

## **DAAPCAMP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)**

### **Transportation and Housing**

**For the Day Camp, how do I drop off my camper...or, may they drive themselves to camp?**

**For Middle School Camp:** If you have a middle school student coming to middle school camp, there will be a designated drop off area by the bottom floor entrance to DAAP, they will be met by a camp crew member and will all enter the building together. You will need to check in your middle school camper each day. You may begin drop off for that camp at 9:00am. Pick up is at 4:30pm and has to be completed by 5:00pm. We understand about traffic issues and that is why we provide the 30-minute windows.

**For High School Day Camp:** it runs from 9-5 each day, you may drop off your son or daughter beginning at 8:30am or they may drive themselves. There is a parking garage directly behind DAAP, attached to the building. Parking is \$10 per day in the garage and there are no discounts available as it is managed separately from the college. Pick up for High School Day Camp is between 5:00 and 5:30pm each day. All campers must be picked up by 5:30pm.

**For the Residential Camp, do I have to live on campus? Can I stay in a hotel with my parents?**

If you are participating in our pre-college experience residential camps, you are required to stay on campus in UC Campus Housing with the rest of your fellow-campers.

**I live 2 hours from Cincinnati but want to do Day Camp, where can I stay?**

If you are participating in the day camps ...you do NOT reside on campus nor is there campus housing available for those camps. However, there are hotels nearby if that is something you wish to investigate, we can give you that information.

**May I room with my friend during Residential Camp?**

You may make a special request on your application form and we will do our best to accommodate your request, however, due to a variety of housing considerations, we cannot promise that all requests can be honored, however, please know we will make every effort to do so.

**How do you choose the roommates?**

Roommates are chosen based upon a variety of criteria including age and program etc.

**Do I share a bedroom? A bathroom?**

Housing is suite-style. Bedrooms house one to two campers. Bathrooms are shared with suite mates.

### **Do I need to bring blankets and pillows?**

Sheets, a light blanket, a pillow and a regular-size towel are provided with housing, however, we recommend packing an additional blanket, larger towel and wash cloth if you wish and additional pillow if that is how you prefer to sleep. Also, please remember to bring soap and shampoo for your shower and your sink. No soap is provided by campus housing. Please refer to the DAAPcamps **Packing Checklist**.

### **How safe is the housing situation?**

### **Who is taking care of my child while they are there?**

The campus housing provided for your child is extremely secure. There are graduate housing assistants who live in the halls. In addition, there will be DAAPcamp House Leads living in the halls along with the DAAPCamps director who also lives on-site with the campers.

All activities have supervision by faculty in the classrooms and by our Camp Life Team (those detailed above) during the non-classroom times. There will be check-in housing times where campers are expected to be “in house” at night. It is obviously up to the campers to stay in the housing after check-in. Anyone who would choose to leave a house would be doing so without permission and would be subject to immediate dismissal from camp. We take our camp rules seriously and our campers’ wellbeing seriously. Any issues of concern will be dealt with immediately and campers’ parents brought into the discussion. We trust our campers will take their time at DAAP as a preparation for their possible college and career future and not put those at risk with inappropriate actions or choices.



## **General Questions**

### **Do I need to bring snacks?**

Three meals a day and some snacks in the classrooms are provided...however, if you know you like to “munch” late at night...pack accordingly. Vending machines are limited in the housing and our Camp Life team is not involved in “fast food delivery.”

### **Can/should I bring my computer?**

You may bring your computer and it is totally up to you if you wish to bring it along. You will have limited free time, but you know your computer use. There will be wireless connection in the housing. We advise keeping your laptop and other valuables with you or secured during your time at camp.

### **May we check in late to camp or check out early?**

### **We have a family vacation/obligation we are scheduling.**

We advise doing everything you can to allow your camper to have the full camp experience from Kickoff to Graduation...but, we will make exceptions if a camper needs to arrive a bit later or leave a bit early. We understand that family vacations are precious and difficult to schedule. We would like to know this situation as early as possible so we do everything we can to make the transition as seamless as possible for the camper and our camp team.

### **May I come to have lunch/dinner with my child?**

### **May I come to class during the week to see how they are doing?**

### **May I bring my daughter Skyline for lunch?**

All of the above questions have the same answer. The true pre-college camp experience is best for the camper when they are given the opportunity to experience it as an independent, responsible young person...as if they were a student at DAAP, living on campus. We call it “managed independence.” We know you will miss your son or daughter and very likely, they will also miss you. They will have a true taste of what being responsible for themselves is all about. They will have access to many adults and older college students who will be there to assist them in any situation where they may feel unsure. Your confidence in them and willingness to let them grow and explore their future says a tremendous amount about how you feel about them. We encourage you to give them that independence for this week.

