


Cogito Debate



Building confident thinkers & speakers since 2016!

SUMMER CAMPS 2026 CATALOG

WEEKLY THEMED SPEECH AND DEBATE CAMPS



Grades 2nd - 12th | June 8 - August 7

A summer of fun, learning, and skill-building that helps kids stand out.

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Elementary Summer Camps



Grades 2-4

Morning Camp: Public Speaking (Weekly Theme)

Afternoon Camp: Introduction to SPAR Debate (Weekly Theme)

Our Elementary Summer Camps introduce students to confident communication through fun, engaging five-day themed camps.

Each session combines **public speaking** in the morning and **SPAR debate** in the afternoon, helping students build confidence, think critically, organize their ideas, and express themselves clearly.

By the end of the week, students leave with stronger communication skills, greater self-assurance, and lasting friendships.



Enrollment Options:

9:00AM - 12:00PM | Public Speaking (Morning Camp)

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | SPAR Debate (Afternoon Camp)

9:00AM - 4:00PM (All Day Camp - Lunch Included)

Elementary Summer Camps

SCHEDULE



Grades 2-4

WEEK 1: June 8th - June 12th

Horrifying But True! Life Without Smartphones

What would life be like without smartphones? This week, campers will explore the impact of technology through hands-on STEAM projects and engaging debates. Working in teams, they'll create and present a Public Service Announcement (PSA) about responsible phone use while developing public speaking, critical thinking, and argumentation skills. Campers will learn to express their ideas confidently and think more deeply about the role technology plays in everyday life.

WEEK 2: June 15th - June 19th

Shark Tank

Inspired by Shark Tank, this exciting week challenges campers to become young entrepreneurs by creating original inventions and pitching them to investors. Along the way, they'll develop public speaking, persuasion, negotiation, and problem-solving skills through interactive activities, presentations, and mock mediations. It's a fun, hands-on experience that turns big ideas into confident action.

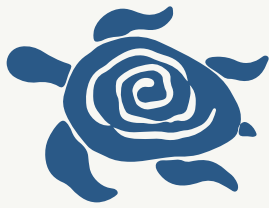
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Grades 2-4

WEEK 3: June 22nd - June 26th

From Mario to Minecraft: The Vision of Video Games

This week, campers will step into the world of video game design by creating their own game concepts, complete with characters, storylines, and marketing materials. They'll use creativity, teamwork, and critical thinking to bring their ideas to life before pitching them to classmates acting as investors. The week concludes with presentations and voting on the most innovative game concepts.

WEEK 4: July 6th - July 10th

Final Frontier: SPACE

Blast off into the future of space exploration! This week, campers will work in teams to create their own space mission, designing an aerospace company, setting mission goals, and planning for the challenges of life beyond Earth. Through creative problem-solving, teamwork, and presentations, students will explore the possibilities of space travel while building confidence and critical-thinking skills.

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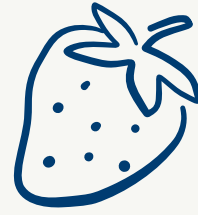
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WEEK 5: July 13th - July 17th

Roller Coasters and Rising Costs: The Business of Theme Parks

Step into the world of theme park design! Campers will create their own park, design attractions, develop marketing strategies, and manage a budget. Through presentations and debates on real-world business challenges, students will strengthen their creativity, teamwork, public speaking, and persuasive communication skills before pitching their park on Market Day.

WEEK 6: July 20th - July 24th

The Front Page Pioneers: Develop Your Own Newspaper

Extra, extra, read all about it! This week, campers will explore the world of journalism and learn how news stories are researched, written, and shared. They'll create their own newspaper featuring headlines, weather reports, comics, and more while building writing, critical-thinking, and communication skills.

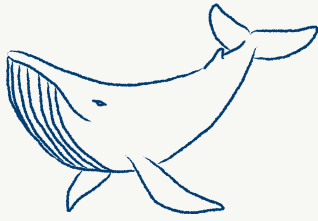
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9:00AM - 4:00PM (All Day Camp - Lunch Included)

Elementary Summer Camps



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Grades 2-4

WEEK 7: July 27th - July 31st

The Magic of Storytelling

This week, campers will discover the art of storytelling through creative writing and interactive workshops. They'll learn how to create memorable characters, engaging plots, and vivid settings while building confidence in their writing and public speaking. By the end of the week, students will be ready to share their original stories with creativity and confidence.

