2019 Summer Scholars Information
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

- Each student is expected to arrive on campus between 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please do not arrive before check in time on the first day of camp as staff will be preparing for camp and will be unable to supervise scholars. Registration information will be sent to all scholars prior to their arrival on campus.
- Students must depart campus between the hours of 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Pickup will take place at student’s assigned dorm.
- Students staying for two or more sessions will remain on campus for the weekend between those sessions. Students will not be allowed to leave campus unsupervised, unless checked out by a parent (or someone on the approved check out form) and upon completion of a signed consent form.
- Airports that service the Greenville area are Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP), Charlotte, NC (CLT), Atlanta, GA (ATL) and Asheville, NC (AVL). The Summer Scholars program will provide van transportation to and from the Greenville/Spartanburg, SC airport during the designated arrival and departure times noted above. **There is a $200.00 charge for this service ($100 each way**). If students are unable to secure flights within the times noted above, you must contact program Administrative Assistant, Stephanie Henry at (864) 656-5535. All flight itineraries must be provided to Stephanie Henry no later than 3-weeks prior to arrival. These must be emailed to cusummerscholars@clemson.edu.
- For students arriving at Greenville-Spartanburg airport: Go to the baggage claim area on the lower level. A Summer Scholar representative will be in the baggage claim area. He/she will be holding “Summer Scholars” sign. You will be shuttled to the Clemson University campus by a van certified driver. Because we combine shuttle services for multiple participants, those scholars arriving/departing utilizing the Summer Scholars airport shuttle services may be subject to a short wait time in the airport terminal before or after their flight.
- Students will be required to provide their own transportation from all airports, excluding Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport. Atchison Transportation Service is our recommended provider for airport transportation. They may be reached at www.atchisontransport.com or by calling 864-595-1234.
Summer Scholars
What Every Parent Needs to Know

Location
The Summer Scholars Program takes place on Clemson University’s campus, in beautiful Upstate South Carolina.

How to Contact Director
For emergencies, call: 864-656-5535. Scholars are not allowed to use mobile phones during organized program activities so as to assist them in making the most of their campus experience. Should your scholar need to contact you during the week for special circumstances, the camp staff will assist them accordingly.

Facilities
Summer Scholars reside in a single-sex residence hall. The residence halls are air-conditioned. Refrigerators are not provided in individual dorm rooms. Scholars access their room by using a key. Each hall and/or outer door is card access protected, which each counselor will have access to. Scholars are asked to lock their door when leaving the room and when sleeping. Clemson University and Summer Scholars do not assume responsibility for any items lost or stolen. Scholars and parents/guardians will be asked to read and sign the “Housing Release of Liability” form before arriving. Scholars will enjoy most meals on campus at the Core Dining Hall. During field trips, students enjoy boxed lunches from the dining hall or catered meals off campus. Students are encouraged to eat three meals a day, as they will be kept very busy. All special requests that address dietary concerns should be noted on the application.

Residence Hall Group Assignments
Residence hall groups are assigned according to sex and age. If you have someone with which you want to room, please make this request on the CU Youth Camp/Program Health Exam form, but please know roommates are not guaranteed.

Arrival and Departure
Arrival is 3:00-4:00PM on Sunday at the residence hall main lounge. Please do not arrive before check in time on the first day of camp as staff will be preparing for camp and will be unable to supervise scholars. Departure on Saturday will be from 8:00-10:00 A.M at the student’s assigned dorm.

Expectations of Scholars
The Summer Scholars program is recommended for responsible middle and high school students that want to learn more about life in a college setting. While we recognize that this age student is not a college freshman, we do expect students to exhibit self-control and portray excellent character. The scholar and parent/guardian will be required to read and sign the “Code of Conduct” and the “Discipline” policy forms (which outline behavior standards) before arriving on campus. Scholars who continue to display problem behavior will be asked to withdraw from the program without a refund. No student will be allowed to leave the campus without the permission of their parent/guardian and the Director of Summer Scholars. Visitation by parents and friends is discouraged. Scholars may drive a car to campus but will not be allowed use of their personal vehicle until end-of-camp departure.

