

## Some Residential DAAPCamps FAQs

### **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. Two bedrooms to a unit. Bedrooms house two campers in single beds. Bathrooms are shared with suite mates.

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

Sheets, a light blanket, a pillows 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?**

**ALL Camp Workers**, without exception are required to go through formal background checks and take training in Protection of Minors.

The campus housing provided for your child is extremely secure. Our housing this year is the newest dorm on campus and we will be the first people to occupy it. There will be DAAPcamp House Leads living on the floors 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. There is only one entrance to the building and it has a UC Housing staff member there 24/7. It is obviously up to the campers to stay in the housing after check-in. Anyone who would choose to leave would be doing so without permission and would be subject to immediate dismissal from camp at the camper’s expense.

## 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?**

If you wish to send or deliver something to your camper, please contact Laurie Wilson, Camp Director. You will meet her during orientation and check in. She will help you determine whether something should be dropped at Scioto Hall for pick up or sent to DAAP.

**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.

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

Depending upon the given area of study and the given day...their day will be filled with studio 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. Campers are required to wear their lanyard at all times for identification purposes and to have their key card in easy access with them. Please prepare them for this requirement.

**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. It is illegal. 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. Laurie has been trained in anxiety reduction techniques and actually teaches that in the college. The team is experienced in working with teens and will find a workable solution to their situation...or an answer to their question. We often have a service dog on site for anxiety reduction.

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

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

**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR CHOOSING DAAPCAMPS!**

If you have further questions, they may be directed to the DAAPcamps' email:

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