



# 2025 HANDBOOK



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## Section One: *Overview*

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### **Welcome**

Welcome to Davidson Summer Programs (DSP)! Our mission is to provide gifted students an academically engaging residential experience which fosters social connections and personal growth. We are pleased to offer these residential summer opportunities exclusively to Davidson Young Scholars. Great care has been taken in developing dynamic, multifaceted summer programs. Our staff is committed to providing each participant with every opportunity to have an enjoyable experience. We look forward to working, growing, and learning this summer.

### **Staff**

#### **Leadership Staff**

Our leadership team works year-round to plan and implement a memorable summer experience. We are proud members of the American Camp Association and participate in yearly summer camp conferences, training, and program development events to continually improve the summer programs we offer. Our team is on-site daily and is primarily responsible for program and staff management, as well as facilitating parent communication.

#### **Seasonal Staff**

Our seasonal staff team is made up of Program Assistants (PAs), seasonal leadership staff, and our health team. PAs assist in daily and evening activities as well as supervise participants while they are in the residence halls. PAs are responsible for enforcing program policies, building community amongst all participants, and creating a close knit environment. PAs are carefully selected and hired through a multi-step interview process and complete a background check, drug screening, and CPR/first aid certification before completing our multiday training program. Program assistants are paired with a small group of participants and provide 24-hour supervision.

Our seasonal leadership team is responsible for providing additional support to our PAs and participants. Seasonal leadership also resides on campus with our participants, participates in daily activities, and positively contributes to our training sessions and staff meetings.

Our health team is on site to distribute medications and quickly respond to emergency situations. Members of our health team participate in pre-program preparation and are also available during the sessions to determine if advanced care is necessary. Please see the Health Care Services section for additional information on our health team.

#### **Instructional Staff**

Instructors for Davidson Summer Programs are current & former Davidson Academy instructors.

#### **Support Staff**

Some academic sessions may have a teaching assistant present to help facilitate the classroom or activity. Teaching assistants are current Davidson Academy students.

### **Contact Information**

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### **Location**

Davidson Summer Programs take place in various areas and buildings across the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). The Davidson Academy, also housed on UNR's campus, is also utilized (when available) for much of the summer programming .

### **Living Accommodations**

Participants are housed in dormitories on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. Each participant is paired with one or two roommates; assignments are made on the basis of gender identification. Dorm rooms include:

- Single beds with 80" long mattresses
- Private bathroom with a shower
- Desks, chairs, and dressers
- Wastebasket
- Window coverings on all windows
- Air conditioning



Please see the [packing list](#) for a list of what dorm room necessities are required and/or provided. Respect for personal privacy is expected, and individual changing areas are widely accessible.

Participants should be sure to pack enough clothing to last throughout their time in the program.

At the end of the program, participants will be billed for any damages and/or excessive trash and filth.

### **Meals**

Davidson Summer Program participants are provided three meals a day. Meals are offered at the resident dining hall, which is buffet-style dining that features food from multiple venues including Asian cuisine, fire grill, freshly made pizza, fresh salad, and a variety of alternatives based on dietary needs. Snacks will also be provided in between meals each day. Please note any dietary restrictions in the health history section of the required participant forms, so appropriate accommodations can be made.

### **Food Allergies and Special Diets**

The University dining facility is experienced at accommodating special dietary needs. We work closely with the dining staff to create a food allergy plan to determine what accommodations can be made for specific participant needs.

Each year, participants who have food allergies or special diets successfully attend; however, we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment given that the program takes place in many shared spaces and in an uncontrolled environment. We welcome you to contact us to discuss specific concerns and determine if Davidson Summer Programs is a good fit based on the participant's level of comfort and needs.

### **Arrival and Departure**

The drop off and pick up location is at the residence hall on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno. Due to campus construction, the specific address will be shared with enrolled families prior to arrival. Families are responsible for all transportation to and from the program. A specific arrival or departure time may be assigned to your family for an efficient check-in/out process.

