

*Announcing the Richmond Debate Institute's*

# 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP

*July 26th - August 1st, 2026 | Overnight Camp*

**L**ooking for a program that builds confidence, encourages creativity, and cultivates persuasive & compelling public speaking skills in your child?

Then the **Richmond Debate Institute's** (RDI) Overnight Camp is for you! RDI's schedule is packed with daily classes, team meals, library study sessions, one-on-one and small group discussions, and evening social events. Our camp counselors guide students through their daily schedules while students build a community of passionate peers who share the same drive and desire for thought-provoking conversations.

Staying at **Virginia Commonwealth University** in their modern dorm facilities provides students an excellent opportunity to experience college life in a safe environment with a 1:5 resident advisory to student ratio. We also balance fun, with ice cream socials, a modern game room, and opportunities for outdoor recreation.

At the Richmond Debate Institute, students are not just participants— they're members of a vibrant community where their voices are heard and ideas are valued. We promise an enriching and memorable experience for all — whether you're brand new to speech and debate or a seasoned veteran looking to refine your skills.

**Join us this summer** and discover the thrill of speech and debate, the joy of friendship, and the excitement of new opportunities and possibilities. Register now and prepare to make lasting memories at RDI's Overnight Camp!



*Questions? Scan here to contact us!*

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# RDI

RICHMOND DEBATE INSTITUTE



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*I think my child learned a lot and made connections with other campers. She wants to join her school's speech and debate team and return to the residential camp next year, so that is proof it went well!*

— Parent Testimonial

## WHO ARE WE?

Founded in 2018, RDI has hosted **over 1,000 students** to its summer camp and weekend programs. Catering to both new and returning students, our camp has a student to faculty ratio of 10:1 to ensure your child receives the individualized instruction they need to thrive. Join our enthusiastic network of students, coaches, and supporters and see how your child flourishes through speech and debate.

## WHY SPEECH & DEBATE CAMP?

Speech and Debate uniquely builds communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking skills, all crucial for colleges and future employers. Speech and Debate students on average have **higher SAT scores, higher GPAs**, and are more likely than their peers to be accepted to ivy league colleges and other universities ranked in the top 50. The topics used are designated by the National Speech and Debate Association.

## SPEECH CATEGORIES

- **Platform Events**  
Original Oratory and Informative Speaking
- **Interpretation Events**  
Humorous, Dramatic, Prose, Poetry, and Storytelling
- **Limited Preparation Events**  
Extemporaneous & Impromptu Speaking

## DEBATE CATEGORIES

- **Public Forum (PF)**  
Middle School/ High School
- **Lincoln Douglas (LD)**  
High School

**Six nights, all inclusive — \$1,495\***

**Move-In & Drop Off — Sunday, July 26th, 9AM - 1PM**

**Move Out & Pick Up — Saturday, August 1st, 9AM - 1PM**