Staff
The ratio of scholars to counselor staff is 10 to 1. Scholars receive a high amount of small group interaction and personal attention from camp staff and instructors. Counselors have been chosen for their dedication and their ability to work with young people. They are Clemson University undergraduate students and some were Summer Scholars themselves! They are chosen on the basis of a thorough interview process, reference check, academic record, maturity, energy and skill level. They undergo extensive pre-camp training before assignment as counselors. Counselors supervise scholars 24 hours a day, live in the residence halls and are dedicated to the program. They accompany the scholars to class, on field trips and to social events. Counselors are assigned residence hall groups during the evening and nighttime. They are responsible for ensuring that students are aware of and comply with the expectations set before them.
Health Care
All scholars must submit a “Medical Statement” form to be admitted to the program. This form verifies that a scholar has had a recent annual physical. Sports physicals will be accepted.

Staff certified in First Aid and CPR will be present at camp 24 hours each day. The on-campus Redfern Health Center is available during weekday business hours, with Urgent Care in Clemson available through late evening. A full-service hospital is available within a 15-minute drive of campus.

All medications must be given to the health officer upon arrival at camp. The health officer will be responsible for properly administering the medicine on a daily basis as directed by a physician or parent. All prescription and non-prescription medications are kept under lock and key. (Exceptions may be made for inhalers or Epi-pens.)

Please refrain from packing such medications if possible. All campers are screened upon arrival at camp for good health prior to admission. We ask that no camper come to camp ill or with any contagious condition. We reserve the right to send your camper home if they become ill, develop any contagious condition (such as pink eye, or head lice,) or if they are unable to participate in the major activities of camp. If your camper cannot remain at camp due to health reasons you will NOT receive a refund of camp fees. Each camp has limited medical insurance on every camper for accidents and illnesses that occur at camp. Pre-existing illness and eyeglass/contact replacement are not covered. Camp is not responsible for eyeglasses or contacts that are lost or broken at camp.

Program Activities
Summer counselors plan many evening activities for the scholars to participate in throughout the week. Activities may include: bowling at The Underground, a game night on Bowman field, team building activities, a nature walk in the Botanical Gardens, etc. Scholars can expect light activity during these times and plenty of walking throughout the week (make sure to bring comfortable walking shoes).

Free time is also scheduled into the day and will include time at the dorm, Starbucks and ice cream runs, visits to the library, playing Frisbee on Bowman Field, etc. During free time, students may also have the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Office of Admissions, the Calhoun Honors College, or the Office of Community Engagement. Free time activities depend on group interests and are subject to change depending on weather, staff availability or acts of third parties beyond our control.

An example of a typical weekday:
Wake-up
Breakfast 8:00 am - 8:45
Morning Class 9:00 - 11:30
Lunch 11:30 -
Afternoon Class 1:00 pm - 3:30
Free time 3:30 - 6:00
Dinner 6:00 -
Evening Recreational Activities 7:00 - 8:30 pm
(May include, outdoor sports, swimming, indoor games, Fike Rec and Student Union)

Field Trips
Scholars will leave campus for a variety of activities. Some courses plan field trips to local establishments that reinforce what they are learning in class. Social time field trips vary from year to year but have included trips to see a local baseball game (Greenville Drive – Boston Red Sox minor league), area parks, and other recreational and cultural attractions. The expenses for the trips are included in the cost of the program and students will only need money for personal expenses.

Weather & Physical Conditions
The weather in Clemson is very warm (sometimes very hot!) in the summer. Daily temperatures range between 80 – 90 degrees and humid. Nights can also be very humid with temperatures in the 70’s. Scholars should bring appropriate clothing for warm weather. Please pack a refillable water bottle!
Sending Mail to Your Scholar
Please feel free to write your child. Scholars, especially middle schoolers, enjoy getting mail and feel left out when others receive mail and their name is not called. It would be a good idea to write your child and mail it before they leave home on Friday or Saturday prior to check-in, so mail will reach the camp before he/she leaves that week.