Participants are not permitted to travel independently, and they must be signed-in and signed-out by a parent or legal guardian. If a parent or legal guardian is unable to accompany the participant to or from the program, arrangements can be made to appoint an adult over the age of 25 as the designated person responsible for check in and/or check out. These arrangements must be made in advance of travel and submitted in writing prior to arrival and/or departure.



We use a “kiss and go” check-in process. Outside of the dormitory building, our staff will be ready to help parent(s) check-in, drop off medications with the health supervisor, and gather their luggage. After those steps are completed, it’s time to say goodbyes. A staff member will then accompany the participant into the dormitory building for group activities and unpacking.

We are unable to check participants into the program early. A limited timeframe for arrival and departure is necessary due to staffing demands for program setup and breakdown. If there is an emergency that delays you, please call the emergency number provided prior to the program.

*Session One Check-In: Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 12pm-2pm*

*Session Two Check-In: Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 12pm-2pm*

*Session Three Check-In: Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 12pm-2pm*

*Session Four Check-In: Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 12pm-2pm*

*Session One Check-Out: Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 10am-11am*

*Session Two Check-Out: Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 10am-11am*

*Session Three Check-Out: Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 10am-11am*

*Session Four Check-Out: Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-11am*

### **Supervision**

Participants are ultimately responsible for their own behavior. Leadership staff, seasonal staff, and instructional staff work in partnership with participants to uphold program policies with the shared goal of creating and maintaining a safe, healthy program environment. Participants are assigned a program assistant, who will serve as their primary contact during the program. Program assistants live in the dorms alongside students, attend classes, and supervise activities. They are available to offer assistance and support during the program and as well as implement program policies.

Due to the University’s minor policies, as well as safety being of the utmost importance in our programs, participants must be supervised by staff at all times.

### **Personal Hygiene**

Participants are expected to maintain their own personal hygiene, including showering, wearing clean clothes and utilizing appropriate personal-care products daily, or more frequently if needed, due to warm temperatures and long, active days.

### **Packing List & Personal Property**

We encourage parents to involve their participant in packing. It can be a helpful way to reduce anxiety and help participants become familiar with their belongings. Reno is a very dry “high desert” environment which is generally warm during the day (80s – 100s) and cooler in the evenings (50s – 70s). Participants are expected to dress appropriately and conservatively. You can access a handy [downloadable packing list](#) on our website.

We recommend that participants do not bring items to the program that are not easily replaceable. If any such items do need to be brought, we recommend that the participant plan to keep the item with them at all times, or check it in at the staff room when not in use. Participants should put their names on everything possible in order to minimize

searching for lost items. We have a lost and found bin located in the common room of the residence hall, which is centrally located and used for daily announcements, studying, and other fun activities. Smaller and more noticeably expensive lost items, such as eReaders, flash drives, and jewelry, are kept in the staff room until found by the appropriate owner. Participants should treat all facilities, equipment and property with respect and care. This includes respecting the property of fellow participants and keeping one's own property safely stored in assigned rooms. Neither the University nor Davidson Summer Programs is responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal property.

### **Health Care Services**

We care deeply about our participants' physical and mental well-being while at camp. Safety is our absolute top priority. All program personnel are CPR and First Aid certified. Our staff is trained to engage in supportive conversations with campers who need a little extra TLC, such as addressing missing home and other feelings that may come up at camp as part of the sleep-away experience. Participants should be in a stable physical, emotional and mental state when they arrive at camp. Keep in mind that regardless of the positive and empowering nature of camp, it can be a physically and emotionally demanding experience outside of the comfort and familiarity of home.

Our health supervisor, a registered nurse, is available daily to support participant needs. The supervisor reviews all medical information submitted prior to participant arrival and follows up with families should any additional information or clarification be requested or required to allow us to prepare to provide appropriate support and care. On arrival day, the health supervisor will briefly meet with each participant to collect medications and conduct a health screening.

