



# The Torch: KY

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## Tips for first year conventioners:

**Spend time with other chapters!** NJCL Convention is a fantastic place to build lasting friendships with similarly interested people from other states. Don't limit yourself by only hanging out with your old friends.

**Stay hydrated!** It's nearly August. Odds are it's going to be hot. Combine that with a spirit competition and heat stroke is bound to happen to someone. Don't let it be you.

**Work the bazaar!** In my experience, the bazaar was the very best place to meet new people. It's also a fantastic place to buy neat t-shirts with Latin jokes.

**Get plenty of sleep!** It may be tempting to stay up until 4 A.M. now that you're away from home without your parents, but please don't. Spirit competitions require well-rested participants.

**Empty dance?** Stay and wait around for a while. Dances never fail to fill up eventually, but you leaving just delays that from happening. Plus, they're amazingly fun!

**Follow all the rules!** This should go without saying, but no matter how ridiculous, follow all of the rules located in your handbook, as well as those gone over at state fellowship. Failure to do so can result in big trouble, possibly even being ejected from convention.

## Competitions and Events at the 2008 NJCL Convention

**Academic Contest:** Tests taken on a variety of classical subjects in competition with other conventioners.

**Academic Decathlon:** 95-question test on a wide range of subjects, the winner receiving a cash prize. Only suggested for students with over 2 years of Latin at the high school level.

**Bazaar:** During lunch and dinner, a shop where delegations sell a variety of items from hoodies to t-shirts to miniature megaphones.

**Certamen:** Academic team-style quick recall divided into 3 divisions:  
*Open Certamen:* Non-competitive quick recall with teams composed of delegates from different states.  
*Competitive Certamen:* Competitive quick recall with teams representing their state.  
*World Series of Certamen:* SCL and adult-only Certamen.

**Costume Contest:** Self-explanatory. Themes are:  
Male: Cerberus  
Female: Hebe  
Couple: Daphne and Apollo.

**Dances:** Social dances with various themes, held in different areas across campus.

**Dramatic Interperatation:** Recitation competition focused on acting and ex-

pression.

**English Oratory:** Speech writing done in the style of classic orators on the topic of the theme, *non nobis solum nati sumus*, "we are not born for ourselves alone."

**Essay:** Essay competitions in which essays are written on-demand about an aspect of Roman culture or life, based on given readings.

**Graphic Arts Contests:** Graphic arts contests of open end, in a number of mediums.

**Impromptu Art:** Art competition where participants take a group of seemingly random items and create art.

**Illustrated Quotations:** Competition of art that is a visual interpretation of a classical quote, including, but not limited to, the year's theme.

**Ludi:** Competitive game events: basketball, volleyball, soccer, and ultimate frisbee. Signups will be during state fellowship.

**Modern Myth:** Competition of stories written in the



style of classic mythology. Story must serve same purpose as classic myth: to explain a

natural phenomenon.

**Multimedia:** Classically-themed technology-based project, such as a flash animation or video based on a myth.

**Olympika:** Sport competitions in the areas of swimming, track & field, and a 2-3 mile marathon.

**Photography:** Traditional or computer-aided photography competition with a classic theme.

**Posters:** Artistic poster competition with posters illustrating the year's theme.

**Seminars:** Seminars on a range of topics given by a variety of speakers.

**Spirit Contest:** Scream your lungs out and cheer with your fellow conventioners!

**That's Entertainment:** The famous JCL talent contest!

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