**Homeschool Speech & Debate Camp**

Sponsored by the Monroe/West Monroe & Ruston clubs

**When:     Wednesday, July 31 – Friday, August 2, 2019**

 **9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. daily**

**Where:   First Baptist Church of Calhoun**

 **2981 US-80, Calhoun, LA**

**Who:       Any homeschooled student grades 6-12 (ages 11-18)**

**Why be involved?**

**Speech and Debate offers your student the opportunity to:**

**\* learn public speaking skills**

**\*think on their feet**

**\* address life issues from a Biblical worldview**

**\*develop research skills**

**\*analyze and dramatize literature**

**\*build writing competency**

**\*build a network of like-minded friends**

**Please** RSVP to lydiaheadrick@bellsouth.net no later than Friday, July 18th.

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**Speech and Debate Camp** (Continued details)

**Cost: $15.00 per student or $30.00 max per family (paid at the door)**

**RSVP*:***  To Lydia Headrick at lydiaheadrick@bellsouth.net no later than Friday, July 18th.

Please include name, age, and grade of each student. There is no childcare available, however, any younger siblings, ages 8-10, may attend the camp if a parent is present.

**Goal:** This is an introductory camp designed for homeschool families with **exciting sessions about 10 different types of speeches as well as a condensed workshop about basic debate types and styles.** Attendees include families who intend to participate in speech and/or debate, or those who want to know more about participation in our clubs in general. You may decide if you would like to participate in club after you have completed the camp. Our clubs are affiliated with the National Christian Forensics and Communications Association (NCFCA.org). Our intention is that when we begin club in September, the students will have had a solid foundation/introduction and be ready to dive in and get right to work on speeches and/or debate research and case writing to prepare for competitive tournaments in the spring.

**Homework:** There will be a couple of hours of homework that should be done before coming to camp. This will be sent out to participants as you sign up.

**Student Attendance:** We strongly encourage attendance for those interested in joining club this year. The point of this camp is to get the new students 'up to speed' so that we don't spend time during club hours going over basic information. We have found in the past that this is not using our more experienced students' time wisely. Please make every effort to come for all three days or as much of the three days as possible. You will be glad you made the effort.

**Parent Attendance:** Parent involvement is mandatory in our club. However, for the camp, we recognize that some of you might have plans that cannot be altered. If that is the case, please drop your student off anyway. We would ask that you make every effort to attend as much as possible over the course of the three days as this will benefit both you and your student if you understand what we are teaching. There is **a mandatory Q & A** on Friday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for all participants and adults; we will discuss fall club, spring tournaments, and league affiliation.

**Bring:** Notebook, pen, and a sack lunch daily.

**Club Schedule:** We will announce fall club schedules (weekday & time) at the end of camp.

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