

Christian School Finals Competition

Newsletter

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Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

As the theme scripture for CSFC 2011 indicates, we are all called to serve. For the most part, this is a recognized and accepted mandate, yet we often fall short in fulfilling it. There are various reasons for this. Perhaps our perception of service leads us to believe we need special training or preparation. So we wait for the day when we are more prepared, and we have finally finished a particular ministry session at church or completed a list of reading on a subject. We may wait for a time that better fits our schedule. Most likely though, we often simply don't recognize the straightforwardness of some acts of service and thereby fail to follow through.

Recently, addressing the topic of "What is Ministry," Dr. Thomson Mathew, ORU Dean of Theology, noted that according to Mark 3:14 Jesus appointed the twelve (apostles) to first be with Him and then to minister. "Being with" comes before ministry (doing). This seems almost too easy. Special classes, more instruction and extra reading are not prerequisites. "Being with" simply requires time and attention. Now, transferring this thought to service, consider...who can you serve today just by being with them?



CSFC Event Highlight – Lightning Chess 111

If a competition event based on tactic and strategy mixed with mental toughness and the ability to think on your feet sounds appealing, we have the event for you—Lightning Chess (111). Chess has been described as an art, a science as well as a sport. However you define it, chess is highly competitive and is enjoyed by millions around the world.

Lightning chess is simply a standard chess game played at high-speed. The Lightning Chess event at Christian School Finals Competition has a five-minute time limit per player. Chess clocks are used to regulate the game.

Participants should be familiar with the basic rules of moves, capturing, checkmates and draws.

Dr. Cal Easterling, an avid chess player who constantly has a game of chess in play, has assisted with the CSFC Lightning Chess Event for several years and offers some advice for developing a winning game of Lightning Chess. Read more at the [Competition website](#).

Website Update

We hope you have had the opportunity to take a look at our updated website. We are very excited about the new look and the ease of access to everything related to Competition! The [2011 CSFC Handbook](#) and [Entry Forms](#) are accessible on our updated site as well many other helpful items about Competition.

The CSFC website also provides easy access to information about ORU. Admissions information, Whole Person Scholarship information, Chapel services and everything ORU are accessible from the CSFC page. We encourage you to check out an insightful article by ORU President Mark Rutland which is available on the [Parents and Visitors](#) page.

After taking a look, visit us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) and let us know what you think.

Important Competition Dates

Group I [Registration Forms](#) were due **April 1, 2011** for all schools that did not submit these forms on the March 1 Early Registration due date.

Group I forms include:

- Form A – Checklist for a Successful Registration
- Form B – Statement of Faith
- Form D – Master Registration
- Form E – T-shirt order
- Science Project Forms

Group II Registration forms are due **April 15, 2011** for *all schools* and include the following forms:

- Form F – Designated Person for Emergencies
- Form G – Adult Sponsor Information Form
- Forms H & I – Boys and Girls Residence Assignments

Forms can be access on our website at <http://competition.oru.edu>

Send-in Entries

We encourage all schools to participate through [Send-in entries](#). All writing events, art and photography events as well as science projects can be entered as send-in entries. Send-in entries provide students who are not able to attend CSFC the opportunity to be a part of and contribute to the school's overall accomplishments at Competition. More information about send-in entries is available on our [website](#), or call us with questions at 918-495-6856.

More Important Dates

Entries for the following events must be received by **April 15, 2001**:

- Poem Writing
- Essay Writing
- Short Story
- Yearbook

A [statement of originality](#) must be submitted with of the all above entries.

We invite all schools to enter their Yearbook. As a yearbook is already part of most schools' curriculum, it is an easy way to gain points for your school.

Announcements

- We invite you to follow Christian School Finals Competition on [Twitter](#) and become our friend on [Facebook](#).
 - [ORUEF](#) member schools receive a registration discount for Competition. However, [ORUEF membership](#) is not required to attend Competition. All **Christian schools** are welcome and encouraged to participate.
 - **Handbook:** The [2011 Competition Handbook](#) is now online at competition.oru.edu. The password to access the 2011 Competition Handbook is **iServe2011**.
 - [Entry Forms](#) for Competition 2011 are available on the Competition website (competition.oru.edu). The password to access the forms will be **CSFCforms11**.
 - Banner-405 is now a team event and eligible for double points.
 - Form J – Golf Scores is due on May 2, 2011.
 - Notification will be sent by email in early May with instructions for entering track and field event times and distances on Runnercard.com
 - To borrow musical equipment from the ORU Music Dept. for use during Competition events does require the submission of Form Q. Form Q is due by May 13, 2011. Without prior notice a deduction will be applied to the event affected.
 - The Team Decathlon Form K is due in the Competition office by noon on Friday, May 20, 2011. The form may be mailed, faxed or emailed. The fax number is 918.495.7305.
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