We have made some changes to our program policies for 2017 that we wanted to ensure all students and their families understand.

**CHANGE TO CELL PHONE POLICY**

- Students will not be allowed to keep their cell phones with them during the academic portion of camp (between 8:30AM and 3:30PM). Over the last few years, cell phones have become a greater distraction to the classes at Summer Academy. We want to encourage our students to focus on the interaction with their instructors and fellow students during their academic camps.
- Both day and overnight students’ phones will be collected and held by Summer Academy staff upon arrival to the Georgia Center each morning. Phones will be returned to students at the end of the academic camp day at around 3:30PM. **Overnight students will be allowed to keep their phones throughout the evening and overnight.**
- Parents who need to contact their child during the academic camp day for any reason can call the Summer Academy staff. The contact numbers will be included in your pre-camp communications.
- We appreciate student and parent support of this policy. We strongly believe it will enhance the experience for all of our students!

**CHANGE TO MEDICATION POLICY**

- We will be collecting all prescription and over-the-counter medications when students arrive at Summer Academy. This is to ensure that only your child has access to their needed medications. Students will be allowed to keep inhalers and epi-pens.
- Students are responsible for knowing when they need to take their medications. They will notify our staff members who will dispense the required medication.
- More information about medication procedures will be provided in pre-camp communications.

**CHANGE TO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS**

- In prior years, scholarship applicants were required to pay the 50% remaining cost of each camp at the time of initial application. This year we will not require scholarship applicants to make any payments at the time of initial application.
- There will be two deadlines for scholarship application. All scholarship applications received by the deadline of March 14, 2017 will be considered at that time and awarded based on financial need. Scholarship recipients will be notified within the next week. Between March 15 and April 19, 2017, scholarship applications received will be considered on a first come basis. Upon notification, you will have 48 hours to respond and pay the remaining registration fee for the camp (or at least 50% of the remaining fee, with the rest due no later than three weeks before the camp begins). Once all scholarship spaces are allocated for a camp, all scholarship applicants who did not receive a scholarship will be notified. If there are still openings in the camp, participants can be registered at the full rate if desired. If camp is full, participants can be placed on the waiting list.
- Full details and application requirements will be available on our website via the 2017 SAUGA Financial Assistance Form (this will be available once registration opens on February 15, 2017).
We are working to continue improving the Summer Academy at UGA experience for all of our students. If you have questions on these policy changes or anything else regarding Summer Academy at UGA, feel free to contact the program coordinator, Brian Stone, at 706-542-7255 or brian.stone@georgiacenter.uga.edu.

For more information,

Please call or email

706-542-3537

questions@georgiacenter.uga.edu