

Summer at St. Albans Early Childhood Center

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We are thrilled to announce our 2022 School Age Summer Camp Calendar as we prepare for another season of excitement and fun at St. Albans Early Childhood Center (SAECC). This summer, we have scheduled 8 weeks of classic summer activities where children can learn through play. They will continuously make connections to their environment as they engage in real life experiences. By the end of summer, our little friends will have great stories to share, memories to recall, and experiences that were meaningful.

On Tuesday, May 31st, our currently enrolled SAECC students will start their transition into the School Age Program. They will help us welcome children who are new, incoming students to the School Age Program on Monday, June 27th, which will mark the first official day of Summer Camp! We will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022, in observance of Independence Day. The last day of Summer Camp is Friday, August 19th. The center will also be closed on August 22nd through August 26th for Staff Development. The hours of the center will be 8am-5pm. All enrichment activities and field trips for Summer Camp are included in the tuition fees.

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. Field trips are highlighted in orange and special guests will visit on a day highlighted in green. Moreover, we ask that you pay close attention to the following 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 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
- Children with sensitivity to the sun should wear a visor, cap or hat

4. Water Play

- Children will be given a blue water bag
- Children should arrive with bathing suit, a waterproof pull-up when applicable, and water shoes
- A complete change of clothes including undergarments, 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

5. Field Trips

- Parents will be required to complete a permission slip for each trip
- Red snack bags should be left at school
- Children and staff will ride on a coach bus with seat belts
- There will be no alternate care at the school on field trip days



Each month, we will have an array of activities including visits from special guests and instructors, field trips, water play, and unique enrichments conducted by our very own staff. On the next page, you will find brief descriptions of the on-site and off-site activities we have infused into our Summer Camp this year.

Onsite Events:

Zoo to You– “Zoo to You” is a program offered by Leesburg Animal Park. Their presentation will include a live petting zoo, featuring animals such as llamas, donkeys, pigs, goats, sheep, ducks, chicks, and bunnies.

Foam Party– The foam party is a fun foam pit. The children will require their water bag and a change of clothes. The foam is produced with organic materials and is safe for our children.

Waterplay– Water play is time for the friends to splash around in our fun sprinklers, water tables and watercolor art. Parents please remember that water play will be held on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. On Water Play Days we ask that the children come to school with their swimwear (bathing suit, swim trunks & water shoes) on and a change of clothes handy. We also ask that the children bring their towels and sunscreen as well.

Carnival– What better way is there than to end the summer with a carnival?! In this event, we will have our Administration team help to create a memorable summer with activities that include moon bounce, face paintings (with mask on) and more!

Offsite Field Trips:

The Potomac Overlook on July 13 – The Potomac overlook is a unique natural and historic place that has been preserved and enhanced with recreational facilities such as live beehives displays and streams that flow into the Potomac, here children will be able to explore the great outdoors!

Smithsonian Zoo on July 22 – The Smithsonian Zoo is located on Connecticut Ave in Washington DC. There are many different animals and exhibits to see and explore such as the Panda exhibit, the Bird House, and other animal habitats. Friends of the National Zoo, a non-profit, working in partnership with the National Zoological Park providing support to wildlife conservation programs at the zoo and around the world since 1958.

The Piscataway Park on August 12 – The Piscataway Park is a living classroom where generations come together to learn about the environment and the role that people play in shaping the landscape. Their education programs promote regenerative agriculture and agroforestry through inclusive, hands-on visitor engagement, scholarly research, and presentations.

Summer 2022 at SAECC will be packed with engaging education and endless adventures that we can't wait to share with you and your child. We are looking forward to a safe summer filled with fun and enjoyment. Please direct any questions or concerns to our Enrichment Coordinator, Ms. Tianna Barnes (tbarnes@saecc.org).

See you soon!
SAECC Administration