Summer Leadership Experience

For information on how to register, please go to https://www.augusta.edu/student-life/jaguar-leaders/summer_leadership_camp.php.

Frequently Asked Questions

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Q & A:

Do I qualify to apply for the Summer Leadership Experience Camp?

Campers should:

- Be rising high school students.
- Have demonstrated high interest in personal leadership development and a strong work ethic.
- Possess an established background in student involvement and volunteerism.
- Expect a high degree of social interaction, team building, and personal reflection at the camp.
- Must commit to participation in the program for the entire residential period if selected, including opening and closing activities.
Am I required to stay at Oak Hall for the camp? I am local, can I just sleep at home?

Unless there is a documented medical condition or religious preference that would prevent a camper from staying in Oak Hall, all camp participants are required to reside in Oak Hall for the duration of the camp.

Can my parents/family/friends visit me during the camp?

There are no visitors permitted on campus during the camp. If, in the case of an emergency, a family member needs to connect with their child, we ask that a staff member assist in this process.

Can I leave campus in my own personal vehicle during the camp?

Due to liability purposes, we do not allow any personal vehicles on campus and ask that all campers be dropped off by a parent or guardian.

What if I cannot pay my final payment on time?

Please connect with the Summer Leadership Experience staff to discuss financial arrangements via leadership@augusta.edu. I have paid my deposit and/or final payment, but can no longer attend the camp.

Can I receive my money back?

Please connect with the Summer Leadership Experience staff ASAP so that they can properly remove you from the camp roster and open your space to another camper. We cannot refund deposits or final payments after May 22nd, 2020.

Can you tell me more about the housing arrangements? Will I have a roommate?

During the camp, students will be housed at Oak Hall, Augusta University’s newest on-campus housing accommodation units for undergraduate students. Students are required to remain on site during the course of the camp and may not be “checked out” by themselves, parents or guardians. Oak Hall rooms are two bedrooms shared semi suites with private bathrooms. Floor plans can be found on the housing website here. Each suite has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a common living area. Students are assigned roommates/suite mates according to gender and age.

Can I request a roommate?

Yes! You may request a roommate or suitemates – please include roommate requests on registration paperwork. Requests must be mutual and can be submitted on the registration form.

How do I make a payment?

All payments are handled online through our marketplace payment center. We cannot accept checks or payments over the phone. Payment can be made at: https://secure.touchnet.com/C26625_ustores/web/classic/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=111. The payment deadline is May 8, 2020.

What is a typical day like?

All students will participate in a variety of activities throughout the week. The Camp Counselors plan many events for the students and all are encouraged to participate. During the daytime hours, campers can expect to be in program sessions and active reflection activities. Evening activities for the may include: movie night, campus tours, social activities, and scavenger hunts. Free time is also scheduled into the day.
and is dependent on group interests. All activities are subject to change depending on weather, group interests, or acts of third parties beyond our control.

Can you tell me what will happen on check-in/check-out day?

Check-in for students will take place on Thursday, June 6th from 3pm-5pm. Check in will be located at Oak Hall located on the Health Sciences Campus. Camp Counselors and professional staff will be on hand to make introductions, answer any questions, and assist campers with luggage and finding their rooms. All parents/guardians are encouraged to leave campus by 1pm. Parents are invited to attend the Parent’s social and reception on Sunday, June 9th at 12:00 PM in a location to be determined. Check-out will take place on Sunday, June 9th following the closing ceremonies.

What kind of staff will oversee the program?

Students receive high amounts of small group interaction and personal attention from professional camp staff and Augusta University student Camp Counselors. A housing professional staff member lives in Oak Hall, as well as graduate level student professionals, and student Resident Assistant staff members. The AU student Camp Counselors will be the primary contact the students will have while at camp. Camp Counselors are current AU students that have been hired for their leadership and mentoring abilities. Camp Counselors will supervise students 24-hours per day, will be housed in the Oak Hall residence, and are dedicated to the program. Camp Counselors are assigned activity groups during the day and residence hall groups during the evening and nighttime. They are responsible for ensuring that students are aware of and comply with the expectations set before them. The Camp Counselor to camper ratio is approximately 6:1.

