win the Individual Ritual Sweepstakes title once in each age category. You may continue to compete in each age category if you don't win the Sweepstakes award. The Ritual Sweepstakes award is given to the girl who has the overall highest score in the individual category.

Individual Area Competition conflict: If a girl has a genuine conflict with her Area Ritual Competition, she will get a chance to compete at Grand Assembly on Friday afternoon before sessions start on Saturday. This is for the Individual Ritual Competition only. The girl will need to inform her Area Grand Deputy that she is not able to attend the Area Competition. She will fill out a form that includes a summary as to why she is not able to attend and provide necessary documentation that could include copy of a plane ticket, Dr. Note, letter from Pastor/Coach, etc. Supporting documentation is required! The form will be signed by the Grand Deputy, the AGD and the information will be sent to the Director. **Upon approval**, the girl will be able to compete the Friday afternoon before Grand Assembly starts. A winner from each age group will get the ability to compete in the individual competition on Saturday morning. If the girl can't compete on Friday afternoon, she will have to wait until the next year to compete in individual competition. This exception process is designed for those girls who have a true conflict so let's use it for that purpose only.

Bow Team Competition: This competition will continue to be held on Friday night. A Bow Team from each area will compete at Grand Assembly. The winning Bow Team will move on to compete at Supreme Assembly in Reno in July if they are able. We will take the 2nd place team to Supreme if the 1st place team is not able to attend.

Speech Competition: Due to time constraints, the Speech Competition will be moved to Friday Night. If a girl absolutely cannot compete on Friday night, I will do my best to work her in the schedule for competition on Saturday.

The Speech Competition is open to girls age 16 and over. You can be a Past Grand Officer but you must be an active member. Current GOs are not eligible. You choose one speech prompt and send me a 300 word speech by February 15, 2020. You will deliver your speech at the competition at Grand Assembly, you don't have to compete at the Area level. There are rules on the format and font of your document. The prompts for 2020 Grand Assembly Speech Competition are (please choose only one):

“What can one person do to boost membership in California Rainbow?”

or

“What leadership qualities have you learned as a Rainbow Girl that you will use in your adult life?”