2012-2013 Army JROTC Leadership Bowl

Participate in this FREE Leadership Competition and your team may win a chance to compete in the Leadership Championship (JLAB) in Washington, DC!

There are many benefits of participating in this free Leadership Bowl, including:
- Increase interest in college admissions
- Improve leadership skills
- Demonstrate academic and leadership strengths of JROTC program
- Boost team and unit spirit

Dates of Competition

Oct.	1-22, 2012	**Practice Round for Level I**
Oct.	22, 2012	**Registration begins**
Nov.	1-15, 2012	**Level I – The Challenge**
Jan.	15-31, 2013	**Practice Round for Level II**
Feb.	1-15, 2013	**Level II – Zero Hour Threat**
June	21-25, 2013	**Army JROTC Leadership Symposium**

NOTES:
- All units will participate in Level I of the Leadership and Academic Bowl – two different tests administered during the same window of dates. For more information on the Academic Bowl, click on the link to the Academic Bowl.
- All units will form two teams – a leadership team and an academic bowl team.
- Cadets may only participate on **one** team - either the Leadership team or the Academic Bowl team – no crossover between teams.
- Teams with scores in the top 50% in Level I will participate in Level II.
- Forty Leadership teams will advance to the Leadership Championship and Symposium (JLAB), which will be held in Washington, DC.
- If your school is prone to winter storms and school closings, please do NOT wait until the last day to participate. Deadline extensions will be granted on a very limited basis.
- All teams advancing to The Championship (JLAB) will be asked to participate in a peer-to-peer tutoring project. Cadets will prepare materials related to leadership topics covered in the Leadership Bowl (3-5 hours of prep work).
- Teams will also be asked to participate in a voluntary fundraiser.

Competition Website

COF Contests – To register and participate in the Practice Rounds, Level I and Level II, go to www.cofcontests.com.

How to Assemble a Leadership Team

- Leadership team = 4 primary team members and 2 alternates
- Select current or upcoming leadership in the unit – juniors, sophomores or freshmen.
- NO seniors may participate.

Each JROTC unit will be allowed one team consisting of **four cadets** – they may be freshmen, sophomores or juniors – however, seniors may not be included on the team. Leadership team members may NOT participate in the Academic team. Two alternates may be named in case a team member must drop out before the end of the competition; however, alternates are not required. The alternates may participate in the online testing: however, if selected to participate at JLAB in Washington, DC, **only four team members will travel to JLAB.**

Selecting Team Members

Instructors may assess and select potential team members using the following criteria –

- Peer selection boards (e.g. interviews, essays),
- Leadership assessment tools (e.g. military, business or government)
- Teacher or school leadership recommendations
- GPA
- Performance on the Practice Round (details below)
- Overall enthusiasm for the competition

The instructor has the final decision on the members of the team and may use the OPTIONAL Practice Round (Oct. 1 – 22, 2012) developed by the Foundation as a method of choosing team members.

The Practice Round is taken individually, not as a team, and consists of 25 questions similar to those questions in Level I and II. All cadets in the unit may take the Practice Round at an internet-accessible computer either in the classroom, at home, in the library or other location. The cadets should logon to www.cofcontests.com, select Army, then select Leadership Practice Round, answer the questions and print out their scores to turn into the instructor. It is up to each instructor to review the scores and determine members of the team.

How to Prepare the Leadership Team

Leadership teams selected to participate in the Leadership Symposium (JLAB) should have a solid working knowledge of leadership principles and classroom applications prior to participation in the Symposium. Four-member cadet teams will be chosen to participate in the Symposium on the basis of their knowledge of leadership tenets from George C. Marshall, their understanding of JROTC Leadership theory and their ability to translate those tenets and theories to scenario-based questions. References for preparation for Levels I and II and JLAB include:

1. **The George C. Marshall Principles of Leadership**: Ref Guide: <u>Soldier, Statesman, and Peacemaker: Leadership Lessons from George C. Marshall</u> by Jack Uldrich. (Available at www.collegeoptionsfoundation.net)
2. **<u>Citizenship in Action and Leadership Theory and Application</u>** (Unit 2) (excluding Chapters 2 and 5)
3. **<u>Foundations for Success </u>**(Unit 3) (excluding Chapters 9, 11 and 12)
4. **<u>Citizenship in American History and Government</u>** (Unit 6) (excluding Chapters 5, 6, 7 and 8)
5. **Thinking Maps**
6. **Winning Colors**

How to Register the Team

Registration begins on **Monday, October 22, 2012 at www.cofcontests.com.** All teams, regardless of previous participation, must register using a new User ID and Password. The instructor should click on Army and then select Leadership Symposium Registration. It will take approximately 15 minutes to answer a few required questions to register your team. The team must be registered prior to beginning Level I. We suggest that each instructor register his or her team before the team is ready to participate in Level I. Registration will be open until the last day of Level I competition (Nov. 15), so an instructor could still register a team up until the last day of Level I competition. However, we strongly encourage all teams to register and participate before the last day of competition.

