Lakota Nation Invitational

Lakota Language Bowl • Structure, Scoring & Awards

What each age division performs

Event	How it is run	Scored as
1. Introductions	Each competitor introduces themselves while seated at the table.	Group
2. Song	Each age division sings a song.	Group
3. Verb speed vocabulary	Competitors are seated and use buzzers. Verbs are in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd person. See the verb list for each age division.	Team / group
4. Command activity	Physical command activity. See the command activities for each age category. All props are provided.	Group

How command activities are chosen

There will be two possible command activities for each grade level. Team names and command activities are placed in a box or hat and selected by the moderator. The team name drawn performs the command activity drawn. The other team performs the remaining activity.

Scoring

Teams will be scored overall on their pronunciation, information, poise, and self-assurance; knowledge of different conjugation forms of verbs; and their demonstration of understanding the commands given. This includes their ability to interpret and act upon instructions correctly, along with their use of appropriate verb conjugations in their responses.

Correct verb forms are essential for conveying the intended meaning, and participants must accurately conjugate verbs to receive full points. Judges will assess both the accuracy of the actions and the language used.

Scoring will vary slightly for each activity. Participants should refer to the attached scoring sheets for more details on what is expected.

Trophies and awards

Place	Awards
1st place in each age category	Trophy and hoodie
2nd place in each age category	Trophy and medal
3rd place in each age category	Medal
4th place in each age category	Medal
All other competing teams	Participation ribbons

Age divisions: K–2, 3–5, 6–8, and 9–12. See the separate competition structure sheets and verb lists for each division.