



Junior Speakers and Debaters Summer Camp 2023



Parent Information

Program Description: Each week there is a new theme that both morning and afternoon sessions will follow. Both sessions are meant to work together to provide students with a deep understanding of the theme, learning different communication skills and applying those skills using different debate styles.

Morning Session Description: The morning session will involve a “deep dive” on the weekly theme which will include Socratic discussions, in-class research activities and group projects. Students will learn valuable critical thinking and collaboration skills as they explore different elements of that week’s theme.

Afternoon Session Description: The afternoon session will involve debating the weekly theme. Students will engage in a SpAr (Spontaneous Argumentation) style debate. Debate topics will be based on that week’s theme. Students will learn to confidently present well-research arguments and practice artful speaking skills.

Program Schedule:

1. 6/19-6/23 The Business of Theme Parks
2. 6/26-6/30 Shark Tank Inventors
3. 7/10-7/14 The Magic of Storytelling
4. 7/17-7/21 The Business of Theme Parks
5. 7/24-7/28 Shark Tank Inventors
6. 7/31-8/4 The Magic of Storytelling

Program Location: Cogito Debate is located at 16808 Armstrong Avenue Unit 100, Irvine CA 92606.

Daily Schedule

8:45-9:00 CHECK-IN
9:00-12:00 MORNING SESSION
12:00-1:00 LUNCH & MOVEMENT GAMES
1:00-1:15 CHECK-OUT MORNING SESSION
1:00-4:00 AFTERNOON SESSION
4:00-4:15 CHECK-OUT AFTERNOON SESSION

Check In & Check Out Procedures

Summer Camp check-in and check-out will be held in our lobby area, located in the front entrance of our suite.

Check-In

Parents must walk their camper into the lobby and sign-in their campers between 8:45 am - 9:00am. **All campers must be signed in by an adult, campers are not permitted to sign themselves in.**

Check-Out

Campers must be checked-out in the lobby area and signed out by a parent or authorized adult.

Late Arrivals and Early Pick Up

We expect campers to stay for the entire session they are attending. If you know ahead of time that your child needs to leave camp early or will arrive late, please inform us before the day of the camp by calling Cogito Debate Admin (Directory at the bottom).

Class Format

All classes will consist of a combination of Discussion, Lecture, and an Activity. During Discussion, students get to share the knowledge they have with each other, while the coach points out information that they don't yet know. During Lecture, students will have the opportunity to take notes and ask relevant questions. During Activity, students will be given the resources to create presentations about the topic. All classes have an interactive speaking element, during which students have the opportunity to utilize active listening skills and peer learning. Cogito classes are created under the philosophy that learning-by-doing is a highly effective tool in the acquisition and application of knowledge; small group activities are utilized during every class.

Course Objectives

Students will be able to.....

- Deepen their understanding of current events that affect them, their families, friends and communities.
- Use their critical thinking skills to further understand topics introduced in class.
- Speak confidently and effectively about their understanding of the topic.
- Use active listening skills to take notes and give and receive feedback.
- Present well-researched arguments and practice artful speaking skills.

Note: The first day of camp all students will be given general, important information about our facility and program. Students will also be assigned a group both in the morning and afternoon. Student groupings are formed based on the ages of the students. It is very important that students do not miss any of their sessions as each person in the group is given a specific job and group discussions are vital to the success of the entire group's success.

Class Activities Overview:

- **AREI-Assertion Reason Evidence Impact**

Writing prompts completed in class.

- **Practice Speech: Delivery & Techniques**
Students will practice speaking delivery skills using various techniques.
- **Capturing Important Information**
Students will be taking notes and using notecards for speeches.
- **Peer Assessments**
Students will be giving positive and constructive feedback to each other.
- **STEAM Project**
Students of the Morning Sessions will create a visual project with their group.

Class Materials

Students will be given a class folder, paper, and writing materials. These materials will remain at Cogito Debate as folders will be collected every day before dismissal.

What to Bring to Camp:

- Reusable water bottle, labeled with camper's name.
- Cell phones are allowed but cannot be used during class time.
- iPad, tablet, and laptops are allowed but only used when Coaches determine campers can use their devices for research purposes.

Parent Showcase

A Parent Showcase is scheduled on the last day of class (Friday) of each camp. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to observe their student's progress. Additionally, the Parent Showcase allows the students to give speeches and/or Spontaneous Argumentation debates in front of a new audience, which is an invaluable opportunity. Family members are welcome to join.

Morning Session Parent Showcase: 11:00 am-12:00 pm on Friday

Afternoon Session Parent Showcase: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm on Friday

Student Evaluations

Coaches will be generating a student evaluation for each student who attended the camp that communicates the student's strengths and areas of growth. In addition, the coaches will suggest additional classes that will support continued growth of specific skills in both areas.

Classroom Management

Cogito classes are designed to help students stay active and engaged. In the event that disruptions occur, Cogito instructors deal with the disruption quickly, and in the way best suited to maintaining a good learning environment for the entire class. All Cogito instructors are trained in classroom management techniques, and use these management techniques to maintain student engagement, create a healthy learning environment, and avoid disruptive behaviors.

Instructors (Coaches)

Our coaches are experienced, passionate and skilled in elevating the communication skills of students through speech and debate. To learn more about your students' coach education and experience in debate please visit us at <https://cogitodebate.com/about-us>.

Special Needs

Please request a separate form from our Administration for any disabilities or special needs that need reasonable accommodation. This form should be completed only if your student has a physical, learning, or psychological illness, disability, illness, condition, or disease that is the basis for your reasonable request/accommodation by Cogito. It is up to the guardian/parent to request the appropriate "Disabilities & Special Needs Disclosure Form" from administration before the first day of camp.

Allergies

Please request a separate form from our Administration for any allergies or food intolerances that you believe should be disclosed to Cogito in order for Cogito to take the necessary precautions for your child's safety. It is up to the parent/guardian to request the appropriate "Severe Allergy & Food Intolerance Form" from administration before the first day of camp.

Absences

If your child is ill, running a fever, and/or suspected to be contagious, please DO NOT bring him/her to camp. Please call us and let us know if your child will be absent from camp. Campers will not be given make-up days for absences.

Lunch and Snack

Campers are provided with a morning and afternoon snack. If a camper has allergies or a special diet, please send an alternative snack with the camper. Due to the location of Cogito Debate we cannot guarantee a nut-free environment.

Lunch

Campers are provided with lunch; the menu will be "bag lunch" items and pizza on Friday's. If a camper has allergies or a special diet, please send an alternative lunch with the camper.

Medications

Our staff is not permitted to administer any medications. If a camper requires medication during camp hours, please make arrangements to administer the medicine yourself. Please make sure to discuss the usage of any medication that your camper will be taking with your child's camp coach.

Administration Contact

In the event that your child has to miss class/will be tardy/picked up early, please notify a Cogito administrator as soon as possible.

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