

MODESTO DEBATE

COMPETITIVE HOMESCHOOL DEBATE CLUB



Former high school and college debaters, Mike and Mary Winther, teach the classes and coach the students. It is the goal of the Winthers to teach effective communication skills in the context of the proper Biblical view of government and economics



“...Always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.” - 1 Peter 3:15

“Is not the great defect of our education today... that although we often succeed in teaching our pupils “subjects,” we fail lamentably on the whole in teaching them how to think: they learn everything, except the art of learning.”

Dorothy L. Sayers

Now is your opportunity to join
Modesto Debate
The local homeschool debate club

Modesto Debate is the local homeschool debate club that has been serving homeschool families for 15 years. Modesto Debate students regularly place high in national rankings and many earn significant college debate scholarships.

WHAT IS DEBATE?

Debate is a dynamic speech, logic, and research activity that teaches students how to reason and communicate calmly and persuasively.

WHY DEBATE?

Debate creates a fun environment that motivates students to learn skills that are almost impossible to acquire in any other way. Debate capitalizes on the “logic” and “rhetoric” stages of development. Some of the benefits of debate include research skills, logic and reasoning, critical thinking, improved speaking ability, and persuasion skills.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Students who are 13* or older, and at least 51% privately homeschooled are eligible. We cannot accept students enrolled in a public charter school. (*Younger students may be accepted on a case by case basis).

Enrollment begins in August with both novice and varsity classes starting in September.

TESTIMONIALS

Because of your faithful worldview and Biblical teaching with healthy debate competition, you have influenced thousands of people for the Lords glory.

-Parent of former debate student

Debate has long term value for the student. I think about the amount of money and time my husband and I put into competitive dance for our children and it totaled about \$10,000 annually. This included costumes, tuition and travel for competitions. Dance is fun and our kids enjoyed it, however they don't have any real value now, as adults, from participating in the activity.

As parents, we wish we had the opportunity for our children to participate in debate, where they would acquire skills that could be used for college, the workforce, and life. For us, this would be money well spent as we would be investing in their future and in skills that last a lifetime.

-Parent of student who did not participate in debate



WANT MORE INFORMATION?

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PLEASE COME TO OUR

Information Night

For interested students and parents

WHEN

Monday, August 20th, 7:00pm

WHERE

**Trinity United
Presbyterian Church**
1600 Carver Road, Modesto
(In the Telle Center)