



Dear St. Albans Early Childhood Center Community,

Another season of excitement and fun is ready to begin at St. Albans Early Childhood Center (SAECC). We are thrilled to release our 2023 Summer Camp Calendar. This summer, we have scheduled 12 weeks of exciting summer activities where children can learn through play. While having fun, we will be intentionally making efforts to reinforce what the children have learned throughout the school year. In addition, they will continuously make connections to their environment as they engage in real life experiences. By the end of summer, our campers will have great stories to share, meaningful memories to recall and cherish.

Here are our important dates:

Monday, May 29 th	Memorial Day (School Closed)
Tuesday, May 30 th	First day of Infant, Toddler and Preschool Camp
Monday, June 19 th	Juneteenth (School Closed)
Monday, June 26 th	First day of School Age Camp (Last day of DCPS SY is June 22 nd)
Tuesday, July 4 th	Independence Day (School Closed)
Friday, August 18 th	Last day of Summer camp for All
August 21 st - August 25 th	SAECC closed for Professional Development

The hours of camp will be, 8am-5pm. All enrichment activities for Summer Camp are included in the tuition fees.

In our continued response to COVID-19 we have implemented stringent health and safety protocols. Procedures such as frequent hand-washing and regular sanitization routines will be practiced by both staff and campers. Mask-wearing be required during periods of medium-high transmission, test-to-stay, and when individuals exhibit symptoms of illness. A detailed copy of the full SAECC Covid-19 protocols can be found in the enrollment packet and in our weekly school newsletter.

Please take a moment to read this entire notification, while using the calendar as a guide, to ensure you are familiar with the daily offerings. Moreover, we ask that you pay close attention to the established guidelines to ensure a successful transition into our fun filled summer season.

Summer Guidelines:

1. Sunscreen

- Parents will apply sunscreen at home
- Parents will provide preferred brand
- Staff will reapply as needed with parental consent

2. Bug Spray

- Parents will apply bug spray at home
- Parents will provide preferred brand
- Staff will reapply as needed with parental consent

3. Dress Code

- Children with sensitivity to the sun should wear a visor, cap or hat
- Children are required to wear closed-toe shoes. Due to safety, styles such as jellies, crocs, flip flops, and or open toe sandals are not permitted
- All children, 2 years and older, must have 10 additional facemasks in a labeled ziplock bag

4. Water Play

- Children will be given a water bag
- Children should arrive with bathing suit and water shoes (closed-toe shoes)
- A complete change of clothes including under garments, socks, a towel, and shoes should be packed inside the water bag
- Staff will return the bag with a wet swimsuit, water shoes and towel
- Parents will be required to launder the items in the bag and return on the next water play day

Summer Camp Activity Details

Each two-week session holds an array of hands-on activities, water play, and unique enrichment experiences. Below is a brief description of the activities we have incorporated into our Summer Camp this year.

Pre-camp Session (5/30-6/9/23) ADVENTURE ON!

There is no better adventure than summer. Our first session of the summer will empower campers to be brave adventurers in big and small challenges. We'll go on scavenger hunts, create boats, maps and passports. Bon voyage!

Pre-camp Session (6/12-6/23/23) AROUND THE WORLD

This session highlights the importance of always being curious, active and global learners. We will travel the world from the comfort of our campus exploring music, dance, food, and art from around the world.

Session 1 (6/26-7/7/23) NATURE QUEST

Let's take this session to get back to nature and all its wonder. We will be growing and using different plants in cooking, art and gardening activities, practicing good earth stewardship, and taking a look at the diversity of environments and living things.

Session 2 (7/10-7/21) ENGINEERING EXTRAVAGANZA

Catapults, race cars, marshmallow towers and a trip to the Building Museum fill this fun session. Campers will flex their innovation muscles in these two weeks dedicated to the building of amazing things.

Session 3 (7/24-8/4/23) ANIMAL INVESTIGATIONS

Get out your animal print clothes and stuffies! We will be learning about different animals big and small, where they live, what they need, how they help us. Let's celebrate animals in our art projects, our dances, and in our neighborhood walks and field trips.

Session 4 (8/7-8/18/23) BRUSHES AND BEATS

What better way to close out summer than to create and reflect on our summer fun with big, bold colors and sounds. This final session will provide a multitude of opportunities to splatter and smear, to sing, dance and drum our hearts out!

This summer will also include a variety of guest vendors and field trips. Please note, these events are subject to change due to weather, attendance, or vendor considerations.

On-site guests:

Kuumba Kids: Kuumba Kids specializes in storytelling, music and movement. They incorporate culturally rich educational materials that foster a love for learning and promote critical thinking, respect for the environment, character development and creativity in their presentations.

Foam Party: This is a wet and wild way to flop around in foam in an inflatable pit.

Blue Sky Puppets: Since 1974 they have been one of the finest touring children's theaters on the East Coast. They perform over 1,000 shows per year and are dedicated to excellence in theatre, art, education and fun.

Wow Wheelz: This is a driving academy for kids! Children learn confidence, independence and coordination through play.

Mad Science: Mad Science encourages scientific literacy through hands-on science programs.

The Great Zucchini: The Great Zucchini is a colorful and engaging magic show entertainer.

Enrichment- Soccer Shots: This is a high-energy program introducing children to fundamental soccer principles, such as using your feet, dribbling and the basic rules of the game.

Field trips:

Piscataway Park is a national park in Maryland that is also home to National Colonial Farm, an historic farm museum that offers interactive learning experiences around the farm.

Building Museum offers a variety of educational exhibits that combines design and engineering concepts with hands-on play experiences.

National Zoo is located a hop, skip and a jomp from SAECC and is a 163-acre park committed to conservation and education. It is home to 1,800 animals representing more than 360 species.

We have so many enjoyable events in store that we can't wait to share with you and your child. Please direct any questions or concerns to the following staff:

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We are looking forward to a safe summer filled with fun and enjoyment for everyone!