WEEK 8: August 3rd - August 7th

From Mario to Minecraft: The Vision of Video Games

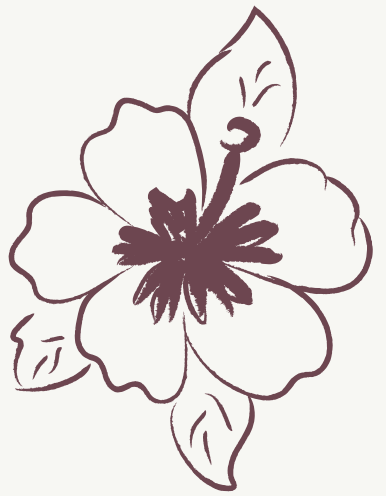
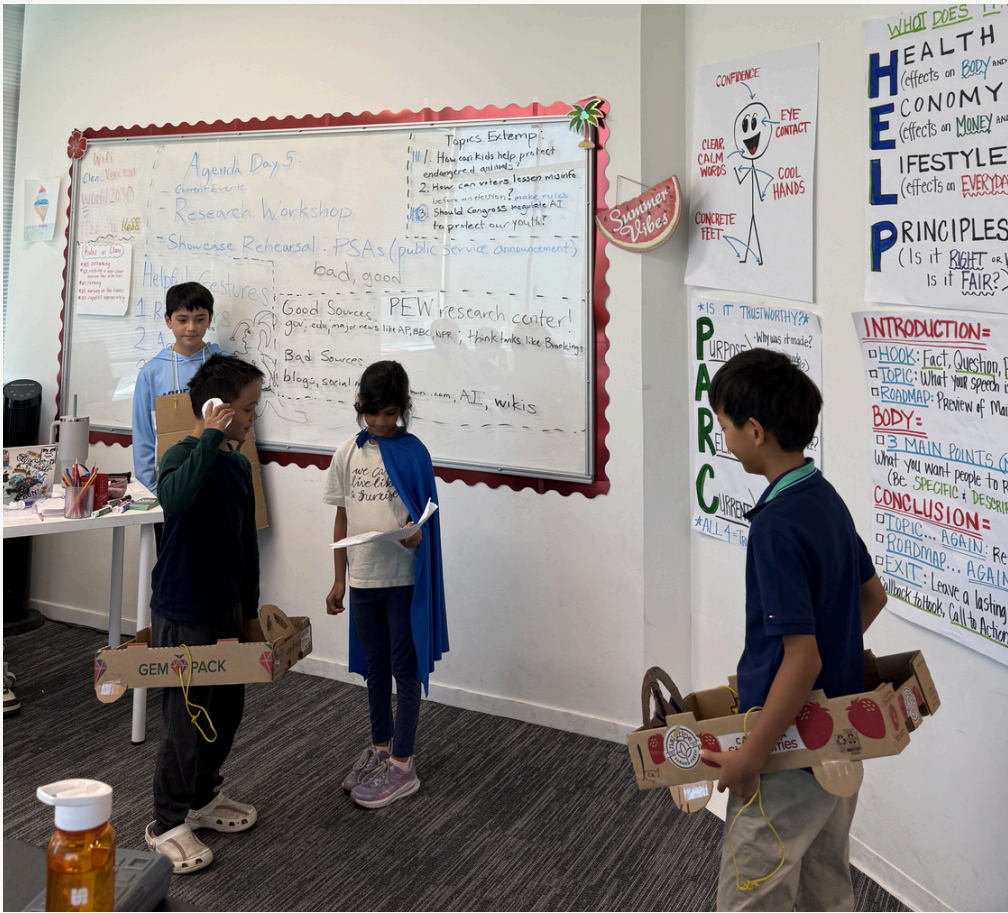
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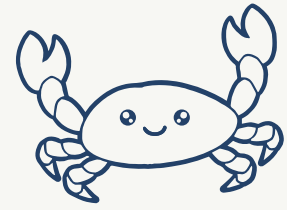
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | SPAR Debate (Afternoon Camp)

9:00AM - 4:00PM (All Day Camp - Lunch Included)



Middle School Summer Camps

Grades 5–8



Our Middle School Bootcamps help students elevate their communication skills through intensive training in public speaking and parliamentary debate.