The mailing address is:
(Scholar’s Name) 
Summer Scholars Program 
2051 Barre Hall 
Clemson, SC  29634-0133

What to Bring
Packing Advice - What should I bring? What should I leave home? Recommended items are listed below. Please pack light. You do not have to bring everything in your closet or room! We recommend that campers bring only one suitcase and one bedroll. If possible, mark clothes with your name, as we will not be responsible for lost clothing or other personal items. You should be prepared to carry or wheel your luggage, and should not bring more than you can carry. If you are flying to Greenville, be sure to check the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) guidelines. Since most airlines are charging for extra bags, you will have to pack wisely!

Linen
- Students need to bring their own linen
- Sheets/blanket or sleeping bag (extra long single bed sheets to fit the residence hall mattresses)
- Pillow
- Towels/washcloths

Clothing List
- 2 pairs of comfortable shoes (One should be tennis shoes! - We walk A LOT) **Please view program-specific packing list in case closed toed shoes or other forms of footwear are required for your child’s course.**
- Flip flops or sandals
- Undergarments
- Sleeping clothes/pajamas
- 1 long sleeve shirt
- 3 – 4 short sleeve tops or t-shirts
- One pair of pants/nice jeans **Please view program-specific packing list in case long pants are required for your child’s course**
- 3 pair of shorts/skirts
- Socks
- Modest swimsuit and beach towel (The Fike Recreation Center on campus has a pool!)

Non-clothing items
- Sunscreen and lip gloss/lip balm
- Personal Toiletries (if flying, be sure these are 3 oz. or less in clear plastic bag)
- Bug Spray/Lotion
- Notebook and pens/pencils for class
- Wallet/spending money
- Glasses/contact lenses (Be sure to bring contact solution too!)
- Sunglasses
- Watch
- Cell phone and charger
- Prescription medicine and absolutely necessary over the counter pills & supplies (Only bring medications and medical supplies listed on your medical form)
- Water Bottle
- Alarm clock
Optional Items

- Camera – small, inexpensive (Please do not bring expensive equipment!)
- Earplugs (If you are a light sleeper.)
- Paperback books for leisure reading
- Work out clothes
- Playing cards
- Personal fan for your room (while rooms are air conditioned, you might want a fan.)

ABSOLUTELY NO FIREWORKS, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR WEAPONS ARE PERMITTED!

Laundry
Washers and dryers are available in the residence hall. Students must provide detergent, dryer sheets, etc. There is a minimal cost to use the machines.

Mobile Phones
Although we do not forbid cell phones at camp, we do limit use. If a camper needs to bring his or her cell phone to camp, we will ask that they refrain from using it during all organized program activities unless required in the course. They will be allowed to use it during unstructured free time for “checking in” with parents or emergencies.

Electronics
Electronic devices of any kind (other than cameras) may be used only during unstructured free time, rest periods, and/or before bed. They may not leave the dorm unless required in the course. Students will have access to Clemson University’s WIFI throughout the week. **Please view program-specific packing list in case specific electronics are required for your child’s course.**

Additional money
Many students enjoy purchasing Clemson University souvenirs, buying pizza together before bedtime, etc. It is at your discretion on the exact amount to send with them, however, a good suggestion would be around $20-$30 (excluding souvenirs).

Sending Snacks
You are able to send nonperishable snacks for your scholars, however, they will solely be responsible for them and refrigeration is not guaranteed. Vending machines are available in the residence halls.

Homesickness
Parents can help their student adjust to camp by letting them know that they expect them to have fun, meet new friends, and learn many new things. Our staff works hard to help campers adjust to camp by making sure they are involved in teambuilding and fun activities. If an emergency situation arises at home, we ask that you contact the camp director.
MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONICS

The purpose of this communication is to provide some guidance regarding our policy on electronic devices at Summer Scholars programs. We understand that electronic devices are valuable tools. In fact, several of our courses teach computer programming and video game design. *Exploring Architecture* even requires the student to bring a laptop computer so they can complete computer design work, both during and outside of class time.

