



OF PENNSYLVANIA

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION 2007-2008

Thank you for your interest in Christian Communicators of Pennsylvania. In this packet, we have provided information about our club, which we hope will help you to decide if membership in our organization is compatible with your family's standards, schedule, and expectations.

The current CCoPA Club Handbook contains information that will help you to become acquainted with our organization. In a nutshell, it includes the information you will need to understand what we have to offer our members, as well as what we require of them.

The following is the basic fee structure for the 2007-08 speech and debate season:

Family Membership	\$150 base fee
Competitive IE/Extemp Track (12-18)	add \$50 per student
Competitive Debate Tracks (Team Policy & LD) (12-18).....	add \$50 per student
Junior Track (8-12, must read).....	add \$50 per student
Little Stars (5-7).....	add \$15 per student
Nursery (0-4).....	add \$15 per student
Late Fee (After July 30 th)	add \$50 per family

In the Club Handbook, reference is made to numerous agreement forms and the Peacemaker's Pledge. While it may appear cumbersome to read through all these materials, it is our desire to be forthright in revealing the principles to which we are committed and the procedures which we expect our members to follow. Doing so will help you to make an informed decision about pursuing membership with us. If you should decide to apply for membership, the following forms should be signed and submitted:

New Member Application.....	(1 per family)
New Member Questionnaire	(1 per family)
Parental Responsibility Form	(1 per family)
Statement of Faith	(1 per attending parent)
Emergency Medical Release	(1 per student, ALL Tracks)
Evidence Standards Agreement	(1 per student, Debate Track only)
Student Membership Agreement	(1 per student, Competitive Track only)

Club sessions are held at Conestoga Mennonite Church in Morgantown, PA, with public speaking occurring from 5-7 pm, and debate occurring from 7-9:30 pm. We are planning to hold Junior Track this year from 5-7:30 pm.

We will be scheduling a mandatory "Getting Started" meeting at 6:30 pm on September 24th at Conestoga Mennonite Church. Not only will we be discussing guidelines and activities for the upcoming season, but we will also be welcoming new members into our club and familiarizing them with our organization and with us as individuals. Our weekly club meetings will begin the following Monday.

If you are planning for your student(s) to be involved in the Debate Club, he/she will be required to pass an elementary debate theory assessment as a prerequisite for Debate Club membership. A basic debate theory class is scheduled is available for the purpose of teaching the information required to pass such an assessment. This year's class will be held the week of September 17th-21st at Morgantown Community Church in Morgantown, PA. (Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested.) Although attendance in this particular class is not mandatory, please note that we do not plan to accept any new students into the Debate Club unless they have successfully passed the debate assessment beforehand.

New applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and will undergo an approval process. This process will begin May 30th for the new season, with a registration deadline of July 30th. Applications received after the July 30th deadline will be subject to a \$50 late fee. Full payment must be received in order to attend club meetings. If a payment plan is preferable, arrangements may be made in advance so that fees are paid in full by the deadline. When completing the New Member Application, please be sure to include ALL participating children, including those in the Little Stars and Nursery. We need this information to adequately plan for the classes in each track and purchase the necessary materials.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kerry Grant at (610) 913-8307 anytime.

In Christ,
Kerry Grant, Club Administrator