Mornings focus on **TED-style speeches**, where students craft and deliver compelling presentations, while afternoons challenge them with **Parliamentary Debate** to build quick thinking and strong argumentation.

By the end of the week, students leave more confident, articulate, and prepared for future academic and leadership opportunities.



Middle School Summer Camps



SCHEDULE

Grades 5-8

Morning Camp: TED-Talks

Afternoon Camp: Introduction to Parliamentary Debate

In TED-Talks, students will learn to research meaningful topics, organize ideas, and craft engaging TED-style talks. Through workshops and coaching, they'll strengthen storytelling and presentation skills while developing and delivering an original speech on a topic they care about. By the end of the week, students present a polished talk with greater confidence, creativity, and persuasive communication skills.

Parliamentary Debate is a fast-paced format that builds argumentation and critical thinking skills. Students will learn to construct logical cases, respond to opposing views, and think quickly under pressure while debating for or against a resolution. This experience builds confidence, adaptability, and prepares students for our fall parliamentary debate program.

Enrollment Options:

9:00AM - 12:00PM | TED-Talk (Morning Camp)

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Intro Parliamentary Debate (Afternoon Camp)

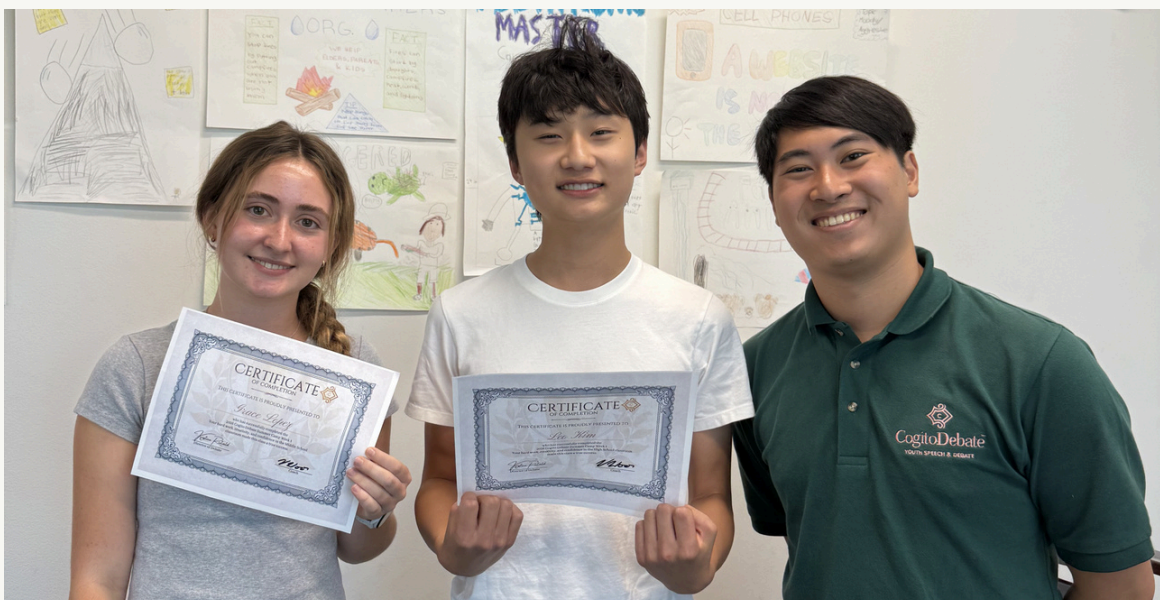
9:00AM - 4:00PM (All Day Camp - Lunch Included)

High School Summer Camps

Grades 9–12

Our High School Summer Intensive is designed to strengthen students critical thinking, public speaking, and debate skills. Students learn to analyze complex topics, construct persuasive arguments, and communicate with clarity under pressure skills essential for academics, competitive debate, and college readiness.

Each day includes two training blocks: mornings focus on **Extemporaneous Speaking** with rapid research and structured delivery, while afternoons center on **Parliamentary Debate** in tournament-style format. With new resolutions each week, students can continue enrolling throughout the summer to further develop their skills.



