

# Washington FPS

FROM THE AD'S DESK  
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Here are two videos to share with your students for the topic, Throw Away Society  
Left: Throw Away Culture  
Right: Do we throw too much stuff away?

Hello,

Although the qualifying problem is not due for two days, I have included two video clips related to the State Bowl topic as they are more likely to be useable as you prepare for the State Bowl competition. Results of the qualifying problem and State Bowl qualifying teams and individuals for both GIPS and scenario performance will be announced later this month.

This year, the winner in each division of the scenario writing competition will be invited to be part of the Washington State team that travels to Amherst, Massachusetts in June.

As you approach the topic of a Throw-Away Society, you may find that there are a number of similarities to e-Waste. Consider all aspects of a throw-away society, especially as it relates to the various categories. Think about how you define a throw-away society and then try to envision how to identify the long-term effects of this issue. Is the problem of plastic in the oceans an effect that can be resolved quickly or is it a very long-term problem? Is consumerism the root cause of our throw-away society or is the purely a capitalistic one? Can we change from a linear economy to a circular economy? Do we really understand where our garbage actually goes and what is its effect on the Earth?

Scenario Performance videos are due in your coach's DropBox on February 6, 2023.

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## NEEDED: YOUR PHOTOS BY MARCH 17

Photos  
Needed

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 [kbeyer@nr.k12.wa.us](mailto:kbeyer@nr.k12.wa.us). 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 2022-23 WAFPS Impact and Achievement scholarships! Don't miss out! Graduating 2023 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, 2023, by 10 p.m. PST.**


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

[Achievement Scholarship](#)

[Impact Scholarship](#)

## GIPS QP RULES REMINDER

Qualifying Problem due date: **February 2.** As the Qualifying Problem is not a practice problem, please adhere to the following rules regarding administration of the process:

- ✓ A team must be 4 or fewer students.
- ✓ A maximum of **120 consecutive minutes** are allowed to work on the booklet.
- ✓ Students must not see the Future Scene before the 120 minutes begin. Coaches should not read the Future Scene prior to the competition starting.
- ✓ They must use the scene for their division (Junior, Middle/Senior.)
- ✓ Work must be completed by the team only, with no outside help or resources of any kind.
- ✓ No notebook paper; however, blank white paper can be provided by the coach/proctor.
- ✓ **Permitted items: Pencils, pencil sharpener, pens, highlighters, dictionary, thesaurus, pack of unopened sticky notes, calculator (non-programmable), and water.** 

Participants should adhere to all competition rules during the Qualifying Problem as if it were the State Bowl. Not only does this help with preparing for the State Bowl competition but also creates a fair environment for all competitors. As a coach, if you have any questions, please direct them to Affiliate Director John Buissink prior to your administering and proctoring the write.

## SCENARIO PERFORMANCE SUBMISSIONS

Scenario Performances are due on **February 6**. 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 2023 State Bowl, your coach will receive a congratulations email with more information!

Deadline to register is **March 6**. 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.

Note: This year, the **High Ropes course** will not be available at Warm Beach during the State Bowl. We are currently waiting to know if the **Climbing Wall** will or will not be available.

## VOTE FOR A FUTURE IC TOPIC

Want to have your voice heard? Vote for future 2024-2025 topics at this FPSPI [link](#).

## STATE BOWL T-SHIRTS 2023 FUNDRAISER

All proceeds from the State Bowl T-shirts sales for 2023 are designated Scholarship Funds for future scholarships. Please consider purchasing a 2023 State Bowl T-shirt!

More information will be sent to coaches soon!

You can also donate directly to the scholarship fund [here](#).

## 2023 STATE BOWL FEES

State Bowl 2023 will be held at Warm Beach Conference Center in Stanwood on March 22-24.

State Bowl Registration costs are as follows:

**Participant Resident:** \$84 registration plus \$143\* room & board, includes 2 nights, 5 meals. Total: \$227

**Participant Commuter:** \$84 registration plus \$59, includes 5 meals. Total: \$143

**Participant Thursday Only:** \$84 registration plus \$40, includes 1 meal and Warm Beach facility fee. Total \$124

**Adult Non-Coach:** \$25 registration plus \$143\* room & board, includes 2 nights, 5 meals. Total: \$168

**Adult Non-Coach Commuter:** \$25 registration plus \$59, includes 5 meals. Total: \$84

**Adult Thursday Visitor:** \$40 includes registration, Warm Beach facility fee, and one meal. One additional meal may be purchased at Warm Beach.

**Coach:** \$143\* room & board, includes 2 nights, 5 meals. Total \$143. Volunteer assignment information to follow for coaches.

\*Add \$14 for linens

## Important Dates

2022-23

Feb. 2: QP Due Date, Topic: Robotic Workforce

Feb. 6: Scenario Performance Due Date

Feb. 17: CmPS Project Report Due

March 6: State Bowl Registration Deadline

March 22-24: State Bowl, Warm Beach, Topic: Throw Away Society

June 7-11 2023 International Conference UMass, Amherst, Mass., Topic: tba



### FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

Just a final reminder that you do not need to upload the Student Oath. Please, however, keep it in your files.

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

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

*“Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than one with all the facts.” —Albert Einstein*