Health care needs or concerns outside the scope of what can be provided by program staff and our health supervisor may be directed to either St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Renown Regional Medical Center, or Northern Nevada Regional Hospital. Parents will be responsible for all costs of any/all services rendered, regardless of the location. Additionally, participants must have medical insurance coverage to attend Davidson Summer Programs. The Davidson Institute does not provide medical insurance for participants.

Parents/guardians will be contacted by the health supervisor by phone or email in the event your Young Scholar experiences an illness, injury or other health concern. When physical or mental health needs exceed our abilities to address at camp as determined by the health supervisor and/or program staff, early dismissal from the program may be necessary to ensure appropriate safety and care needs can be met. In these cases, parents must pick up their student within 24 hours of notification. Please see our cancellations, refunds, and payment policies on your program's tuition and fees page for more information about early dismissal or departure due to sickness or injury.



Participants must notify a program staff member immediately of any discomfort, illness or injury. An assessment will then be made, and appropriate care will be provided.

### **Medication Administration**

Any medication brought to the program, including prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, alternative remedies and/or supplements must be listed on the Health History Form found in the online portal. The information submitted on the Health History Form will be reviewed by our health supervisor prior to the beginning of the program. If a medication is not listed on this form, then we will not be able to collect it nor make it available to the

participant during the program. If a medication is prescribed after the form has been completed, please email the program staff at [summer@DavidsonGifted.org](mailto:summer@DavidsonGifted.org) prior to the program start date. Upon check-in, the health supervisor will collect all medications.

*All medications must be in their original containers with original labeling and will be given according to physician and/or package directions.*

Participants may not keep medications with them other than asthma inhalers, insulin, EpiPens and topical medications. All medications will be locked in a secure area and made available to the participants per physician and/or package directions. If there are special storage instructions for certain medications, e.g. refrigerate, please include this information on the Health History Form. Once the medication has been made available to the participant, it is the responsibility of the participant to take their medication.

### **Photos**

At Davidson Summer Programs, we take photos daily of participants engaging in activities. We know it is important to capture the memorable experiences made here, and we want to share them with parents! Throughout the program, we will share photo highlights with you. We hope to capture photos of most participants each day. Our small team will do our best to do so, but please know the number and quality of photos shared will vary.

We use these photos to explain what the program experience is like, as they capture the heart of what we do so much better than any narrative can. For this reason, we share some of the photos taken each summer on our website and in Davidson Institute and Academy marketing materials. When we publish program photos, we do not include any participant names or identifying information.



### **Mail**

Due to the short duration of the program and the complex University delivery system, mail (including letters and packages) will **NOT BE ACCEPTED**. Instead, parents are welcome to bring item(s) for program assistants to distribute throughout the week per parent directions. Items will only be accepted in person upon check-in. Letters and/or packages mailed to the Davidson Institute and/or the University addressed to participants will be returned to sender.

### **Transportation**

During the program, participants may be transported to off-campus events by a chartered bus service or walk as a group to nearby, off-campus events. Participants will be escorted by program staff and are expected to always stay with the group and/or a staff member. If non-emergency medical care is needed, at least two staff members will accompany the participant(s) to an urgent care facility or hospital. In an emergency, an ambulance will be called.

### **Cancellations and Refunds**

All Program fees, including deposits and tuition, are non-refundable. Participants cancelling their enrollment must provide written notice via email to [summer@davidsongifted.org](mailto:summer@davidsongifted.org).

A non-refundable deposit per participant per session is required to secure their space in the program 24 hours after their acceptance notification. All remaining tuition fees are due by April 25, 2025. If you have not paid your participant's tuition fees by April 25, your credit card on file will be automatically charged on April 28, 2025.

In cases where enrollment is cancelled prior to March 7, 2025, a partial refund may be offered if we are able to fill the spot with someone from the waitlist. This courtesy will be extended on a case-by-case basis and is not a guarantee.

