



## Our Name

“Summa” is shorthand ...

Summa Theologiae  
Thomas Aquinas’ summary of Christian theology, and  
perhaps history’s most brilliant synthesis of faith and reason.

Summa cum laude  
“With highest honors.”

With SUMMA, we strive toward deeper understanding of the Christian faith by probing and debating questions with skill and intellectual distinction.

## Student Debaters

SUMMA participants may enter the program as early as the summer prior to ninth grade, or as late as the summer before their senior year. No experience in theology, reasoning, or debate is required, or needed. SUMMA is offered to young people of any religious background who are theologically curious, would like to better understand the Christian faith, and, potentially, are ready to take steps toward deepening faith and spiritual maturity.

## SUMMA Chapters

SUMMA is organized by chapters, local societies of students and adult leaders. They will come together annually for summer camp, and from time-to-time for trips and competitions. Chapters are currently forming in Little Rock and Conway.

## What We Do

Students enter SUMMA by participating in a week-long camp for all chapters at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. At their first camp, SUMMA debaters will take introductory classes in the three core areas of reasoning, theology, and debate. Of course there will be time for swims, hikes, and sports, along with evening activities such as movies, games, and dances. As youth progress into their second, third, and fourth years of camp, they will delve further into the sciences of theology and reason, and the arts of persuasion and debate.

Fall and spring debate seasons will each consist of nine weeks of research, debate sparring, and practice on a set debate proposition, culminating in a tournament with prizes and honors. SUMMA will meet after school two days a week. As time for weekend competition approaches, extra sessions may be added.

## Why We Do It

Participants will be rewarded with a uniquely meaningful experience, gaining tools for thinking, knowledge of the Christian theological tradition, and skill in public speaking and debate. SUMMA will also offer prizes for excellence in competition and a scholarship award. Along with all this will come fun, friendship, and a deepened and more thoughtful faith.

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