

**July 31 – August 5**

**2023**

**Camper Enrollment Packet**

### George Mason Debate Institute

**July 31 – August 5**

George Mason Debate Institute, Jackie Poapst

4400 University Dr, MSN 3D6

Fairfax, VA 22030

E-mail: [jpoapst@gmu.edu](mailto:jpoapst@gmu.edu)

Thank you for spending part of your summer with us at George Mason University! This packet is meant to better prepare you for your time at the George Mason Debate Institute. Please review the packet and if you have additional questions please feel free to contact us at jpoapst@gmu.edu

See you soon in Fairfax!

Sincerely,

Jackie Poapst

Director

George Mason Debate Institute

**All campers: If you are a social media fan, please join our Facebook group (George Mason Debate Institute, www.facebook.com/georgemasondebateinstitute) for information!**

### Before you come to camp:

1. Please read over the enclosed packet; it contains important information.

2. Send all forms on the camp forms portion of our website to jpoapst@gmu.edu

3. Any **outstanding fees** should be paid in full no later than two weeks before check-in. If you are unsure of your outstanding fee amounts please email Jackie Poapst at jpoapst@gmu.edu

### Arrival Information:

#### 1. Camp Check-in:

Monday, July 31st at 9:00 am you should arrive at your designated classroom, rooms will be emailed a week prior to camp. Please arrive between 8:45am-9:00am to sign in.

#### 2. Drop-off/Pick-up Times

**Arrival time:** 9am for camp Monday through Saturday

**Departure time:** Regular camp departure is at 3pm.

#### 3. Commuter Drop-off/Pick-up Location

We will be organizing drop off and pick up outside of Harris Theater. Location Address: 4471 Aquia Creek Ln, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please park in the Mason Pond parking deck, located directly across from Harris Theater (enter at the level 3 entrance – there is bottom entrance of Mason pond, but the Harris Theater building is located on the top of the hill across from the third level of the parking deck). The first 30 minutes in the parking deck is free parking. Do not idle outside of the parking deck, as Mason police will ticket you. We recommend walking younger children into their specific classroom. We will walk children out for drop off.

#### 4. Late/Absences:

If for any reason a camper cannot make a class or will be late, they should call or text their lab leader, contact numbers will be emailed before camp. Please make every effort to call if you’re going to be late. If students haven’t checked in by 9:15 am; the staff will make phone calls to parents to check on arrival.

### Schedule:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Day 1 Monday 7/31** | **Day 2-Day 5 Tuesday 8/1-8/4**  **Weekdays Only** | **Day 6 Saturday 8/5** |
| **9:00 AM** | **Welcome Session\* & Camp Rules** | **Morning Routine** | **Morning Routine** |
| **9:30 AM** | **LAB** | **Camp Tournament** |
| **10:00 AM** | **Morning Routine\*** |
| **10:30 AM** | **Meet Your Class (in lab icebreakers)** |
| **11:00 AM** | **LAB** |
| **11:30 AM** | **Debate Game** | **Debate Game** |
| **12:00 PM** | **Lunch** | **Lunch** | **Lunch** |
| **12:30 PM** | **Regroup (simple activity to regain focus)** | **Regroup (simple activity to regain focus)** | **Camp Tournament**  **Final Debates** |
| **1:00 PM** | **LAB** | **LAB** |
| **1:30 PM** |
| **2:00 PM** |
| **2:30 PM** | **Debate Activity** | **Debate Activity** |
| **Dismissal Monday-Saturday (3:00 pm)** |  |  |  |

### During Camp Information:

#### Emergencies & Incidents:

For emergencies: call Institute Director, Jackie Poapst at 267.393.1604, or Assistant Director, Ian Lowery at 571.322.1989

Incident Reports – if at any time a student needs personal attention for incidents such as first aid needs, illness, injury, or concern for safety, they should contact the nearest staff member. We are equipped for first aid needs during the camp.

If an illness or injury is more serious, our staff is prepared to call emergency personnel & parents/guardians to inform them of the emergency. We are minutes from the INOVA emergency department on Chain Bridge Road, & the GMU police are right on campus. Parents/guardians will be contacted for all illnesses that may require doctor attention or emergency personnel. We require all staff to fill out incident reports. Please feel free to speak with our Dorm Director at any time if you have concerns about your child.

**Lunch:**

George Mason Debate Institute does NOT provide lunch. We have augmented pricing with this in mind. Children should come with their lunch packed.

### What to Bring to Camp

#### For Instruction

1. Laptop

2. Notebook for notes

3. 2 different colored pens (black and blue, red and black, etc)

4. Legal Sized paper for debate notes

5. Timer (for timing speeches)

6. Water bottle

7. Lunch each day

8. Campers should wear comfortable clothes, as we take short breaks for activities between lessons

### Campus Map

<https://info.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/GMU-Fairfax-Campus-Map-2021.pdf>

\*\*We recommend pulling this map up digitally using the above hyperlink\*\*