### **Early Dismissal or Departure**

Participants who are fully enrolled but are unable to attend and/or check-in, as well as those departing and/or dismissed early from camp, no matter the reason, are subject to a complete loss of fees. Early dismissals and/or departures due to medical reasons are subject to complete loss of fees depending on the circumstances and time spent at camp. Refunds are not available for loss of programming or changes to programming made to safely accommodate any medical concerns.

In addition, parents/guardians are responsible for all costs associated with the participant's return home. A parent/guardian or designated adult over the age of 25 will be required to travel to Reno, Nevada to escort the dismissed participant home within 24 hours of notice of the participant's dismissal. If arrangements are not made by parents/guardians within this established timeframe, the Institute reserves the right to make the appropriate arrangements at the expense of the parents/guardians.

Participants may be denied admission or dismissed early at the Director of Program Operations' sole discretion for reasons listed below, or for other behavior or health factors deemed detrimental to the program or participant by the Health Supervisor and leadership staff.

- Medical needs that exceed the level of care capable of being provided by program staff within a communal, residential setting, including 24/7 supervision during required isolation or individualized observation periods due to any health concerns or if potential harm to others is posed by continued attendance (i.e. contagious disease)
- Threat of harm to self or others, including but not limited to explicit or implicit demonstration or verbalization of self-harming thoughts, behaviors, actions, and/or recent history of self-harm or suicide ideation/attempt that was not disclosed to the staff prior to arrival at the program
- Academic misconduct and dishonesty, including but not limited to false claims and/or falsified communication of grades or academic standing, cheating, plagiarism, or otherwise obtaining or reporting grades under false pretenses
- Participation in any form of sexual conduct
- Possession of or consumption of any form of tobacco, alcohol or other controlled substance
- Failure to take prescribed medication once it has been administered
- Possession of property belonging to another individual without the permission of that individual
- Possession of an object that can be considered a weapon of any kind
- Display of behavior (written, verbal or physical) that may threaten, devalue, demean or incite an individual/group/self, directly or indirectly; including but not limited to verbal abuse, offensive language, and derogatory group identity slurs (including but not limited to race, sexual orientation, gender, religion or socioeconomic status)
- Leaving the site of any activity without prior permission from program staff
- Operation of any motorized vehicle

- Willful or reckless property damage
- Violation of federal, state or local law
- Violation of the Code of Conduct or any other policy listed in this handbook
- Any other conduct considered by the Director of Program Operations to be material misconduct justifying immediate dismissal

Participants who have departed and/or are dismissed early from camp, no matter the reason, are unable to return to camp.

### **Electronic Devices**

Davidson Summer Programs are “fully connected” communities. Being fully connected means focusing on making connections with other participants without the distractions of electronic devices. Often, a summer program is the only place students can truly unplug and be electronic free. This provides the opportunity to build new skills, to gain friendships, and to be independent from parents for a short period of time. While cell phones may be a convenient tool to check-in with your Young Scholar, this same access changes the dynamics of the participant experience during the summer. At Davidson Summer Programs, participants are able to bring concerns directly to their peers, program assistants, and/or leadership staff, which for many is a new method of communication. This often results in a boost of confidence when participants realize they can be successful as self-advocates. We will be unplugged, but fully connected.

**Davidson Summer Programs’ cell phone policy is simple: NO cell phones.**

**We ask parents to please help us enforce this policy.** When you are dropping your Young Scholar at camp, please take the cell phone(s) with you or check them in to your participant’s program assistant upon arrival.

What message does it send to have your Young Scholar “sneak” a cell phone into camp? It may convey that you are not sure your participant will be safe at camp or be able to turn to our staff if they need help. If you choose to send your Young Scholar to DSP, it’s important that both you and your Young Scholar feel comfortable with the camp’s staff and leadership team and that you trust your participant’s needs will be met at camp – whether they are physical, social, or emotional. When your Young Scholar knows that you are confident, they will in turn be more confident with the experience.

**Other electronic devices:** Music players, tablets, computers and cameras are among a list of electronic devices that participants tend to bring. As many of these devices have multiple functions, the rules tend to get a little fuzzy. Our guideline is that any electronic device that has the ability to communicate, either through the internet or cellular data plans, including those who have the capability disabled, **are prohibited**. AirTags, laptops, tablet computers are also not allowed. Digital cameras and noise machines are welcome, as are many music players. Please keep in mind, there are a number of music players that have Wi-Fi capability and can connect to the internet and these types of devices are not permitted.

### **Damage Policy**

Participants agree to help keep the residence hall, including personal rooms, common areas, and surrounding areas, as well as Davidson Academy clean and tidy at all times. Rooms may be inspected by program staff or university personnel with or without participants being present. At the end of the program, participants will be billed for any damage and/or excessive trash and filth.

Any damage or vandalism is the financial responsibility of the participant. If responsibility for damages or excessive cleaning cannot be determined, participants will be invoiced as follows:

- Damage within a residence hall room: Charges will be divided equally between both/all participants living in the room.

- Damage to public areas: Charges will be divided equally among all participants residing on the floor or using the classroom.

University officials and authorized program staff reserve the right to enter and inspect residence hall rooms at any time without prior notification. Inspections will occur when necessary to protect and maintain the property of the University, the health and safety of the participants and/or whenever it is deemed necessary by the staff.

### **Dress Code**

The dress code requirements exist to create a productive, uninterrupted, and safe learning environment. This dress code is intended to support participants in preparing for appropriate dress expectations in education and professional settings, and to assist parents when they purchase summer wardrobes.

#### **Clothing**

- There should not be a gap between tops and bottoms that exposes skin or undergarments.
- Clothing should cover all undergarments.
- Tops should cover the entire chest area. Low cut tops or muscle shirts are not permitted.
- Pants, shorts, skirts, and dresses must be at least mid-thigh in length, including when bending or sitting.

#### **Shoes**

- Shoes must be always worn outside of the dorm room.
- Shoes appropriate for weather and outside conditions and walking long distances are recommended.
- Closed toe shoes may be required during labs and physical activities for safety purposes.

#### **Language/Illustrations on Clothing**

- No obscene, vulgar, profane, or derogatory language or illustrations are allowed.
- Anything that promotes weapons, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, violence, sex or hate speech is prohibited.

Participants agree to dress appropriately and will be asked to change if clothing is considered inappropriate in accordance with program policy. Please feel free to contact us at [summer@davidsongifted.org](mailto:summer@davidsongifted.org) with any questions regarding the dress code prior to arriving.

### **Guests & Leaving Campus**

Davidson Summer Programs are intended to offer participants a short-term, residential summer experience. Each participant is a vital part of an academic learning team and social community. As such, visits and phone calls from family can significantly reduce the quality of the experience for all participants. To address the issues surrounding being away from home and temporarily separated from family members, program staff will remain in close contact with both participants and parents throughout the duration of the program. Additionally, participants are not permitted to leave the program to attend outside events including, but not limited to, music lessons, concerts, sporting events, athletic practice, try-outs, etc. Outside guests are not permitted.

### **Communication**

We hope that parents will be active participants of the DSP session specific communities on DMC to help create connections before camp even begins and that last far beyond the summer. While in session, DSP Staff will send out a nightly newsletter highlighting the exciting events of each day. Outside of that communication, we love to say that no news is good news, and we only contact parents should a situation in which parental support is needed arises. Parents will be provided with an emergency contact number and a member of our leadership team is always on call during each session should there be a situation in which a parent needs to contact our program. Please note that the use of the summer hotline is reserved for emergency situations only. Davidson does not support or promote any form of contact between campers and staff after the scheduled camp dates have concluded. This includes emails, social media

interactions, text messages, and in-person meetings. Following the end of camp, Davidson is unable to provide oversight or supervision of staff members.

### **Communicable Illness Plan and Policies**

The health and safety of participants and staff is Davidson Summer Program's top priority. Communicable diseases, both acute and chronic, exist everywhere and are present every summer. Hosting residential summer programs that draw from a national audience requires an immense amount of planning and careful risk mitigation. Our staff is trained annually on our communicable disease plan and how to incorporate prevention practices into daily programming.

We continually evaluate and modify our operational procedures to ensure we are in compliance with any requirements of our host site, the University of Nevada, Reno, which are subject to change between now and the program start dates. This includes requirements for any testing and vaccination status of communicable diseases. Thank you for helping us support a safe and healthy program experience for all our participants.

### **Pre-Program**

Prior to your arrival, we will connect with you on how you can contribute to health and safety before the program even begins. Each family will receive information on practices and recommendations to follow in the spring newsletter. Parents and participants will also agree to the communicable disease-related policies and practices outlined in the handbook.

### *Health History*

Participants are required to submit a health physical, immunization records and health history information. This health information is reviewed by the health supervisor, who will contact families for further information prior to the program as needed.

### *Immunization Records*

We currently follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health for age-appropriate vaccination recommendations. Participants must provide a current record of completed immunizations as part of enrollment. Please refer to [Nevada's School Immunization Requirements](#) for specific details. *While not required, participants and summer staff are highly encouraged to be "fully vaccinated" and "up to date," including any eligible boosters, for COVID-19, [as defined by the CDC](#).*



Immunization requirements and policies will be updated based on new circumstances and updated recommended practices. *Additionally, as affiliates of University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) using on-campus buildings, housing, and food services, we are obligated to follow their directives for any updated policies regarding admission into the residence halls, which may or may not include immunization and/or virus testing requirements, which are subject to change between now and the program/event start dates. Please see our refund and cancellation policies on your program's tuition and fees page for further information.*

We recognize that individuals have received vaccination waivers for various reasons. If a participant has not received one or more required vaccinations, they will need to submit exemption documentation to be reviewed by the health supervisor, who may follow-up for further details and clarification.

### *Vaccine-Preventable Disease Policy*

If a vaccine-preventable disease or outbreak occurs in the participant's local region at any point prior to the program, they may be required to not attend the program in order to protect both the participant and other program participants that may be at risk.

If a vaccine-preventable disease or outbreak occurs in the Reno/Tahoe area, and the participant is not immunized for that illness, they may be dismissed immediately for their safety and the safety of others. Parents will need to make travel arrangements to have their Young Scholar return home within 24 hours of notification.

In either of the scenarios listed above, no refunds will be given for any program costs. Please see our cancellations, refunds, and payment policies in Section Three for more information about early dismissal or departure due to sickness or injury.

### **During Program**

#### *Health Screening*

Upon arrival, a health screening will be conducted by the health supervisor for each participant and staff member. The health supervisor will determine if a person poses a health risk to the group, or if they have a concerning symptom(s). On a case-by-case basis, the health supervisor will determine what action needs to be taken, including but not limited to testing for a communicable disease, not admitting the person into the program, closely monitoring the individual or isolating the person at the program until symptom free.

#### *Preventative Practices*

While participants are in our care, we remain diligent in reducing the risk of illnesses spreading. Each day, staff and participants will engage in several practices to keep our program community safe and clean, including the following:

- Encourage regular handwashing, especially before meals. Water and soap and/or sanitizing pumps will be available prior to every meal.
- Sanitizing pumps placed in key locations throughout the campus.
- Scheduled, regular times to sanitize frequently touched objects.
- Coach participants to cough/sneeze "into their sleeve" and to avoid touching their faces.
- Orientation to include training on daily preventative practices, with visual reminders provided in commonly accessed areas
- Emphasize that personal supplies belong to the owner and are not to be shared with others, this includes water bottles and drinks.
- Sleep head-to-toe rather than nose-to-nose. (Create the greatest distance between sleeping heads).
- Train staff to recognize and report signs and indications of illness, as well as guidance on how to encourage healthy practices within small groups and during program activities
- Any further program-specific check-in protocols will be emailed directly to registered families

#### *Response to Illness*

Should a communicable disease occur, Davidson Summer Programs will implement our response plan. In this response, the health supervisor and staff work to identify the problem and isolate those with the confirmed or suspected communicable disease. Arrangements will be made for carry-out meals, delivered by program staff, if the health supervisor determines that an individual should be temporarily isolated. An isolated participant will be unable to join daily activities until symptom free or as directed by the health supervisor and/or other medical professionals. Families whose Young Scholar(s) are ill at camp will be contacted by the health supervisor and will be given daily updates to communicate their treatment and progress.

Regular daily programming for unaffected persons will continue during an outbreak. Daily prevention practices will be evaluated and altered to provide more care and reduce further spread. Families of unaffected participants will be informed by the director regarding the situation and response through email. The frequency of these emails will be determined by the severity of the outbreak.

Our staff will meet daily to address our response plan and ensure we are meeting everyone's needs. Continual assessment of an outbreak will occur, including the following potential action items:

- A participant or staff member may be sent home as determined by the health supervisor and director, and all other professional or expert entities informed of the outbreak. Part of this assessment will determine if the person's medical needs exceed what the program is able to provide, and if their presence poses significant harm to others.
- If an outbreak is severe, the program may be ordered to close by government officials. Even without an order to close, Davidson Summer Programs may make the determination to close or cancel the program to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all participants and staff.

At Davidson Summer Programs, a well-balanced summer experience is highly valued. It is expected the participants not only gain exposure to various academic material, but that they also learn about themselves and how to interact effectively with those around them. Within the community, strong character and solid core values are integral components to general well-being and success.

The following core values serve as guiding principles for all policies and procedures included in this program handbook as well as day-to-day practices and interactions during the program. It is the shared responsibility of participants and program staff to strive to emulate and promote the following core values:

### **Integrity**

Be honest with myself and others.  
Do my own work.  
Be honorable in my words, actions and deeds.

### **Pursuit of Knowledge**

Be dedicated to personal and intellectual growth and discovery.  
Collaborate with others to gain understanding and perspective.  
Listen thoughtfully and carefully.  
Strive for personal excellence.

### **Respect**

Be kind, polite, courteous, and inclusive of all participants.  
Recognize perspectives that vary from my own and accept that I will not always agree.  
Follow the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

### **Responsibility**

Communicate appropriately and effectively with others.  
Take ownership of my choices and actions.  
Be patient and exercise self-control.

### **Balance**

Have realistic expectations of myself and others.  
Be flexible and resilient in pursuing desired outcomes.  
Manage my time to include friendship, fun and scholarship.  
Seek assistance from those with experience.

### **Leadership**

Master the ability to lead myself, and then take responsibility to lead others.  
Recognize and respect others' leadership qualities.  
Take personal responsibility to improve my relationships, particularly with fellow participants and program staff.  
Represent Davidson Summer Programs in a positive light.



### Code of Conduct

To create a safe and successful learning community in accordance with the core values previously outlined, participants and parents are responsible for being aware of and abiding by the following codes of conduct:

