

SUMMER CAMP 2026 / CURRICULUM 4 OF 5

Public Speaking

- Summer Camp 2026 Public Speaking Curriculum
- Theme: Persuasive Advocacy for a Cause
- Focus: Public speaking, critical thinking, structured debate, teamwork, and confident communication

Core Skills Students Will Learn

- Public speaking fundamentals
- Persuasive techniques (ethos, pathos, logos)
- Body language and stage presence
- Debate structure and etiquette
- Research and evidence-based argumentation
- Emotional expression and empathy in communication
- Use of multimedia and visual aids

Daily Curriculum Overview

Day 1 | Public Speaking & Debate Foundations

- Fun introductions and warm-ups (e.g., Two Truths and a Lie)
- What is public speaking? What makes a good speech?
- Introduction to public speaking: voice, structure, and delivery
- Debate basics: roles, structure, and real-world examples

Day 2 | Body Language & Speaking with Confidence

- Posture, facial expressions, gestures, and stage presence
- Roleplay activities and expressive speaking games
- Practice through “Emotion Switching” and role-play
- Introduction to persuasive speech topics and passion-based advocacy

Day 3 | Persuasion Strategies (Ethos, Pathos, Logos)

- Exploring the 3 pillars of persuasive speaking

- Speechwriting practice using real causes and personal stories
- Group discussions and storytelling exercises to build connection with audience
- Team-based storytelling and mini-presentations

Day 4 | Visual Aids & Audience Connection

- Using slides, props, or posters to support a speech
- How to keep an audience interested and engaged (stories, questions, interaction)
- Building speeches that are relatable and interactive
- Tips for adapting your message to different listeners
- Public speaking drills and peer coaching
- Feedback and improvement sessions

Day 5 | Project Launch: Advocacy for a Cause

- Students select and research a cause they care about
- Begin planning persuasive speeches or debates in small groups
- Writing, outlining, and practicing delivery
- Students present final speeches or debates
- Celebration of each student's growth and courage to speak up!

What Parents Can Expect

- By the end of the week, your child will have:
- Written and delivered multiple speeches or mini debates
- Gained confidence in expressing their ideas clearly and respectfully
- Learned to structure arguments and support opinions with evidence
- Strengthened their stage presence and speaking voice
- Practiced empathy, listening, and leadership in group discussions
- Participated in a final performance or debate showcase celebrating their learning