

2018 Individual Ritual Competition

Welcome to another year of Ritual Competition! The 2018 Ritual Competition lecture will be the lecture of Chaplain. Depending on your age, you will recite opening, initiation and closing prayers. Please see the chart below.

Girls must compete in the same ritual they use at their regular meetings and installations (either traditional or contemporary).

Winners from each Area Ritual Competition will compete at Grand Assembly. If for some reason the First Place winner cannot compete, the alternate will take her place at Grand Assembly. (Area Grand Deputies will send me their first place **and** second place winners.)

You must compete at your Area Competition in the age category you will be in at Grand Assembly. On the morning of Saturday, March 24th at Grand Assembly, each first place area winner (or alternate) will compete within the following four age categories:

Group 1 – age 11 to 13 – Chaplain opening prayer

Group 2 – age 14 & 15 – Chaplain opening and closing prayer

Group 3 – age 16 & 17 – Chaplain opening, initiation and closing prayer

*Group 4 – age 18 to 20 – Chaplain opening, initiation and closing prayer

*if you are twenty, you must be an active member of your assembly.

It does not matter if you are or are not a PWA, you will compete in your age category.

Please check in at 8:00am in the salon area of the Double Tree for your number and approximate time. Due to Page, CO Helper and Choir practice, your time may be assigned to you in advance. This will help our Directors run smooth and uninterrupted practices.



2018 Bow Competition

This year will mark the 6th Grand Assembly Bow Competition!

Teams will be made up of 7 girls within an Area. They can all be from one Assembly, or Assemblies can join forces to make a team. Each team will be reviewed and approved by the Area Grand Deputy.

The competition will begin with Love's first line, through the end of the lecture. The prompter will respond for the candidate. After, "...and lay it thereon." the next bow officer will stand and begin her lecture.

The teams will compete at the Area Ritual Competition using a score sheet that we will be providing. The winning team from each Area will compete at Grand Assembly on Friday night, March 23, 2018. The schedule will be finalized once I have all of the information for the participating teams.

Even if there is only 1 team participating for the Area, **the team must perform their lectures at the Area Competition.**

If a girl on the winning team is not able to be at Grand Assembly, a substitute may be used from the Area. If 3 or more girls from the team cannot participate at Grand Assembly, we would love the remaining members of the Area team to give their lectures, but they will not be eligible for award placement. Participation will be at the Area Team's discretion but it is enthusiastically encouraged.

2018 Speech Competition

This is our first year for a Speech Competition at Grand Assembly 2018. It will not be ritual, but more towards refining your presentation skills and marketing the organization. This competition will further the practice of public speaking. We will have one category for the inaugural year, age 17 and over. After the first year of competition, I will evaluate and refine the program as necessary. Please support us as we try something new!

Let's talk about some details....

1. The contestants will write up to a three hundred (300) word, typed, Aerial Font 12 point double spaced paper on **one** of the two following prompts:
 - a. Prompt #1 - Speaking to someone who has never heard of our organization, how would you describe Rainbow?
 - i. OR
 - b. Prompt #2 - How can California Rainbow increase its membership in the next two to four years?
2. Judging: you will be scored on your ability to convince the judges of your position, appropriate attire, and presentation skills. You will receive some points for memorization, however, the main idea is to practice and focus on your public speaking and presentation skills.
3. You will dress in **Business** attire according to the CA Rainbow dress code

4. You must be an active Rainbow girl with current dues paid
5. Your speech must be submitted in advance to the Director of Ritual Competition by February 1, 2018. Email speech to trishpsp@yahoo.com
6. Once I receive your speech, I will send you a copy of the judging score sheet so you're aware of the criteria
7. We will not use any props or PowerPoint presentations
8. Non PWAs, PWAs and PGOs age 17 and over are eligible. Current Grand Officers are not eligible. Past Grand Officers are eligible for this competition, as long as you have not attained majority on the day of the competition at Grand Assembly, 2018.
9. There will not be an area competition – just the competition at Grand Assembly
10. The Competition will take place on Saturday Morning at Grand Assembly. Please check in at 8:00am at the Doubletree Hotel for your number and approximate time. Due to Page, CO Helper and Choir practice, your time may be assigned to you in advance. This will help our Directors run smooth and uninterrupted practices.
11. The First place winner will deliver her speech on Sunday at Grand Assembly

Please contact me with any questions you have. I look forward to working with all of you to make this another incredible year for Ritual!

Give it your best and you will be a shining star!

Sincerely,

Trish Parker-Palmer

Director of Ritual Competition at Grand Assembly

