



2012 VAFPS State Bowl Information

The State Bowl is the culminating activity of Future Problem Solving of Virginia's yearlong program. Our goal is to recognize excellence and creativity in problem solving and select our representatives to the International Conference.

- Virginia Future Problem Solving (VAFPS) will issue name tags for all participants to help everyone get to know each other and assist with security.
- Casual dress is appropriate for both participants and coaches for all events at the state bowl.
- The registration fee for participants includes Friday night dinner and the continental breakfast on Saturday. Parents and guests may pay \$5 for the meal at the door.
- VAFPS program merchandise and 2012 T-shirts will be available for sale.
- A trophy will be awarded for first, second and third place winners in team and individual competitions. Each member of a winning team will receive a program medallion. One plaque will be awarded to the group winners of the presentation competition. A certificate will be given to each registered coach and participant. There will be special awards for CmPS and Scenario winners.
- Future Problem Solving will supply Global Issues Problem Solving (G.I.P.S.) teams and individuals with blank booklets and copies of the future scenes. Coaches should bring a supply of no. 2 pencils, scratch paper (if desired), dictionaries, and thesauri.

Schedule

All state bowl events will take place at King's Fork Middle School in Suffolk. Participants must be seated in the school auditorium promptly at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20th. Since this is a regular school day, please wait until 2:45 p.m. to enter the building. The complete schedule for all events is posted in the *State Bowl Schedule*.

Registration

Student participation at all bowl levels requires paid registration. The registration fee for each G. I. P. S. team participant is \$120. The fee for an individual participant is \$30. CmPS and Scenario contestants pay \$12 for Friday's events (which covers the Friday evening dinner) or \$18 for both Friday and Saturday. A Scenario Writer/CmPS participant who also competes in the booklet writing competition (team/individual) is charged the \$30 fee. The deadline for registration is Friday, March 30, 2012. All registration takes place in advance of the state bowl.

The following items will be provided for you when you arrive at King's Fork Middle School:

1. A sealed package with copies of the state bowl future scene for each G.I.P.S. team member and individual;
2. One complete, blank FPS booklet for each G.I.P.S. team and participant in the individual competition. One extra page for challenges or solution ideas and one for action plan illustrations will be supplied;
3. An Action Plan form on NCR paper so that each team will have a copy of their underlying problem and action plan to help them prepare their presentations;
4. Name tags for FPSers and coaches;
5. A form to make last-minute changes or corrections of your registered teams; and
6. A diagram of King's Fork's floor plan.

Individual Competition

Qualifying G.I.P.S. individuals who participated in the yearlong program compete at the state bowl with the same future scene as teams, but write eight challenges and eight solutions rather than the 16 challenges and solutions written by teams. Only individuals registered for the year long program may participate at the 2012 State Bowl.

Presentation of the Action Plan

Each G.I.P.S. team must present a four-minute presentation of their action plan in the presentation competition. Senior teams will present a spontaneous action plan presentation on Friday evening. Junior and middle division teams will perform their planned presentations on Saturday morning. Even if one or two students are granted permission to leave after the problem solving competition, the rest of the team must still present their action plan. Competitors in the individual competition are required to participate in the presentation competition; they must join together with a team on their grade level division from their school district. A team's presentation may include as many as seven participants.

VAFPS will supply each team with "Presentation of the Action Plan" materials again this year. We will distribute the actual supplies on Friday evening so junior and middle division teams can use Friday night for preparation and planning of thoughtful skits. The senior level teams, using only program-provided site props, will give a spontaneous presentation of their Action Plan on Friday evening. This competition will be held immediately following the Friday evening awards ceremony. Teams of seniors will exercise their problem solving skills by judging the junior and middle division presentations on Saturday.

Although students are limited to using the materials we supply, coaches should bring some "tools" with them: scissors, color markers, one roll of tape, staplers, pens/pencils, one roll of paper towels (any kind/size), one box aluminum foil (25 feet size) and up to ten sheets of colored paper (8 1/2 x 11). Future Problem Solving will not provide these items, which are helpful for putting together costumes and props. Complete rules and evaluation guidelines will be distributed and posted on the website before the bowl.

Student Conduct

As guests of the Virginia Future Problem Solving Program and Suffolk Public Schools, participants are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and honorable manner. We will not tolerate destructive behavior to persons or property or use of alcohol or illegal drugs. Individuals violating this code will be asked to leave immediately and will be assessed for any damages. Please review the *Participation Contracts and Authorization of Treatment of Minor* with your students and return the signed forms to the check-in table at the state bowl. Do not mail them to the state office.

Security

Name tags must be worn by everyone. Observers (parents and siblings) as well as volunteers must also be registered on-site during the competition. Name tags and meal vouchers may be purchased for observers on site at \$5 per person.

Team Substitutions

Students who wrote the winning booklet have won the right to compete; substitutions are discouraged. However, if a student on the qualifying team cannot attend the state bowl, the coach may replace that member with another student who has participated on a Future Problem Solving team this year. If that team goes on to win the state title, the students who participated at the state bowl will represent Virginia at the International Conference. The state director must approve replacements or additions of more than one team member. The International Conference will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington from June 7–June 12, 2012. Parents, school administrators, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

International Bids

VAFPS will issues International invitations to the highest ranking G.I.P.S. teams and individuals in each grade level division (junior, middle, senior whose state bowl submissions are judged to be of sufficient competitive caliber to advance. Two additional at-large bids, selected on the basis of booklet quality, will be announced at the State Bowl Awards Ceremony. This means that both the first and second place teams in two of the divisions will earn bids to the International Conference, subject to their potential to adequately participate in the rigorous arena of world competition. First place Community Problem Solving Teams/Individuals and first place scenario writers that have met the Virginia eligibility requirements are also awarded an International Conference bid.

Competitive Rules

The state bowl is governed by the 2011-2012 State Bowl *Rules of the Competition*. Please familiarize yourself and your teams with these rules.

Questions and Contact Information

If you have additional questions about the state bowl, please contact Farimae Tate at the state office:

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You may also address specific questions about the state bowl site to Patti Rabil, State Bowl Coordinator, at prabil@franklincity.k12.va.us.