High School Summer Camps

SCHEDULE



Grades 9-12

Morning Camp: Extemporaneous Speaking

Afternoon Camp: Introduction to Parliamentary Debate

On Extemporaneous Speaking, they learn to analyze current events, organize arguments quickly, and deliver clear, confident speeches under time pressure. Through drills, practice rounds, and feedback, they build the skills needed to think critically and speak persuasively on the spot.

In Parliamentary Debate, students develop rapid preparation, strategic argumentation, and confident rebuttal skills. They debate timely resolutions in a tournament-style format, sharpening their ability to respond and persuade under pressure. The week concludes with a Parent Showcase, where students demonstrate their skills in live debate rounds.

Enrollment Options:

9:00AM - 12:00PM | TED-Talk (Morning Camp)

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Intro Parliamentary Debate (Afternoon Camp)

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IN PERSON CAMPS

PRICE LIST



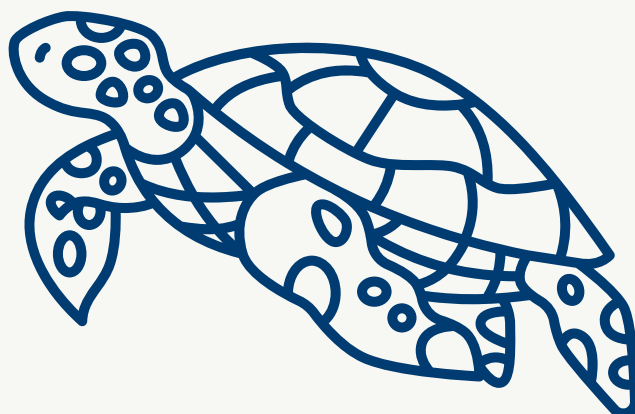
Per Session
(morning or afternoon)

Elementary	\$499	\$888
Middle School	\$599	\$999
High School	\$599	\$999

Full day camp price includes lunch

Lunch add on: \$75/weekly*

*for those attending only morning or afternoon session



ONLINE CAMPS



Cogito Debate's Online Summer Camp keeps students building powerful communication and critical thinking skills while still enjoying travel and downtime. With live virtual classes, they get the same rigor, coaching, and accountability as our in-person programs from anywhere.

Platform Speaking

Option 1: Platform Class

Session 1:

June 13th - August 8th

Saturday | 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Session 2:

June 14th - August 9th

Sunday | 1:00PM - 4:00PM

3 hours per class

8 Weeks (8 total meetings)

\$1,440/session

Option 2:

1:1 coaching

8

Private Sessions

1

Hour Per Session

Scheduled based on
student's availability

\$640/session

ONLINE CAMPS



Introduction to Public Speaking Intensive

Strong communication skills open doors in school and beyond. In this interactive online course, students learn to structure clear speeches, deliver them with confidence, and strengthen skills like vocal delivery, body language, and persuasion. Through guided practice, presentations, and feedback, they build confidence and poise for classrooms, interviews, and competitions.

Introduction to Parliamentary Debate Intensive

Our Online Parliamentary Debate Intensive prepares students for the fall competitive season through structured training and live debate practice. Students learn to build arguments, deliver speeches, and respond strategically in an impromptu format that strengthens adaptability and critical thinking. With new resolutions each session and tournament-style simulations, students can continue enrolling to build a strong competitive foundation.



CAMP 1
(2 weeks)
July 13th - July 24th
9:00AM - 12:00PM

CAMP 2
(2 weeks)
August 17th - August 28th
9:00AM - 12:00PM

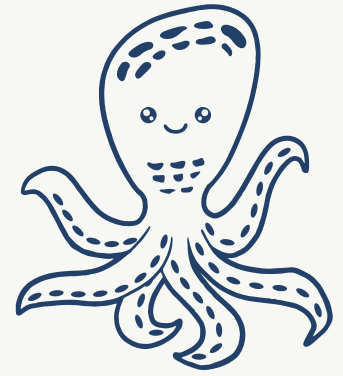
\$900/CAMP

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\$900/CAMP

Frequently Asked Questions



Q | What grade levels can enroll in summer camp?

A | We offer summer programming for Elementary, Middle School, and High School students. Each division is structured to match students' developmental level, academic readiness, and communication goals.

Q | What programs are available this summer?

