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SUMMER CAMP PROMOTES INTEREST IN THE LAW!

By Susan H. Johnson, CCCE State Coordinator



“Mock trial camp was amazing! Can you help me start a mock trial program at my school?” Each year after our mock trial camp concludes, we hear from students whose interest in the law was sparked by their time at camp. Many knew little about the legal profession when they arrived, but after exposure to the opportunity it affords to make a difference in the world, students are often inspired to explore new career options. Even those who intend to follow different career paths – medicine, business, journalism, public health – appreciate the skills they gain through mock trial: analytical reasoning, teamwork, persuasive communications, and leadership, to name only a few.

This summer marks the 7th year of the CCCE Mock Trial Camp. On Wednesday, July 24, enthusiastic high school students and coaches will once again descend on Chapel Hill for an incredible time of growth and fun. Originally conceived as a way to reach out to new schools in North Carolina, our 4-day camp has achieved that goal and more! Our academic year program has increased by more than 50% since 2013, expanding from 62 teams to 95 teams. This growth has occurred in no small part

because of the opportunity camp provides for new students and teachers to learn about mock trial. And the impact extends beyond our state borders, as we've hosted students from as far away as Indiana, Massachusetts, and Florida.

Camp is made possible by the generous investment of our Outreach Sponsor, **Lawyers Mutual Liability Insurance of North Carolina**. Lawyers Mutual has supported our camp and fall outreach sessions since the very beginning, ensuring that lack of funds doesn't prevent students from attending.

Volunteers are also crucial to providing an outstanding camp experience. Attorneys with mock trial experience lead sessions on all aspects of mock trial, including how to create memorable case theories and themes, compelling witness portrayals, persuasive direct and cross examinations, and powerful opening and closing statements. College mockers "pay it forward" by mentoring camp teams, helping them to put new skills into practice as they prepare for the culminating camp scrimmages. Sitting judges and justices even return year after year to give feedback to the students during the scrimmages, inspired by the students' passion and energy.

Who can attend? The camp is targeted toward rising ninth- to twelfth-graders; rising eighth graders are also welcome if space is available. Campers may register for Novice or Advanced levels of instruction. Novice level, designed for those with less than one year of prior high school mock trial experience, covers foundational information in more detail. Students who have only middle school mock trial experience should register for the Novice sessions, as the high school program is much more comprehensive. Campers may choose to come for the day or to stay overnight in a campus dorm.



Individual campers, as well as groups, are encouraged to attend! All registrants are placed on camp teams, which will prepare one side of a criminal case for the Saturday morning scrimmage. Family members and friends are encouraged to join us for these trials.

Early bird registration ends on May 10, so interested students and teachers should act now! The final deadline for registration and payment of fees

is June 18. For more information, visit our website at <https://ncmocktrial.org/camps/ccce-summer-camps/> or contact Sue Johnson at SueHeathJohnson@gmail.com. We look forward to another great year at camp!



CALENDAR 2018 – 2019 MOCK TRIAL SEASON

National Championship, Athens, GA
 Mock Trial Summer Camp, Chapel Hill

May 16-18, 2019
 July 24-27, 2019

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