

Hello,

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Dorm Information:

The MGC is using Helix Hall (formerly Residence Hall Southwest) this year. The camp office, check-in, and accommodations for residential students will all be in Helix Hall. If you wish to send anything to a camper, please send them to their attention at the following address:

Helix Hall (RHH)

931 Drive E

Richardson, TX 75080

****IMPORTANT** Construction Update**

There is ongoing construction around the **front and side of Helix Hall**, specifically on the west and south sides near the pond. We had hoped this work would be complete prior to your arrival, but unfortunately it is scheduled to continue through **Fall 2025**. This area is currently blocked off and only accessible to construction crews.

Although the **front doors of Helix Hall will be open and usable** for access to the Dining Hall, the University is asking all guests to **use the back entrance exclusively for check-in and check-out**. The **back building doors will be unlocked and accessible** throughout camp, and we recommend parking in **Res Lot North or Lot T1** for convenience.

A **map of the University Commons area**, with the construction zones near Helix Hall (RHH), highlighted in yellow and red, as well as the parking lots around Helix Hall, can be found at the bottom of this email.

Office contact:

This year we welcome Amy Fuller as our new office manager. She is assisted by Laura Little and Hunter McCullough. The office is your primary contact point for camp questions and information once the sessions begin on June 22. If you are picking up early or checking out a student for any reason, please contact the office ahead of time so they can have your camper ready to meet you and safely check out.

The office will also collect any medications that campers need during registration. If the camper requires regular medication, please have that information ready to share with the office staff at your respective check-in time.

Office email: mgcometoffice@gmail.com

Office phone: 469-666-4395 OR 214-605-8132

Arrival Day Resident Check-In procedures:

Check in and unloading will be in Helix Hall. Set your GPS to 955 North Loop Rd, Richardson, TX 75080 and once you get on campus, follow the signs for Mean Green Comet Debate Camp.

Registration will take place in Helix Hall 1.001, a classroom on the first floor of the dorm. There will be clearly marked signs and UTD dorm staff there to greet you and point you in the right direction. **We ask that participants come in and register with the camp, get their room key, and then bring their luggage into the dorm.** Please **DO NOT** bring your luggage into the registration room or involve it in the registration process.

After you have completed registration, you will be able to move into your dorm room. Lunch will be available for students in the cafeteria starting at noon. **Students going to lunch will meet in the RHH Common Area and be escorted to lunch by MGC staff.** We do not provide meals for family members on the day of registration. Students will be given schedules and information about orientation and where/when their lab sessions begin.

Check-in times are shown on the grid below:

Division	Registration Date	Registration Time
Policy	June 22	9am-11:30am
Lincoln-Douglas	June 22	9am-11:30am
Public Forum	June 22	9am-11:30am
Public Speaking & Advocacy	June 22	9am-11:30am
Congressional Debate	June 29	9am-11:30am
Interpretation, Oratory, & Informative	June 29	9am-11:30am
Extemporaneous Speaking	July 6	9am-11:30am
Middle School – Lincoln-Douglas	June 29	9am-11:30am
Middle School – Public Forum	June 29	9am-11:30am
Middle School Intro	July 6	9am-11:30am

Student Orientation:

Please see the schedule below for the time and date when your division will have its first orientation. Orientation is for students. Following the orientation session students will attend their first lab session.

Student will have lab time following their check-in!

Division	Date	Time	Room
Policy Debate	June 22	1:00 PM	RHH Lobby
Lincoln-Douglas	June 22	1:00 PM	RHH Lobby
Public Forum (PF + Extemp)	June 22	1:00 PM	RHH Lobby
Public Speaking & Advocacy	June 22	1:00 PM	RHH Lobby
Congressional Debate (Cong + Extemp)	June 29th	1:00 PM	TBD
Interpretation, Oratory & Informative	June 29	1:00 PM	TBD
Extemporaneous Speaking	July 6	1:00 PM	TBD
Middle School – Lincoln-Douglas	June 29	1:00 PM	TBD
Middle School – Public Forum	June 29	1:00 PM	TBD
Middle School – Intro Session	July 6	1:00 PM	TBD

Resident Life items:

It will be hot in Dallas in June and July. Dress casually, pack shorts and short sleeve shirts, flip-flops and comfortable tennis shoes for after-lab activities. For the dorm room, you should bring extra-long twin sheets, alarm clock, toilet paper, toiletries, towel, umbrella, and any other amenity you'll need to feel comfortable in the dorms. Here is a link to the UTD University Commons webpage. You will be able to find information about the dorms and the amenities that are available in the dorms, such as the laundry facilities.

<https://housing.utdallas.edu/housing-options/university-commons/>

You should also bring the materials you'll need to take notes and/or prepare for debates or performances. These items include legal pads, notepads, pens, timer, etc. For residents, three meals a day are provided in the cafeteria. However, some students order pizza and/or other food from delivery services, so it's usually a good idea to bring a little spending money just in case.

You can also visit our FAQ section on the website to learn more about life at camp and/or items you should bring to camp.

<https://debatecamp.utdallas.edu/faq>

Laptops:

We highly recommend students bring a laptop to camp. The MGC, like most high school debate programs, is paperless. All high school camp evidence is transmitted and shared electronically.

Cafeteria / Meal Plans:

Students will have meal plans for Dining Hall West located very close to Residence Hall Southwest. You can find more information about the cafeteria and see their daily menus on their website:

<https://dineoncampus.com/utdallasdining/whats-on-the-menu>

Residents will have access to 3 meals a day (Monday-Friday) in the cafeteria – breakfast, lunch and dinner. On Saturday and Sunday's our residents will have access to 2 meals a day – a brunch and dinner service.

July 4th:

MGC will have a normal morning schedule and afternoon schedule on the 4th of July. After dinner, there will be free time for students at camp. If you are local and wish to check out your camper out of camp to participate in family activities that is fine. Please make separate arrangements with the camp office, so we can coordinate check-out and return times, etc.

Complete List of Check-in/Check-out Dates by Division:

Division	Resident Status	Registration Date	Check-out / Last Day
Policy	Resident	June 22	July 5 th by 11am
Policy	Commuter	June 22	July 4 th – 9pm
Lincoln-Douglas	Resident	June 22	July 5 th by 11am
Lincoln-Douglas	Commuter	June 22	July 4 th – 9pm
Public Forum	Resident	June 22	July 5 th by 11am
Public Forum	Commuter	June 22	July 4 th – 9pm
Public Speaking & Advocacy	Resident	June 22	June 29 th by 11am
Public Speaking & Advocacy	Commuter	June 22	June 28 th – 8pm
Congressional Debate	Resident	June 29	July 6 th by 11am
Congressional Debate	Commuter	June 29	July 5 th – 9pm
Interpretation, Oratory & Informative	Resident	June 29	July 6 th by 11am
Interpretation, Oratory & Informative	Commuter	June 29	July 5 th – 9pm
Extemp	Resident	July 6	July 12 th by 11am
Extemp	Commuter	July 6	July 11 th – 9pm
Middle School – Lincoln-Douglas	Resident	June 29	July 12 th by 11am
Middle School – Lincoln-Douglas	Commuter	June 29	July 12 th – 8pm
Middle School – Public Forum	Resident	June 29	July 12 th by 11am
Middle School – Public Forum	Commuter	June 29	July 11 th – 8pm
Middle School – Into Session	Resident	July 6	July 12 th by 11am
Middle School – Into Session	Commuter	July 6	July 11 th – 8pm

Campus Parking / Construction Map: