

**New Mexico Junior Classical League
Announcing the Sixth Annual NMJCL Convention
MMXV**



Saturday, March 14th

Convention Theme:

SPARTA!

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(Plut. De Garr. 17)

All Middle School and High School students of Latin or Greek invited!
Greco-Roman costumes are encouraged!

Bosque School

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For more information please visit: www.nmjcl.org

The convention info is available at: www.nmjcl.org/2015-convention-2/

New Mexico Junior Classical League

Salvete, Amici!

On behalf of the New Mexico Junior Classical League, a statewide organization for the promotion of Greek and Latin studies, it is with great pleasure that I invite you to the sixth annual convention. Whether this is your first convention or you have been with us from the very beginning, we hope you will join us for a day filled with fun and games designed to celebrate the classics. **Membership in the NMJCL or NJCL is encouraged, but not required to partake in convention.** To learn more or register as a member of the NMJCL or NJCL please visit our website, www.nmjcl.org.

I am pleased to announce that this year's convention theme is Sparta. We hope to see many new and returning faces at this year's convention. Your voices have been heard, and we've carefully designed this year's convention to allow you to participate in all the events you would like. Many new events, such as student presentations, modern myth and the costume contest, were a huge success and will be returning this year. For a complete description of all the events that will be offered please see the **Activities Section** attached. Convention will be held at Bosque School on Saturday March 14th from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. All activities will be open to all students grades 6th-12th in a competitive yet fun environment. Prizes will be awarded for many of the events. Below is a complete schedule of the events to be held at this year's convention.

10:00-10:40 AM- Sign in, Icebreaker and Costume Judging

10:40-11:00- Welcome, orientation and officers' reports

11:00-11:30- Academic Testing and Sponsors' meeting

11:30-1:00- Snack Break and Ludi (open certamen will be part of Ludi)

1:00-1:45- Lunch, Colloquia and Student Presentations

1:45-2:30- Dramatic Interpretation and Competitive Certamen

2:30-3:30- Closing remarks, elections and awards

The NMJCL will provide lunch and snacks. We encourage all chapters to consider bringing something for our dessert potluck. If you are participating in the potluck we ask that you please avoid using any nut products, or clearly label any dishes that contain nuts. Students this year will be able to participate in either a grammar, mythology or theme-specific Sparta test. Any NMJCL member in good standing can run for an office. The election Pre-filing forms are attached, as is a proof of this year's convention t-shirt, designed by Ian Webb of the Classical Ravens chapter. We hope to see you soon!

Ex magno animo,

Emily Ellis

President, New Mexico Junior Classical League

Activities

Costume Contest: We will be having a costume contest again this year for anyone who chooses to wear a Greek or Roman costume. Historical accuracy is encouraged but not required. To participate simply show up in costume and indicate that you would like to be judged for your costume when you sign in. UNM classics students will be judging the competition.

Testing Sessions (Required for all participants):

This year we will be offering three options for the testing portion of the day.

1. Latin Grammar - this test will focus on the students grammatical ability in a similar format to the National Latin Exam. There will be four levels of tests so that students of all ages can participate. These levels are ½, I, II and advanced.
2. Mythology - this test will focus on students knowledge of classic Greek and Roman mythology. The tests for levels ½-I will focus on D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myths. For level II and above the tests will focus on Edith Hamilton's Mythology.
3. Sparta! - this will be a subject test, covering Sparta and her involvement in the Persian Wars. The test will assume a close reading of those parts of Herodotus' Histories that relate the build-up, event, and immediate aftermath of Thermopylae (Book 7, sections 138-239).

Ludi: A variety of games, including archery and other classically-themed activities.

Open and Competitive Certamen: Certamen is a fun jeopardy style game in which you can test your knowledge of the classics. There will first be a series of open rounds in which students can try their skills and gain experience. There will then be a series of competitive rounds in which each chapter may enter four participants to be randomly placed on teams for the competitive rounds.

Dramatic Interpretation: This year for dramatic interpretation students will have the option of either memorizing the passage beforehand for additional points or performing the passage from script. Separate passage for level ½ - 1, and II - Advanced will be sent as a pdf along with this packet.

Elections: All NMJCL members are encouraged to consider running for office. Among many things, officers are in charge of planning the year's events such as the Fall Certamen picnic, Saturnalia and Convention. Those wishing to run for office are encouraged to mail in a pre-filing form beforehand. See attached forms.

Student Presentations: If you've written a paper, or done a project on a classical theme this year, we encourage you to submit it to Ms. Webb (kwebb01@unm.edu) **by March 1st**. You may be selected to present to everyone at convention. Please provide a brief description of your project along with an estimated time for your presentation in your submission. If you don't want to present your project, but would like it displayed please just bring it with you to convention.

Modern Myth: This is a pre-convention contest; all entries must be submitted electronically to Mr. Fraser at john.fraser@bosqueschool.org **by March 1st**. Winners will be announced at the 2015 NMJCL convention. The NMJCL member submitting the entry must attend in order to win an award. There will be two divisions: Lower (Grades 6-8) and Upper (Grades 9-12). The myths must be 500 - 1200 words; the total number of words must be listed on the cover sheet along with the grade level of the author. The entry may be in prose or poetry form, or a combination of the two. The title must appear at the top of each page. Pages must be numbered. The author's name and grade level should appear ONLY on the cover sheet, and NOT on the pages containing the myth.