All teams will be competing against similar teams within each Brigade. Each team will be automatically placed into a Division based on demographics including socio-economic and geographic factors.

Please be prepared to answer the following questions when registering:

High School Name, Address, Phone Number
Instructor Name, Email Address, Phone Number (office and cell)
Cadet Names, Grade, Gender, GPA

High School Demographics – Number of students, Number in Free Lunch Program, Athletic Category (ex. 3A, 8A), type of school (suburban, rural, private, public, etc.)
* Be prepared to create a User ID and Password to use throughout this year's competition

How to Participate in Levels I and Level II (online)

1. The instructor or team captain should logon to www.cofcontests.com
2. Select the Army Leadership Symposium
3. If the team has not registered, click on Team Registration (see instructions above)
4. Select Level I – The Challenge (Nov. 1 - 15)
5. Enter your team password – your high school name should appear
6. Follow directions on that page and begin the competition
7. Level I will consist of approximately 75 questions and take approximately 1 hour to complete.

If your team advances to Level II – Zero Hour Threat (Feb. 1-15), you will follow the same procedure, using the same password. **Keep your password for this year's use**. If you misplace your password, you may go to www.cofcontests.com and Select Your Contest, Select Your Branch and click on Retrieve Your Team Password.

The Leadership Symposium (JLAB)

Teams advancing to JLAB in Washington, DC will be notified by email as soon as results of Level II are verified. Forty leadership teams will advance to JLAB and compete in a series of leadership skills and knowledge tests. Leadership teams will also spend time working on leadership skills and relating those skills and principles to monuments and memorials in our nation's capital.

Teams will be allowed to bring four cadets and one instructor to JLAB. Additional male and female chaperones will be on staff at JLAB; however, a chaperone from the high school may also attend if required by the school district. If teams make more than one substitution to the roster recorded at the beginning of the online competition series, the instructor must provide a written explanation for the changes.

Travel costs, gas prices, additional airline fees and, most importantly, cuts in educational funding, require that we are all as frugal as possible in our travel arrangements. All travel costs directly related to the event will be covered, but COF will endeavor to minimize travel costs where possible and we hope the instructors will assist us in that area.

Each team will receive a travel allowance to cover all transportation expenses such as:

1. ground transportation to/from Washington, DC airport to George Mason University
2. airfare or mileage (if driving)
3. incidentals – baggage, tips, etc.

The amount of the travel allowance will be determined by the location of the team and the average cost of travel from that area. Travel allowances will not exceed $3,500. If travel costs are determined to exceed the authorized limit, , the team can choose to either:

1. fundraise to collect the balance of the travel costs OR
2. receive a plaque and certificates of achievement donated by the Foundation in lieu of traveling to JLAB.

Official Rules of the Online Competition

1. The designated contact should be a JROTC instructor with access to email. Most correspondence with teams is through email; therefore, it is essential that instructors check their email and respond as soon as possible. Foundation staff is also available by phone for questions or concerns. (1-888-576-8287 or edonahue@collegeoptions.net)

2. Each JROTC unit will be allowed one leadership team consisting of four cadets. Current and future leadership of the unit should be included. Two alternates may be named and may participate in the online portion of the competition. No seniors may participate in the Leadership Bowl. Leadership team members may not participate on the Academic team.

3. Level I - The Challenge and Level II - Zero Hour Threat are internet-based competitions. The team must have high speed (DSL, cable, t1, etc.) internet access (not via a dial-up connection).

4. The Challenge and Zero Hour Threat each require approximately one hour to complete. Once a team has logged in, there is no ability to stop and start over. The competition must be completed in one sitting.

5. No one is allowed in the room during the competition except for the 4 members of the team, 2 alternates and one instructor who will act as proctor for the test. Instructors may not assist the team with questions during the test.

6. No outside sources (dictionary, thesaurus, text book, newspaper, etc.) are allowed. Calculators, pens/pencils and scratch paper are permitted.

7. No communication about the competition with other JROTC teams or schools is allowed. Teams are not permitted to discuss the questions or design of the competition with anyone outside of the team members and instructors.

8. All scores will be sent to the Foundation's server automatically. If a team believes there has been an error in scoring, the team must contact the Foundation via phone or email

with 12 hours of the completion of their participation (upon finishing the game). A written explanation of the problem will be required and should be sent via email (edonahue@collegeoptions.net).

9. If there is an electrical outage or other technical difficulty during the competition, the team must contact the Foundation via phone or email within 12 hours of the difficulty. A written explanation of the problem will be required and should be sent via email (edonahue@collegeoptions.net).

10. The JROTC Leadership Challenge relies on the adherence by all teams to the JROTC Code of Honor/Core Values. The Foundation expects that all team members and instructors will abide by all rules.

11. Finally, we believe the **No. 1 rule in this competition is…. Have Fun!** We hope you enjoy this challenge.