


23RD ANNUAL LAKOTA NATION INVITATIONAL
LAKOTA LANGUAGE BOWL

We are pleased to welcome you to the 23rd LNI Lakota Language Competition!

This year we will be adding coaches' meetings to take place before the day's events to go over rules and concerns. We will still have 3 days of competition to accommodate the four divisions. Introductions will receive 25 points for participation, and we have revamped the Score Sheet for ease of use. Also, brackets points will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place per each bracket, which will be added to the tally. This year, awards will given for 1st and 2nd places.

- The Elementary Divisions will compete on the first day
- The Middle School will compete on the second day
- The High School will compete on the third day

Each division will start with the Song Competition (K-12). The breakdown of the competition and divisions are on the table below. Also, we are preparing for the possibility of a Tie Breaker with the students describing pictures.

K-2	3-5	6-8	9-12
INTRODUCTION			
SONG			
SKIT OR NURSERY RHYME	DEMONSTRATION		
PICTURE VOCABULARY	SPEED VOCABULARY		
	THEMATIC SPEAKING PICTURE DESCRIPTION		
TIE BREAKER-PICTURE DESCRIPTION			
			

We want to thank all the schools, teams, coaches, volunteers and students for your dedication to helping to keep alive our beautiful Lakota/Dakota/Nakota language. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

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Team Registration Form

School Representing: _____

Name of Team: _____

Adult Team Sponsor(s): _____

Sponsor Contact Phone/Email: _____

Circle one of the following 4 competition levels for your team

Team Roster

Elementary Team (K-2) (3-5), Middle School (6-8), High School Team (9-12)

Name:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. *(alternate)* _____

If taking two or more teams from one school, please fill out a registration form for each team.

***You may register online: <https://www.lakotanationinvitational.com/lakota-language> or
email: maretta.champagne@k12.sd.us***

***You can also mail registration forms to:
REGISTRATION & MEDIA FORMS ONLY (NO CHECKS PLEASE)***

***LNI Lakota Language Bowl
Oglala County School District
C/O Corey Yellow Boy
206 School Street
Batesland, South Dakota 57716***

REGISTRATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, December 1st, 2023

2023 Media Release Form

The Lakota Nation Invitational Lakota Language Bowl has my permission to use my child/child's video for the purpose of the Lakota Language Bowl and any other areas promoting the Lakota Nation Invitational.

If the student is 18 years old or older, they may sign their own permission slip.

Child's Name: _____ *Grade:* _____

Child's School: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ *Date* _____

Contact Number: _____

All media release forms must be signed and submitted by coach/sponsor at registration.

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Competition structure

Traditional/Contemporary Song Competition (Grades K-12): Must be performed by the entire team in Lakota. Any traditional or contemporary song can be selected. The song can also be an original composition. The use of a hand drum will be allowed. *Examples but not limited to: The Lakota Flag Song, Itsy Bitsy Spider (Lakota version) Round dance, Pow-wow, Honoring Songs, Love Songs, The Lakota Counting Song, The Lakota Days of the Week song.*

Nursery Rhyme or Skit (K-2): Any nursery rhyme or up to 3-minute skit performed by the entire team in Lakota.

Traditional Demonstration Competition (Grades 3-12): Elementary and Middle School teams can have up to three minutes to complete their live demonstration, but no less than a minute. High school teams can have up to 5 minutes to complete their demonstration, but no less than 3 minutes. Time allotted starts when the students get to the table. No exceptions and the timekeepers will not wait. Traditional demonstrations must be done live and spoken in Lakota Language. No English words will be allowed. No Scripts will be allowed. No team coaches/sponsor are allowed in any part of the demonstration. Students have the creative option to choose a demonstration of their choice. **Examples but not limited to:** *Beading/Beadwork, Quill work, setting up small scale tipi, Making/Drying Papa, Fixing/Combing Hair, Making a sandwich.*

Picture Competition (K-2): This is a bracket competition with a moderator. Teams competing against each other will be shown a picture by the moderator individually for student to name picture in Lakota. Students will have 10 seconds to state the word after shown picture. If student is unable to answer correctly, the word will be extended to the opposite team. If the other team is unable to answer correctly no point is award to either team. Each word answered correctly will be given one point. The first team who receives 10 points wins the round.