Modern Myth Categories:

1. An original myth to explain the existence of some phenomenon in nature or modern culture. It should use classical Greek OR Roman characters (but not a combination of the two); new invented characters with classical names may also be used.
2. A classical myth in modern dress or setting which would be recognizable through the plot and not from the names of the characters (the writer must identify the original myth in a postscript to the story)
3. A new myth using classical figures with the creation of new characters (e.g., a new Hercules story).

In all categories, the writer should be careful not to contradict existing myths. New characters and/or new adventures may be invented, but no tampering with basic, traditional mythology should occur.

Election of Officers

We will be electing all officers for the 2015-2016 school year at convention. Although we prefer all candidates to pre-file, we will allow candidates to fill out a pre-filing form at convention if they decide to run for office. **Although non-members may participate in convention, all candidates for offices must be members of the NMJCL.** The following offices will be elected at the Convention on March 14, 2015:

- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Parliamentarian
- Editor
- Historian
- (Web-Master)

The position of Web-Master is appointed but requires a pre-filing form.

The elections will proceed as follows:

1. announcement of candidates
2. speeches by candidates
3. discussions amongst chapters
4. ballot handout
5. voting (each chapter will receive two votes per office)
6. announcement of officers

For those wishing to run, please go to the NMJCL website and read over the [bylaws and office duties in Article V of the NMJCL constitution](#).

If you would like to be considered for an office (and we hope you do), please fill out the pre-filing form on the following page and mail/email it to the included address. Questions should be directed to Josh Stewart, Parliamentarian, at Parliamentarian@nmjcl.org.

Officer Nominations: Pre-filing Form

2015 – 2016 Term

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

School _____

NMJCL Chapter _____ Sponsor _____

Have you ever held an office in the NMJCL? YES NO

If, Yes, which office? _____ When? _____

I am seeking 2015-2016 nomination for the office of _____

Eligibility Requirements (please check each box that applies)

- I am a member in good standing with my chapter or as a JCL Member-at-Large.
- My sponsor (or sponsor's representative) will attend the NMJCL convention with me.
- I have attended at least one NMJCL Convention
- I have attended at least one NMJCL Meeting

I affirm that I am eligible to hold an elected position in the NMJCL and, if elected, will attend meetings (electronically or in person) and carry out my duties to the best of my ability.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Date _____

Please mail (or email as pdf) completed form to:

Josh Stewart (Parliamentarian@nmjcl.org)

4201 Royene, NE

Albuquerque, NM 87110

Registration Forms

The following pages are registration forms for the Convention. Other registration forms for the NJCL and NMJCL can be found at the websites provided. All the forms or links can be found at www.nmjcl.org. If you have any questions about any of these forms, please email the NMJCL Parliamentarian at parliamentarian@nmjcl.org.

National JCL -

This is the National organization. Registration with the National organization is required to be part of NMJCL *but not* to participate in the convention. Students can register as a Chapter (five or more students) or individually as a Member-at-Large. Sponsors will need to register with the American Classical League - www.acclassics.org. Registration forms for the NJCL can be found at www.njcl.org/pages/Forms.

New Mexico JCL -

The NMJCL is a state chapter of the National JCL. Students can register as a Chapter (five or more students) or individually as a Member-at-Large. Students need *not* be part of NMJCL to participate but it is recommended. Registration must be postmarked by January 20th for a chapter/member to be in good standing, i.e. to be able to vote or run for office. Registration forms for the NMJCL can be found at <http://www.nmjcl.org/become-a-member/>.

Convention Registration -

Registration must be postmarked ***by February 14***. Please completely fill out both pages of the registration form. This form applies to NMJCL members and non-members. The following form can also be found at www.nmjcl.org. Again, if you have any questions on this form, please email the NMJCL Parliamentarian at parliamentarian@nmjcl.org.

For each student, please indicate the level of Latin. If a student is taking the Introductory National Latin Exam, please choose Level 1. Otherwise, please choose the level that corresponds to the level of Latin study. For students in nontraditional courses, the NLE syllabus (<http://www.nle.org/syllabi.html>) may be used to find the appropriate level.

Nota bene! There are two different deadlines:

- Convention registration is due **Saturday, Feb. 14**
- NJCL and NMJCL membership forms and dues are due **Jan. 20th**

Convention Registration Form

Saturday, March 14th, 2015

10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Please print all information clearly.

Chapter: _____

Sponsor: _____

School: _____

Phone: (_____) - ____ - ____ Email: _____

I would like to help with convention activities

Fees

of Student NMJCL Members: _____ X \$7 = _____

of Student Non-members: _____ X \$10 = _____

of optional 2015 Convention T-shirts: _____ X \$13 = _____

TOTAL: _____

Make checks payable to **NMJCL** and mail (with registration forms) to:

NMJCL Convention
c/o John Fraser, Bosque School
4000 Learning Road NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Important Notes

- Please fill out this and the following form completely. Attach as many sheets as necessary.
- All students are required to take one of the academic tests. Please indicate your student's Latin or Myth level based on your course material and the National Latin Exam Syllabus (<http://www.nle.org/syllabi.html>).
- Please indicate each student's interest in participating in Certamen and/or Dramatic Interpretation. Students can decide at the convention whether they want to participate in either or both. Note that DI and Competitive Certamen will happen at the same time.
- If your students are younger than high school age, an adult must be in attendance.
- If you have any questions, visit www.nmjcl.org or contact Josh Stewart, Parliamentarian, at parliamentarian@nmjcl.org.
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