



Hello parents and family members of Boston Debate League campers,

We hope all is well and you're having a great summer! As the start of the Boston Debate League's Debate Camp is fast approaching, we're reaching out to answer some of the questions you've been asking and to give you a better sense of what Debate Camp will look like. But first, we'd like to thank you for choosing to allow your child to spend part of their summer with us. We know this is a trying time for many of you, and we know the spectre of COVID still dominates the news and many of our lives, so we do not take lightly this reality, and we are committed to ensuring that Debate Camp is a valuable and an enriching experience.

We are also deeply dedicated to ensuring that camp is a safe environment. We know with the latest headlines many of you have questions about the precautions we will take to make sure camp is a safe place for your child, so we've put together a list of the questions we've received and questions we think you might have to give you a better sense of the work we're doing to make sure we're honoring your trust and keeping your child safe.

I have also attached a sample schedule for the two weeks of camp. It should be noted that this schedule provides a general picture of how our time will be spent, but the specific content will vary by the interests, needs, and debate experience of the students.

Finally, we want to invite you to an optional **Family Info Session about Debate Camp**, held Tuesday, August 10, at 7:30 am on [Zoom](#). You can register for the info session [here](#).

We hope this information will help answer most, if not all, of your questions. Should you find yourself with a question that's not answered here, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

For any urgent questions, please reach out to Ranner Faugas, Camp Director, at 617.784.6408.

Thank you, and we look forward to an engaging, enriching and fun Debate Camp this month!

Best,

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Is my child actually registered?**

[If you're receiving this email, the answer is YES! Welcome!](#)

- **When and where is BDL Debate Camp? What is the earliest drop-off and latest pickup?**

[Debate Camp will be held at Madison Park Technical & Vocational High School, 75 Malcolm X Boulevard, Boston](#)), on Monday-Friday, August 16 - 27, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. 8:30 am is the earliest time for dropoff, and 4:30 is the latest pickup time. We will have breakfast and registration from 8:30 - 9:00 am, with the formal program beginning at 9:00 am. We will close the formal camp programming at 4:00 pm, and end-of-day pickup is between 4:00 and 4:30 pm. In advance of camp, we will send information about the specific room/location within Madison Park for dropoff and pickup.



- **What are the COVID safety protocols (especially in light of the Delta variant)?**

We will follow the latest [CDC guidelines](#) on safety for K-12 schools. These guidelines highlight that in-person learning can and should be happening, and that safety protocols be used to reduce risk. Everyone, staff members and students, will be required to wear masks indoors. Students will social distance during lunch, which staff will serve while wearing personal protective equipment (masks, gloves), and which will be served outdoors whenever possible. We will keep windows open in all rooms to allow for ventilation. Any student or staff member who is feeling sick will be expected to stay home from camp and refer to a health care professional for testing and care. All of the camp staff are fully vaccinated.
- **Are masks required indoors and outdoors? For everyone or just those that are unvaccinated?**

Masks are required for everyone indoors. Once outdoors, we will allow for masks off. If weather forces us to eat lunch indoors, this will be the only time students and staff may take their masks off indoors. We will closely enforce social distancing, hand-washing/sanitizing, and proper ventilation. Students are expected to bring their own masks. BDL will also provide disposable masks for anyone who needs one.
- **What kind of social distancing will be happening inside?**

Per CDC guidelines, students will be seated 3 feet apart from each other.
- **Who will be teaching and leading the camp?**

Debate Camp will be led by a team of eleven educators, composed of BDL staff, debate coaches, and Boston Public School teachers. Seven of those facilitators are also alumni of the BDL program. Everyone on the camp staff team brings unique skills and gifts, and a commitment to ensuring that your student is welcomed, affirmed, learning, and having fun throughout Debate Camp!
- **How many campers will be in each cohort/group? Will they be with the same group the whole time?**

During much of Debate Camp, students will be placed in cohorts - or what we call Debate Camp "labs"- of about 15 - 25 students. Each lab will be determined by students' skill level and interest. Students will likely stay with the same group for the duration of the camp—unless they're not being challenged in their lab, in which case they may move up to a more advanced lab.
- **Do parents need to sign campers in and out each day?**

If your child is under 12, we ask a family member to sign them in with BDL staff. If your child is older than 13, they can sign themselves in with BDL staff when they arrive. We will email you again closer to the camp start date with specific location within Madison Park High School for dropoff and pickup.
- **Are meals/snacks provided?**

Only the best! We will provide cold breakfast, a hot lunch, and snacks.
- **Who should I contact at Debate Camp with questions or concerns?**

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