

2019 Summer Camp Opportunity!

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Debate & Forensic Day Camp

Forensic Camp - June 17-21, 2019 - Forensic Day Camp @ Birmingham Covington School

Interpretation and Public Address Events

Debate Week 1- August 19-23, 2019 - Debate Day Camp @ Birmingham Covington School

Argumentation and Public Forum Debate (Includes a focus on the September Debate Topic)

Camp Overview

We are very happy to offer two, outstanding one-week programs for debaters and forensic students interested in learning the basics in the competitive speech activities of Individual Events (forensic) and Public Forum debate. The camp curriculum will be tailored to fit the needs and experience of the individuals signed up. Therefore, all levels of experience are encouraged to sign up! Incoming 9th graders will be encouraged to prepare for High School auditions.



Debate Camp Overview

Workshops are designed for students of all skill levels. Students will be introduced to the foundations of argument construction, presentation and speaking, tournament preparation, and in round strategy. Students will speak daily in an attempt to gain experience and a competitive edge for next year when they compete for their schools. Our goal will be to help students will hone debating skills and work with the unique structure of the activity to develop strategic approaches to contests. All students will give practice speeches; have practice debates, rebuttal re-dos as well as stop/start speeches and debates.

Forensic Camp Overview

Workshops are designed for students of all skill levels. Students will be introduced to the foundations of forensics including category overview, script finding and cutting, blocking, speech writing, research, presentation and speaking, tournament preparation, and strategy.

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Camp Schedule (all camps follow a similar layout)

- **The camp runs Monday-Friday from 9-3pm. Each day will consist of a variety of workshops, exercises, and activities on various Debate or Forensic topics.**
 - Weather permitting, each day will include an outdoor activity that incorporates movement/exercise with speech.
 - There will be a lunch break and recess everyday. Students are expected to bring a lunch M-Th.
- **Each week will showcase 1-2 guest speakers and coaches to provide a variety of perspective and styles of competitive public speaking.**
- **Friday will include a provided lunch as well as a “Showcase” style performance to celebrate the week’s hard work at 1pm. Guests are permitted and encouraged from 1-3pm.**

How to Register

The registration form can be found at: <https://goo.gl/forms/wcoZasJORdQttQKH2>. After submitting the initial registration form, you will be emailed all Camp Registration forms that are necessary to bring with your student on the first day of camp. Forms will be sent out in May. **Registration will close May 31, 2019.**

If you have questions or trouble accessing the link, please email Courtney Bassett at courtney.r.bassett@gmail.com or Hayley McKinney at HayleyMcKinney24@gmail.com.

Cost Details

One Week Session Cost: \$250, Two Week Session Cost: \$480

The cost covers all instruction, Friday lunch, a camp t-shirt, and education materials that students will be able to bring home. Instruction will be from various BPS and Bloomfield Schools educators and coaches, college students, and local dignitaries. The camp is staffed so that students can expect a ratio of 1 instructor for every 5 students.

Payment is accepted in cash or check made payable to MIFA (Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association).

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