With all of that said, if there were a unique situation, we would certainly work with you to give you a comfort level with the situation. We thank you in advance for your confidence in your son/daughter and in our DAAPcamps’ program.

### **It is my son's birthday that week...can I bring a cake?**

We encourage you to celebrate prior to or after camp week...but, you are welcome to send or deliver a care package to your son or daughter during camp week.

### **How do I ship something to them while they are there?**

We will provide you with a specific address in your camp materials if you wish to send something to your camper. It is always a good idea to also let the Camp Director know so we can be on the lookout for it.

### **If I need to reach my child during the week, how will I go about doing that?**

Cell phones are the best way to communicate with your camper, though we do encourage minimal use during studio time and cell service in the DAAP building is not great...however, there will also be a variety of numbers, including the main DAAP office and our camp director's cell number that will be given to you in case of emergencies.

### **What will they learn?**

Each curriculum is different, depending on the area of discipline. You will be able to find the generalized proposed outcomes for each area in the camp descriptions given to campers upon arrival. If you have specific questions please email [daapcamps@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:daapcamps@ucmail.uc.edu) and we will get you in contact with the specific camp lead.

### **What will they be doing all day?**

Depending upon the given area of study and the given day...their day will be filled with activities, projects, lectures, research, hands-on learning, fieldtrips, discussions with professionals in the field, special multi-media presentations...from the moment they wake up...until they leave DAAP at night...then, there will be even more team-centered activities. They will come home enlightened and exhausted!



## **Safety/Security**

### **What do you do to monitor the students' comings and goings?**

The expectations of camp are laid out in our housing regulations, our opening camp sessions with all campers and parents, and in individual communications with camper groups. We discuss the schedule of camp and what responsibilities the campers are expected to uphold. The Camp Life team lives on site with the campers. We ask that the campers check in with a member of the Camp Life team if they need anything or if they wish to go anywhere other than where the group is. The campers' free time is very limited and social gatherings are organized and monitored.

### **Is there always someone for them to walk across campus with?**

We will travel in groups and there is always someone to walk with. We ask that campers notify us if they need someone to wait on them for some reason.

### **Will my student ever be alone?**

The campers are not left alone, as stated above, all activities are group activities. The campers will spend time in their rooms at night to sleep alone...but, we do not schedule "alone" time. Some campers require more privacy than others to function well. They can have that if they so desire...in their rooms.

### **What do I do about food allergies? Latex allergies? Mold allergies? etc.**

All allergies and any and all medical issues or considerations should be noted on the camper's registration form. You may also discuss this ahead of time with our camp director by sending direct communication to her.

### **How can I be sure my daughter won't sneak out of the house to be with her boyfriend?**

As stated above, we make every effort to have a secure housing situation for our campers. We hope that you will support our camp rules and expectations with your son or daughter. If they are broken, the camper will be sent home, at the parent's expense. We have a zero tolerance for not abiding by the Camp Rules and Regulations.

### **What do you do to make sure the students don't drink, smoke, etc.?**

Again, this has been addressed above...but, supervision is provided at all activities and group gatherings. There is a strict policy against substance abuse during camp. If a camper breaks the policy, they are sent home at the parents' expense. What a student does in the privacy of their room is really up to the student...but, if the Camp Life team suspects abuse of the policies, the camper will be confronted about the issue immediately and parents will be notified.

**What will happen if my child gets sick? What will you do for them?**

Our camp director is known as “Mama Wilson”...she is the campers’ mom away from home. If a camper becomes ill, we will notify the parents and take any steps necessary to get them the care they need. It will be a group effort to make sure the student gets healthy as soon as possible so they can return to camp activities. This is why we need all medical forms and insurance information for each camper, so we are able to care for them immediately.

**Is there someone they can go to if they are experiencing anxiety or stress?**

Our camp director, Laurie Wilson, and her team of DAAPCamp Leaders are there for the campers to discuss any anxieties or situations that may come up during camp. They are experienced in working with teens and will find a workable solution to their situation...or an answer to their question.

**If they go on fieldtrips, who is driving?**

They will be on a chartered bus or van with a driver provided from the service.

**We know you may have other questions...but we hope you have gotten most of them answered here. We truly look forward to having you with us!**