How will I be transported to/from facilities during the camp?

The Summer Leadership Experience will take place at Augusta University on two different campus sites: Summerville Campus and the Health Sciences Campus. Transportation will be provided for students for every program and activity via University sponsored vans or shuttles. Drivers will be professional staff members of the University. A more detailed map and directions for parent/guardian parking on check-in/out days will be emailed closer to the camp date.

What should I pack?

The weather in Augusta is very warm in the summer. Daily temperatures range between 80 – 90 degrees and the days are often humid. Nights can also be very humid with temperatures in the 70’s. Students should bring appropriate clothing for warm weather and possibly rain! A detailed packing list can be found at: http://www.augusta.edu/student-life/jaguar-leaders/summer_leadership_camp.php.

How will you handle insurance and health care during the camp?

Each child must include their health insurance information as part of the registration process. Should there be a medical emergency which requires a visit to the emergency room or hospital, a parent or guardian will immediately be notified and this information will be used to establish care. Please note that any and all costs associated with this type of medical care for your child are expected to be paid by the parent and/or the parent’s insurance. All students will also submit a “Health Examination” form. All OTC and prescription medications must be disclosed on this form. We do not have any medical staff assigned to our program, and any health related issues will be handled, as appropriate, by the camper themselves, program staff, or the nearest medical facility. If your child must take medications that cannot be self-administered, please contact the Program Coordinators. We ask that no students come to the camp ill or
with any contagious condition. We reserve the right to send students home if they become ill, develop any contagious condition (such as pink eye, or head lice,) or if they are unable to participate in the major activities of the camp. The camp is not responsible for eyeglasses or contacts that are lost or broken.

Do you enforce appropriate behavior?

Students are expected to comport themselves respectfully and responsibly. Students and parents/guardians are required to review the AU Student Code of Conduct (which outlines expected behavior standards) prior to arriving on campus. This can be found at https://www.augusta.edu/studentlife/conduct/documents/aucodeofconduct201718.pdf. Students must abide by the Student Code of Conduct at all times will attending the camp. Students who continue to display problem behavior will be dismissed from the program. There is a zero tolerance policy in terms of alcohol and/or illegal drug use by students. Augusta University reserves the right to dismiss a student from the camp at any time for any reason.

Can I use my cell phone/tablet/laptop during the camp?

The camp encourages students to develop autonomy, independence and a stronger sense of self. This allows them to make new friends, take responsibility for themselves and their roommates and problem solve. However, a young person’s ability to focus on development of these important skills is often hindered by parents being only a phone call away. Students will often call or text parents for advice instead of turning to their peers or counselors. Use of electronic devices also creates isolation from peers at the program, instead of allowing the student to focus on all of the enriching activities and important peer connections a residential program experience offers. For these reasons, we will encourage students to first utilize camp staff to assist with any unforeseen circumstances. The camp does not take responsibility for their loss or damage, nor does our university insurance policy cover their replacement.

Please note the following information:

Cell Phones

If a student needs to bring his or her cell phone to the program, we will ask that the student refrain from using it during all organized program activities unless required by the session/workshop. Students will be allowed to use a cell phone during appropriate times to take pictures, or during unstructured free time for “checking in” with parents, or for emergencies.

Electronics

Electronic devices of any kind (other than cameras) may be used only during unstructured free time, rest periods, and/or before bed. They may not leave the Oak Hall unless required in the course or approved by the Summer Leadership Experience staff. Students will have access to internet.

How can I contact the Program Coordinators?

Christina Conti GA Program Coordinator, Summer Leadership Experience Camp (706) 737-1628 leadership@augusta.edu

After hours emergencies during the camp should be directed to the Housing & Residence Life Staff Duty phone at 706-533-7162. We are looking forward to hosting this interactive and informative summer experience for you.
If you have any questions, please feel free to email the Summer Leadership Experience staff at leadership@augusta.edu. Joe Pierce, Director of Student Life and Engagement, Summer Leadership Experience (706) 737-1610 jopierce@augusta.edu.