

Washington FPS

FROM THE AD'S DESK
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2024 State Bowl Topic

AUTONOMOUS TRANSPORTATION

Hello,

As most of you have already completed your team booklets for the Qualifying Problem, congratulations. Now you can focus on the State Bowl problem, Autonomous Transportation. Results of the qualifying problem and State Bowl qualifying teams and individuals for both GIPS and scenario performance will be announced later this month.

As you approach the topic of autonomous transportation, there are already places where you can take a ride without a driver at the wheel, like Phoenix and San Francisco. Think about the differences between a private car, an autonomous vehicle, and a taxi or uber. Try to identify the long-term effects of this relatively new form of transportation as well as how changes and improvements to the existing transportation system will need to be implemented. Is the introduction of autonomous transport an effect that can solve traffic problems or will it lead to additional infrastructure issues? Is autonomous transportation a problem or a solution to a problem? Could the amount of wasted time in traffic jams be solved by autonomous vehicles? Will these vehicles give us more time when traveling? Will they benefit the environment? Can we change from a society that relies on private transport to a society that embraces public transportation? Is this an urban issue or will autonomous transportation benefit rural areas? Do we really understand what the real issues of transportation are?

Many school districts have fairly strict regulations regarding trip approval and so it may be a smart move to put in a request now for all your students to attend the State Bowl. This way, even if only one of two teams qualify, you will already have been given permission to attend.

At the State Bowl this year, all GIPS teams/individuals will have the option to solve using computers. Each team must collectively decide that **all members** will use paper copies of the booklet or **all** complete the booklet online using their own computers. This option will be chosen at the time students register. Please plan accordingly. More information on page 2.

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NEEDED: YOUR PHOTOS BY MARCH 15



We need your team or individual photos for the State Bowl's Opening Ceremony slide show! Please upload them to your coach's dropbox or send them via email to Kari Beyer at her **new** email address: beyerk@cersd.org or text photos to her. Photos that are labeled by team or individual number would be greatly appreciated.

MEDICAL HELP NEEDED AT STATE BOWL

If you are a nurse, EMT, or physician, we need your help! We need to supply one qualified medical person who stays onsite at the State Bowl. If you are willing to volunteer, the cost of your registration, food and lodging will be covered by WAFPS. In exchange, you'll be on call throughout the event from Wednesday evening through Friday morning. You'll be the point person for any medical emergency. Coaches, if you have a parent who fits this description, please let us know ASAP. We cannot have a State Bowl without this critical volunteer.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Deadline approaching soon for the 2023-24 WAFPS Impact and Achievement scholarships! Don't miss out! Graduating 2024 seniors, who have participated in Washington State FPS in any of the components in any year, are eligible to apply. Applicants do **not** need to be currently competing in order to be eligible. Deadline is March 1, 2024, by 10 p.m. PST.

Applications are accepted through the links below, which can also be found on the [website](#).

[Achievement Scholarship](#)

[Impact Scholarship](#)

STATE BOWL GIPS SOLVE USING COMPUTERS

GIPS TEAM: If you are part of a GIPS team and have qualified for the 2024 State Bowl, you have the option to use a computer to complete the booklet. Your team must collectively decide to either all use paper copies of the booklet or all complete the booklet online using your own computers.

If your team decides to use computers at the State Bowl, then you must all arrive to the competition site with fully charged computers, as we cannot guarantee any available outlets.

When registering for the State Bowl, you will be required to select from a drop-down menu either computer or paper booklet during the registration process. Remember, all team members from your team must chose the same option.

At the State Bowl, there will be enough paper booklets available in case of an emergency resulting from a technology issue.

GIPS INDIVIDUALS: You also have the option to use a computer to complete the booklet at State Bowl. You must arrive at the competition site with a fully charged computer, as we cannot guarantee any available outlets.

When registering for the State Bowl as an individual, you will be required to select from a drop-down menu either Computer or paper booklet during the registration process.

SCENARIO PERFORMANCE SUBMISSIONS

Scenario Performances are due on February 5. Please remember to give viewing permission when you submit the Scenario Performance for evaluation.

Please submit the [ScP Submission Sheet](#) (found on the WAFPS website) to your coach's Dropbox at the same time that you submit your Scenario Performance link. If you have any questions, please email our Evaluation Director, Ann Foreyt, or our Affiliate Director, John Buissink.

Checklist:

1. Are you sure that your work shows a recognizable relationship to one of the topics for this current FPS year?
2. Is your work within the allowed time limit (up to 5 minutes)?
3. Have you presented your work in the correct format? (Performance must be in one continuous take.)

Did you label the video file as directed by the Evaluation Director or provide the YouTube link (marked **unlisted**)? If a YouTube video is submitted as either Private or Public, the evaluator will not be able to access it.



STATE BOWL INFORMATION

If your team (or individual) qualifies for the 2024 State Bowl, your coach will receive a congratulations email with more information!

Deadline to register is **March 2**. The Medical Release form and the Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity must be uploaded to the Coach's dropbox no later than **March 10**. Both forms can be found on the WAFPS website under Events/State Bowl.

Again this year, the Climbing Wall will not be available at Warm Beach during the State Bowl. Also, the High Ropes Course has been permanently closed.

Note: any changes or late registrations may result in late fees. There are no refunds past March 2. Please plan accordingly.

STATE BOWL T-SHIRTS 2024 FUNDRAISER

All proceeds from the State Bowl T-shirts sales for 2024 are designated Scholarship Funds for future scholarships. Please consider purchasing a 2024 State Bowl T-shirt!

More information will be sent to coaches soon! You can also donate directly to the scholarship fund [here](#).

2024 STATE BOWL FEES

State Bowl 2024 will be held at Warm Beach Conference Center in Stanwood on March 20-22.

State Bowl Registration costs are as follows:

Participant Resident: \$248* (\$85 registration plus \$163 room & board, includes 2 nights, 5 meals.)

Participant Commuter: \$175 (\$85 registration + \$90, includes 5 meals.)

Adult Non-Coach Resident: \$190* (\$30 registration plus \$160 room & board, includes 2 nights, 5 meals.)

Adult Non-Coach Commuter: \$120 (\$30 registration plus \$90, includes 5 meals.)

Adult Thursday Visitor: \$60 (includes registration, Warm Beach facility fee, and three meals.)

Coach: \$160* room & board, includes 2 nights, 5 meals. Volunteer assignment information to follow for coaches.

*Add \$15 for linens.

Note: any changes in registration or late registration after March 2 may result in additional fees. Please plan accordingly.

No refunds after March 2.

Important Dates

2023-24

Feb. 1: QP Due Date, Topic: Antarctica

Feb. 5: Scenario Performance Due

Feb. 16: CmPS Projects Due

March 1: Scholarships deadline

March 2: State Bowl Registration Deadline

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

Just a final reminder that coaches are not required to upload the Student Oath. Please, however, keep it in your files.

As this is my last year as the AD for Washington state, I'd like to draw your attention to the application for the AD's position on the WAFPS website. If you know of the perfect candidate, please direct them to the application information. <https://www.wafps.org/apply>

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

Next Up in March: **State Bowl info...**

“Do What You Can With All You Have, Wherever You Are.” – Theodore Roosevelt