- 1) **Participants will adhere to high standards of conduct at all times.** While navigating the campus, university buildings, and the Davidson Academy, participants will represent Davidson Summer Programs in a mature and responsible manner. They will demonstrate consideration, politeness, and impeccable behavior, including maintaining minimal noise levels in the residence hall.
- 2) **Weapons of any kind are prohibited at Davidson Summer Programs and on campus.** Participants agree not to bring weapons, or objects in the likeness of weapons, to the program including but not limited to personal squirt guns, firearms, BB/pellet/paintball guns, bows and arrows, bullets, martial arts weapons, knives, including pocketknives, and/or any item that is a reasonable facsimile of such a weapon.
- 3) **The laptops provided for any Academic Session are Davidson property and are intended to be used solely for the purposes of course completion.** Accessing inappropriate and/or explicit material is strictly prohibited.
- 4) **Participants agree not to bring, use, or transfer alcohol, drugs or tobacco.** Participants are not permitted to share over-the-counter medications, such as vitamins, or any other medication, such as asthma inhalers, insulin, EpiPens and topical medications, with other participants.
- 5) **Participants agree to treat all other participants, staff, and other people on campus with respect.** Obscenities, harassment (including lewd or profane comments directed toward another participant), acts of violence, bullying, fighting, inappropriate behavior, or vandalism will NOT be tolerated. At Davidson Summer Programs, teasing is considered an inappropriate behavior that is taken very seriously.
- 6) **Participants are expected to reflect before they act, always maintaining common courtesy and empathy towards others.** Upholding values such as respect, honesty, and integrity is crucial, coupled with consistently exhibiting mature and appropriate behavior.
- 7) **With guidance from program staff, participants are responsible for self-management including sharing common space, arriving at activities on time, and getting into bed by lights out.** Participants are responsible for managing all individual property and belongings brought to the program.
- 8) **Living with a roommate can be a challenge and problems should immediately be discussed with designated PAs and/or program staff.** Participants are not permitted to change roommates once they have been assigned and/or to stay in another, unassigned room. Additionally, participants must be in their assigned room by lights out and are not permitted to visit with other participants after this time.
- 9) **Participants will attend all meals served at the Resident Dining Hall.** All food must be eaten in the dining area, per the University dining service policy. Participants must sit together in the designated area. They are responsible for eating balanced meals, cleaning up after themselves, and showing respect to fellow diners.
- 10) **Participants are expected to observe all program rules and agree to comply with all reasonable requests made by program staff, University personnel members and/or other authorized officials.** The consequences for violations will vary depending upon the severity of the incident and cumulative infractions. Consequences may include, but are not limited to verbal warning, loss of privileges, parent contact, and/or dismissal from the program.

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## Session 1 & Session 3 Schedule

*Subject to change*

**Sunday- Arrival Day** – Participants arrive between **12pm – 2 pm**, program orientation, & community building

### Monday – Wednesday

8:00am.....Breakfast  
9:00am.....Academic Field Trip  
11:30am.....Dorm Time  
12:30pm .....Lunch  
1:00pm .....Courtyard Time (outside play) & Bunk Meetings (small group calm time)  
1:30pm .....Academic Session  
4:30pm .....Courtyard Time (outside play)  
5:00pm .....Dinner  
5:30pm .....Evening Activity  
8.00pm.....Bunk Meetings (small group debrief)  
8:30pm .....Dorm Time & Evening Routines  
9:00pm .....Lights Out

**Thursday- Departure Day** – Closing activities, packing; Program ends, and participant departure is **10am – 11am**

## Session 2 & Session 4 Schedule

*Subject to change*

**Monday- Arrival Day** – Participants arrive between **12pm – 2pm**, program orientation, & community building

### Tuesday – Thursday

8:00am.....Breakfast  
9:00am.....Academic Field Trip  
11:30am.....Dorm Time  
12:30pm .....Lunch  
1:00pm .....Courtyard Time (outside play) & Bunk Meetings (small group calm time)  
1:30pm .....Academic Session\*\*  
4:30pm .....Courtyard Time (outside play) & Homework Time  
5:30pm .....Dinner  
6:00pm .....Evening Activity  
8:30pm .....Bunk Meetings (small group debrief)  
9:00pm .....Dorm Time/Evening Routines  
10:00pm .....Lights Out

**Friday- Departure Day** – Final seminar course presentations, closing activities, packing; Participant departure is **10am-11am**

### **\*\*Academic Session (Sessions 2 & 4 only)**

Participants will attend their assigned seminar which involves three and a half days of instruction and hands-on learning. Through the seminar, participants will create an end-of-seminar project to present to the instructor and classmates. No grades or credit are given; however, instructors will provide a short evaluation to each participant, which may include accomplishments and areas of growth. This evaluation will be emailed to your family in August.