

# *Live Oak Academy*

*Summer 2008*

*Policy Debate*

## **Introduction to Argumentation and Debate**

Introduction to Argumentation and Debate will provide a thorough, practical grounding in critical thinking, research, and public speaking that will be invaluable to students, whether or not they decide to compete in forensic competition. Topics will include logical models, logical fallacies, research techniques, structure of formal debate, understanding both sides of an issue, building a case, affirmative and negative strategies, audience assessment, and even gracious competition.

The course will run for 4 weeks (2 hour sessions each), plus a Round Robin Debate Tournament on Saturday, August 9, complete with judges and awards (4 rounds). The classes will include lectures, activities, and small group discussions and impromptu speeches led by experienced current and/or former competitors.



### **Instructor: Stephen Mayer**

Stephen Mayer has extensive experience teaching in forensics programs, ranging from Santa Clara University's Summer Debate Workshop to Live Oak Academy's Intermediate and Introductory Debate classes. He qualified for the NCFCA National Tournament four consecutive times and won five national awards. He has co-authored two debate sourcebooks and is currently writing a third. Now a junior at UCLA, Stephen is an award-winning attorney on UCLA's Mock Trial Team.

**Place:** Live Oak Academy, located at Foxworthy Baptist Church, 1774 Foxworthy Ave., SJ

**Who:** Ages 12 and up. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the class at no extra charge.

**Dates & Times:** Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 PM on the following dates:  
JULY 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, AUGUST 4, 6  
Round Robin on August 9, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**Price:** \$200.00 (includes cost of Round Robin on Aug. 9, excluding meals), plus a one-time \$30 registration fee for non-Live Oak students, which will apply for all summer classes at Live Oak.

**Enrollment:** Use enrollment form below.



*Live Oak Academy*  
**Argumentation & Debate**  
**Summer 2008 Enrollment Form**

Last Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name	
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail	

STUDENT NAME	BIRTH DATE	GRADE (fall '08)	TUITION
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
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TOTAL # OF STUDENTS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$200 EACH \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*TOTAL # OF NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FEES(S) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 EACH \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If not enrolled in 2007-2008 class with Live Oak, a \$30 registration fee will be charged.  
 Also, a Medical Emergency Form must be filled out in the office.*

**Mail Enrollment Form and check to: LIVE OAK ACADEMY, 4960 Almaden Expressway, #254, San Jose, CA 95118.**