A | Elementary students participate in themed Public Speaking and SPAR Debate camps. Middle School students enroll in week-long Public Speaking and Parliamentary Debate bootcamps. High School students can participate in our week-long camp that focuses on Extemporaneous Speaking and Parliamentary Debate. We also offer Exclusive Bootcamps: Bridge Bootcamps for students seeking entry into Debate Club, Club Bootcamps for current Debate Club members, Online options including: Intro to Public Speaking, Parliamentary Debate, Platform Speech, and additionally Bridge and Club Bootcamps.

Q | Are camps weekly or multi-week?

A | In-person camps run weekly from June 8 through August 7. Students may enroll in one week or multiple weeks, as each session features a different theme or focus. Note there will be no camps June 29-July 4. Select online programs as well as Bridge and Club Bootcamps are two-week programs and must be completed in full. More details will be provided upon enrollment.

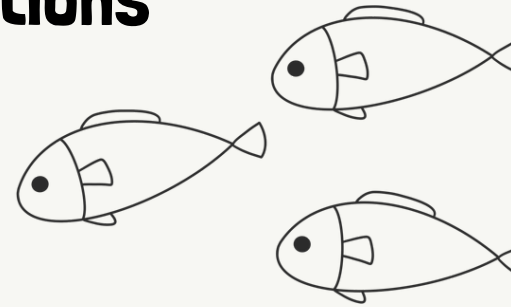
Q | Can my child enroll in just the morning/afternoon camp?

A | Yes! Families may choose morning (9:00 AM–12:00 PM), afternoon (1:00 PM–4:00 PM), or full-day enrollment depending on availability and preference.

Q | My child has never done speech or debate before. Is that okay?

A | Yes, for Elementary and open-enrollment Middle and High School programs. Beginners are welcome. Bridge Bootcamps requires current enrollment in our Intermediate Parliamentary program or prior experience with coach approval. Club Bootcamps are exclusively for current Debate Club students.

Frequently Asked Questions



Q | Are students grouped by age or skill?

A | Students are grouped by age, division, and experience to ensure appropriate pacing and challenge.

Q | Will students get speaking experience?

A | Yes! All programs include structured speaking opportunities, practice debates, and guided feedback.

Q | Can students enroll in multiple weeks?

A | Absolutely! Re-enrollment is highly encouraged, as each week features new themes, resolutions, or case material. This allows students to continue strengthening and expanding their skills without repetition while building greater depth and mastery over the summer.

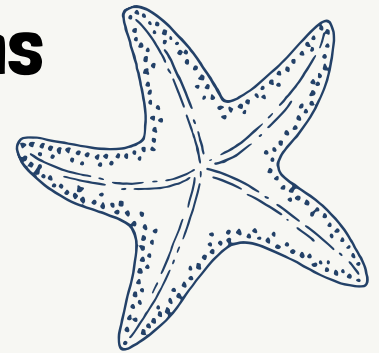
Q | Is lunch included?

A | Lunch is included for students enrolled in our Full-Day program. Families enrolling in Morning or Afternoon sessions may purchase a weekly lunch option for \$75. Lunch is provided by Cogito and served on campus from 12:00 PM–1:00 PM.

Q | What if I'm not sure which program is right for my child?

A | We're here to help. If you are unsure which program best fits your child's experience level or goals, please reach out to our team. We're happy to provide guidance and ensure your student is placed in a program where they can feel confident, challenged, and supported..

Frequently Asked Questions



Q | How do we register?

A | Registration can be completed online through our website for the fastest enrollment process. Families are also welcome to call, text, or email us if they would prefer personal assistance. We are happy to answer questions and help you find the right fit for your student. If your child is applying for one of the Bridge Bootcamps and is not currently enrolled in our Intermediate Parliamentary program, coach approval is required prior to registration. Once enrolled, you will receive a confirmation email with details and next steps. As summer approaches, our administrative team will also send reminder emails with important information, including schedules, program expectations, and any preparation details to ensure your student feels confident and ready on day one.

Q | Do you offer any discounts?

A | Yes! We offer discounts for early registration, multiple sessions, and siblings enrolled in the same summer program. Our goal is to make summer learning accessible while rewarding families who plan ahead. Please reach out to our team if you'd like details on current discounts or eligibility, we're happy to help you find the best option for your student. Check out our social media for any additional exclusive offers!!





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