

Summer Q&A

We've been working very hard to get the Speech/Debate Summer Camp at the Olathe - KSU Campus, from **June 23-27**. Please read the following updates, as they address the most popular questions we receive ...

1. Contact/Communication:

I am your first contact in case a student is arriving late, needs to depart early, or is sick. I will check my email routinely throughout the camp and in the evenings. The only reason you will be contacted by another adult from the camp is because of a course specific update or when they are helping me with attendance. Please make me your first contact with anything (attendance, illness, schedule conflicts) be directed to me at:

wildcatdebateolathe@gmail.com

2. Campus Arrival:

Kansas State University Olathe Campus is our host for this summer. The address is **22201 W Innovation Dr, Olathe KS, 66061**. The campus is very easy to navigate. If this is your first summer with us, the main entrance has a circle drive, perfect for drop-off. For the first day only, we will take attendance in the auditorium next to the main entrance. After that first day, students will just meet in the cafeteria to socialize or head to their assigned classrooms. If you are getting a student early or dropping off late, all classes are on the second floor immediately above the dining hall. Once class starts, you will find me on the second floor.

3. Hours and Schedule:

The camp starts on June 23rd and concludes on June 27th. A reminder about the campus schedule:

- a. Full Day - 9am-12:30pm; lunch break, 1:30pm-5pm
- b. AM Schedule - 9am-12:30pm
- c. PM Schedule - 1:30pm-5pm

The campus will provide us a **30 minute window** before and after school for dropoff and pickup. Students will see me at the entrance starting at 8:30am and I'll depart at 5:30pm. We do not have the resources to host students on campus earlier or later than those times.

4. Lunch:

At the conclusion of morning class, students will either depart for the day or be dismissed to the cafeteria for the lunch break. Students do not have to remain in the lunch area, but we do request that the cafeteria space is the only location for food to be eaten. **We are not responsible** for any student that decides to leave campus or the cafeteria space. If your student is old enough to drive and departs for lunch, that is their independent choice. Because of Uber Eats and other platforms, this is a personal decision and not one sanctioned by the camp. We also cannot guarantee cold storage for food, but there is a microwave.

5. Student Expectations-

1. Behavior: We are trained to work with a variety of skill levels, but this camp does not have the resources to manage misbehavior, lack of participation, or poor effort. Students will be given a reminder from the course instructor. If that does not result in improved participation, we will contact home.
2. Technology Usage: We understand that for many students, a 3.5 hour class is long. It's longer than any class they have during the regular academic year. Teachers will encourage two short breaks in each session to break the instruction into 1-hr blocks. That's an appropriate time for students to check their phones. Otherwise, we expect students to use technology appropriately and not be on their phones during instruction.
3. Technology Equipment: It's very important that the middle school students bring some version of a computing device. The high school campers **should highly consider bringing a laptop**. We will provide resources to the high school students via Google Docs and Microsoft Word.
4. Academic mindset: This is an academic camp challenging and empowering students to help find their voice. It requires mutual respect, a willingness to make mistakes, and to accept professional feedback. We've hired an excellent staff this summer. Please reach out to the teacher if your student needs additional support.

6. Friday's Middle School Open House-

The middle school programs, speech and debate, will offer an open house that lasts approximately the final hour of each session on Friday. The teacher will contact you midweek with an updated classroom number and a formal invitation to this event.

AM Session — Open house expected from 11:30am - 12:30pm.

PM Session — Open house expected from 4pm - 5pm.

7. Technology –

- a. Students in both MS and HS camps should bring at least two pens in different colors for note-taking.
- b. Middle school campers **will need** technology, whether it be an iPad or a laptop. It's just unreasonable to research or do the speech prep without it.
- c. High school debaters should highly consider bringing a laptop with Microsoft Word installed. Ideally, that laptop is a Mac or a Windows PC. Many students qualify for free Microsoft Word [using their school district email address](#).

If you have any questions, please let me know. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you on June 23rd at the Olathe – KSU Campus.

Thanks,

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