

Washington FPS

FROM THE AD'S DESK
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Here are two videos to share with your students for PPI Tourism.

Left: Ecotourism

Right: What are the Benefits of Ecotourism

Hello,

The first topic this year, tourism, may focus on any one of a number of sub-topics and so a broad spectrum of knowledge about different types of tourism could offer your students a definite advantage when reading the future scene. For those of you who are coaching for the first time, when writing the first practice problem your students only need to complete steps one through three.

If you haven't already looked at the new GIPS score sheet, I would recommend doing so. The possible scores in each step have increased and the category list now contains 21 separate categories. A team now can receive credit for two miscellaneous challenges or solutions if the evaluator thinks that they both deserve to be classified as miscellaneous.

Check out the World Solutions Challenge. For students who know little about the six-step problem solving process, this will give them an opportunity to learn and practice it. For more knowledgeable students, the six-step process can be used to develop an action plan. Only the action plan will be used to determine the challenge winners. Registration for this competition closes on September 12.

I hope to see all of you at our first zoom meeting for coaches on **October 12 at 7 p.m.** A zoom link will be sent, along with more information closer to the date.

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FREE CMPS+PROJECT MANAGEMENT RESOURCE

Free Resource for CmPS + Project Management!

FPSPI is pleased to provide a free guide to assist your students in effectively working on their CmPS project and documentation. Link [here](#).

This guide provides tools to help students develop their project using project management strategies.

This year, students will be able to earn the first ever Excellence in Project Management Award at IC 2024! All projects that compete through Affiliate Bowl are eligible.

For projects that want to be eligible for a brand new “Excellence in Project Management Award,” this is a **must** download item!

Project management tools, techniques, and templates in this guide include:

- Project Charter
- RACI Chart
- Project Considerations
- Team Canvas
- Work Breakdown Structure
- KanBan Board
- and more!

More information coming in mid-October.

WORLD SOLUTIONS CHALLENGE FROM FPSPI

Join our new World Solutions Challenge, an asynchronous instructional and competitive challenge to showcase your problem solving! No previous experience with the FPS problem solving process is needed; all students in equivalent USA grades 5-9 are welcome to join.

The cost is \$25 per person and you can participate individually or up to a team of 4. Registration closes on **September 12 and space is limited.**

1st place – \$500 USD plus one team registration with their local FPS program.

2nd place – \$200 USD plus one team registration with their local FPS program.

3rd place – one team registration with their local FPS Program.

*Prizes are per team and not per person.

Visit [FPSPI to register](#).

ZOOM MEETINGS FOR COACHES



This year, zoom meetings for coaches will again be offered after each practice problem. These meetings are designed to strengthen best practices for coaches by allowing coaches a chance to ask questions, discuss, and learn from each write.

The year will start with a “kick-off” session on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. Normally, these zoom meetings will be *after* each write. This first meeting will be before the first practice problem is due on Oct. 19. So, bring your questions, and we’ll see you on Oct. 12!

COACHING RESOURCES

All coaching resources, including forms, can be found and downloaded from the [WAFPS website](#), for all components. Each year the International Office sends new forms and information to your Affiliate Director, who then updates these coaching resources and places new information on the WAFPS website by early August.



2023-24 REGISTRATION FEES

Take advantage of **early registration fees** for 2023-2024

By registering before September 30.

GIPS Teams \$195 (prior to September 30: \$180)

GIPS Individual \$120 (prior to September 30: \$105)

Scenario Writing \$55 (prior to September 30: \$45)

Scenario Performance \$55 (prior to September 30: \$45)

CmPS Individual \$120 (prior to September 30: \$110)

CmPS Team \$140 for 2-4 person team, \$170 for 5-8 person team, \$200 for 9-15 person team, and \$250 for over 15 team members.

Continuation of a CmPS Project from prior year \$30

A \$15 late fee per team or individual will be assessed after November 30.

Register online at wafps.org

Important Dates

2023-24

Sept. 30: Last day for Early Registration

Oct. 19: PPI Due Date, Topic: Tourism

Nov. 17: CmPS Project Proposal Due

Dec. 4: Last day to register & be evaluated for PPII

Dec. 8: PPII Due Date, Topic: Urbanization

Jan. 16: Scenario Writing Due Date

Feb. 1: QP Due Date, Topic: Antarctica

Feb. 5: Scenario Performance Due Date

Feb. 16: CmPS Projects Due

March 4: State Bowl Registration Due

March 20-22: State Bowl, Warm Beach, Topic: Autonomous Transportation

June 5-9, 2024 International Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana



FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

How do I select a strong, balanced FPS team? Most experienced coaches will tell you that selecting a strong team requires students who think differently from each other and who have skills that complement the other team members.

Why did they modify the Category List and how is it different? Is the new GIPS score sheet going to result in lower or higher scores? For answers to these and other questions relating to FPS, please join us in the first coaches meeting on October 12.

Please call/text (509) 386-6297 or email me (jbuissinkwafps@gmail.com) any time you have questions.

Next Up in October: **Coach Submission Instructions and more...**

“To develop the ability of young people globally to design and achieve positive futures through problem solving using critical and creative thinking”

—FPSPI Mission Statement