Summer Scholars is an opportunity for young people to “power down” and take, what is for many young people, a well-needed break from the world of electronic devices. Although we do not forbid electronic devices at camp, we do limit their use and must monitor their contents in order to:

- Promote socialization between students
- Reduce the stress associated with the damage to and loss of electronics
- Allow students to focus on and fully benefit from the residential program experience
- Make efforts to prevent students from being exposed to material that is inappropriate.

In addition to offering academic rigor, Summer Scholars allows participants to develop autonomy, independence and a stronger sense of self. It allows them to make new friends, take responsibility for themselves and their roommates, problem solve and mature. However, a young person’s ability to focus on development of these important skills is often hindered by parents being only a phone call away. Students will often call or text parents for advice instead of turning to their peers or counselors. Use of electronic devices also creates isolation from peers at the program, instead of allowing the student to focus on all of the enriching activities and important peer connections a residential program experience offers.

For these reasons, we recommend that students leave all expensive electronic devices at home. These devices have a way of getting lost or broken at summer programs. Summer Scholars does not take responsibility for their loss or damage, nor does our insurance policy cover their replacement.

Mobile Phones
Although we do not forbid students to bring mobile phones, **we do limit and monitor their use throughout the program.** If a student needs to bring his or her mobile phone to the program, we will ask that the student refrain from using it during all organized program activities unless required by the course. Students will be allowed to use a mobile phone during unstructured free time for “checking in” with parents, or for emergencies. If a student is unable to abide by this request we will ask them to refrain from using the mobile phone Additional or excessive misuses will result in parental contact by the Director.

Other Electronic Devices
Electronic devices of any kind (other than cameras) may be used only during unstructured free time, rest periods, and/or before bed. They may not leave the residence hall unless required by the class. If you choose to allow your child to bring an electronic device (especially an expensive one), please discuss with your child the proper handling of such devices in a program setting: e.g., don’t leave the item on the floor next to your bed, or on the sink in the bathroom, inside a pile of clothes that ends up in the laundry, etc.

Personal Electronic devices; Computers, Smartphones, MP3’s, iPods, iPads, tablets, etc.
If your child will bring a device, please do the following:

- Monitor the age appropriateness of each and every movie and TV show your child may have on their device, keeping in mind that your child might show the content to other children. Ask yourself what type of programming you would want someone else showing your own child. Please check your child’s device(s)
before he/she comes to camp to make sure that it contains only appropriate content.

- Music should be appropriate for the program setting with other students present; i.e., no references to drugs, alcohol or sex, and no profane language.

**Portable Game Systems: Gameboy, PSP, Nintendo DS etc.**
If your child will bring a portable game system, please do the following:
- **Make sure that any games have received a rating of “E” for Everyone or “T” for Teen.** Discuss with your child, which games he/she is planning to bring to camp, and make sure that everything that is not age appropriate is removed from the case.
- For devices with video capabilities, ensure that all movies and TV shows are appropriate.

**Digital Cameras**
If your child has an inexpensive digital camera, he or she may bring it to the program. (Make sure you pack enough memory cards and batteries.) Please discuss proper use and handling of the camera. Make sure your child understands that **pictures should not be taken of other participants without their permission.**

For devices that offer **Internet capability,** Clemson University provides unfiltered Internet access via the wireless Eduroam network. Students will be asked to create an account and to agree to the use policy.

These policies are designed to create a welcoming and inclusive community at Summer Scholars. Please note that counselors will be monitoring the use of all electronic devices and may collect any device that does not adhere to these guidelines and return it to your child on closing day. Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation.

[NOTE: EVERY EFFORT IS MADE BY SUMMER SCHOLARS TO SEE THAT EACH SCHOLAR IS SUCCESSFUL IN OUR COURSES, OUR EMPLOYEES EXERCISE DISCRETION IN JUDGING THE SEVERITY OF DISCIPLINE ISSUES/MISBEHAVIOR AND IN APPLYING A RESPONSE BASED ON THE EMPLOYEE’S DISCRETIONARY JUDGEMENT. ANY STEPS OUTLINED ABOVE MAY BE SKIPPED OR REPEATED AT THE DISCRETION OF STAFF.]

See you this summer!