

44. TEAM TALK-A-THON

GOAL:

To provide students with a fun way to practice, to get to know one another, and perhaps to raise a small amount of money.

METHOD:

- A talk-a-thon based on the word “marathon” simply means talking for a very long period of time.
 - For debate teams, it usually means talking for a full 24 hours.
 - Pick a day and a location, and for 24 hours straight, make sure someone from the team is giving a speech. Students may debate, deliver impromptu speeches, interpret literature, or, in the middle of the night when everyone is too tired to think, simply read aloud from a handy book.
 - If fundraising is a part of the goal, students can ask sponsors to pledge a certain amount of money for every hour the team talks.
 - For students, this is a fun activity: a round-the-clock party with opportunities for socializing and speechmaking.
 - For instructors, well, it is a unique opportunity.
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