

Successful 2010-11 Odyssey Season

Region 15 NW VOICES completed a very successful 2010-11 Odyssey season. We fielded 226 teams at our regional tournament, a new record, sent more than 18 teams to the state tournament, eight of which went on to the World Finals Tournament held in Maryland. The World Finals includes all of the winners from the state tournaments across the U.S. and winners from over 30 nations around the world. Three of the eight NW VOICES teams placed in the top ten of their divisions; the other five teams placed in the top 25 for their divisions. The Board offers our congratulations and deepest appreciation to all of our coaches and coordinators across the region!

The Future of Odyssey in Loudoun County and Beyond Two New Regions: Region 14 Catoclin VOICES and Region 16 Dulles VOICES

The Odyssey program has been growing in Loudoun County and beyond. The size of the regional tournament exceeded the ability of any single high school to host the NW Voices tournament, and it has been extremely difficult for the Board to administer the program across all of the schools. The Virginia State Board approved the NW VOICES Board of Directors recommendation to split Region 15 NW VOICES. We formed two new regions - Region 14 Catoclin VOICES and Region 16 Dulles VOICES. Region 15 NW VOICES will cease to function.

The designations for each region are based on the Loudoun County High School cluster as shown in Figure 1. Programs outside of the Loudoun County School System will be assigned to a region based on the location of the school/sponsor. We have tried to keep the integrity of the clusters to allow teams to move together through elementary, middle and high schools without changing regions. The split initially shows a balance in the number of teams into each region.

Dulles VOICES Region 16		Catoclin VOICES Region 14		
BRIAR WOODS CLUSTER	POTOMAC FALLS CLUSTER	STONE BRIDGE CLUSTER	LOUDOUN COUNTY CLUSTER	FREEDOM CLUSTER
Creighton's Corner	Algonkian	Belmont Station	Catoclin	Hutchison Farm
Hillside	Countryside	Newton-Lee	Evergreen Mills	Liberty
Legacy	Horizon	Sanders Corner	Sycolin Creek	Little River
Mill Run	Potowmack	Seldens Landing	J. Lupton Simpson MS	Lunsford MS
Rosa Lee Carter	River Bend MS	Belmont Ridge MS	Loudoun County HS	Freedom HS
Eagle Ridge MS	Potomac Falls HS	Stone Bridge HS		
Stone Hill MS			LOUDOUN VALLEY CLUSTER	CHAMPE CLUSTER (2012)
Briar Woods HS	PARK VIEW CLUSTER	TUSCARORA CLUSTER	Banneker	Aldie
	Forest Grove	Ball's Bluff	Emerick	Arcola
BROAD RUN CLUSTER	Guilford	Frances Hazel Reid	Hamilton	Buffalo Trail
Ashburn	Rolling Ridge	Leesburg	Lincoln	Pinebrook
Cedar Lane	Sterling	Lucketts	Middleburg	Mercer MS
Dominion Trail	Sully	Smart's Mill MS	Blue Ridge MS	John Champe HS (2012)
Steuart Weller	Sterling MS	Tuscarora HS	Loudoun Valley HS	
Farmwell Station MS	Park View HS			Independents
Broad Run HS		HERITAGE CLUSTER	WOODGROVE CLUSTER	Foxcroft School, Middleburg
	Independents	Cool Spring	Hillsboro	Community Christian School,
DOMINION CLUSTER	American INT'L School, Dulles	John W. Tolbert	Kenneth W. Culbert	Woodstock
Lowes Island	Sterling Community Center	Harper Park MS	Lovettsville	
Meadowland	Our Lady of Hope School,	Heritage HS	Mountain View	
Sugarland	Potomac Falls		Round Hill	
Seneca Ridge MS			Waterford	
Dominion HS			Harmony Intermediate	
			Woodgrove HS	

Figure 1: Potential Memberships in Region 14 Catoclin VOICES and Region 16 Dulles VOICES

For the coming season, the former NW Voices Board will serve as the Board of both regions. During the 2011-12 season, we will conduct joint training for coaches and judges and a joint Masters Spontaneous class. There will be, however, separate tournaments on consecutive weekends in March 2012, which will increase the chances of any one team to advance to the state tournament.

Sincerely,

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