Lakota Speed Vocabulary Competition (Grades 3-12): This is a bracket competition with a moderator. Teams competing against each other will be given a vocabulary word by the moderator. Students from either team can then ring the buzzer, if they know the answer. Students will have 10 seconds to state the vocabulary word, once they ring the bell. If a student is unable to answer, neither team gets the point. Each word answered correctly, will be given one point. The first team answering ten vocabulary words, wins the round. If a student rings the bell, they must answer the question. If the student is unable to answer the question, neither teams gets the points and the Moderator will pick a new vocabulary word. Once a student rings the buzzer, there is no sideline discussion with their team. Students must keep their hands on the table at all times. **NO** hand hovering over the buzzer will be allowed. There will be a Dakota speaking moderator available, along with our Lakota speaking moderator to negate any language difference. All LNI moderator decisions are official and final.

Thematic Unit Speaking Evaluation Describing pictures. (Grades 3-12) Older grades will be given a traditional picture to describe. Younger grades will be given a fun picture to describe. Correct use of words, sentences, and conjugation, will receive one point and the buzzer will start again. First team that gets to **10** first, will win that round and progress forward in the bracket. Once a team member hits the buzzer they are expected to answer the question. If a student fails to describe anything on the picture there will be no points given. Hands must be placed on the table. No hand hovering over the buzzer is allowed. There will be a Dakota speaking moderator available, along with our Lakota speaking moderator to negate any language difference. All LNI moderator decisions are official and final.

Introduction.Not a competition. We are asking that all teams introduce themselves prior to their demonstration or skit with: where they live, how old they are, and what school they attend. K-2 can introduce their name and age. Team participation will receive 25 points.

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Official Rules of Team and Coach Conduct

1. Teams must have at least three members to compete, and may have a maximum of five registered members, with one alternate allowed. A student may not be on two teams. Also, alternates need to be aware that if their team wins first place, they may not get a jacket.
2. All Lakota Language Teams must consist of enrolled students K-12. Team participation must be approved by the student's respective school they are enrolled in.
3. Only teams who complete registration, media release form and pay the competition fee before the December 3rd deadline will be able to compete. Please check with your school's business office to ensure that they understand the need to meet this payment deadline! We don't want to have any teams come all the way to Rapid City to compete, only to find that they were never put onto the bracket due to incomplete registration.
4. Teams must be checked in at Registration/Coaches Meeting starts at 8:00 am. The competition will start with the Elementary School on Wednesday, December 13th, 2023. The Middle School will compete on Thursday, December 14th, 2023. The High School will start with the 9-12 grades on Friday December 15th, 2023.
5. Teams are highly encouraged to wear clothing that is reflective of the school they are representing.
6. Teams who will be late to the start of the competition due to the bad weather or other logistical issues need to contact as soon as possible via text: Maretta 605-407-2719
7. Good sportsmanship must be displayed by all contestants, coaches, and spectators.
8. Teams should be gracious during competition, whether participating or watching, and at the end of every two-team round, the team members must shake hands with each other.
9. Negative behavior by any individual student, coach, or parent, during the competition will disqualify them from competing from that moment on. No poor sportsmanship, either from students or adults.
10. If a team disagrees with a call, the coach may immediately raise their hand to file a protest. Please wait to be recognized and acknowledged to bring the issue to Corey Yellow Boy or Maretta Champagne. ALL OFFICIAL MODERATOR and JUDGE'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
11. Harassment of any kind towards the LNI Coordinators, extended staff or to student participants is **Not** permitted. Failure to comply will be removed from the event. In the event of harassment, please contact: Corey Yellow Boy or Maretta Champagne immediately.
12. Alternate Rule: If an alternate is needed, the student must be checked in and registered on the morning of the respected competition. No substitution is allowed once the competition starts. Failure to comply, will result in disqualification from that respected competition.
13. Students are not allowed to hand hover over the buzzer during Speed Vocabulary or Thematic Unit competitions
14. Students should be prepared for their respective competitions prior to LNI. The use of scripts during the Traditional Demonstration or Music & Song competitions is highly discouraged. No coaches or sponsors are allowed to accompany, stand, or participate with their students while they're competing.

I understand and will comply with all LNI Lakota Language Bowl Rules and Regulations. This must be signed by the Team Coach or Sponsor for team to participate. Form must be given to Language Bowl Registrar at the event during team check-in.

Coach Name

Date