

Dear Parents,

With Summer Scholars camp right around the corner, we have some final business to address before camp begins. Please read all the information contained in this e-mail and review it with your child before camp. We have included information about arrivals and departures, about communicating with your child during the week, a list for what to bring to camp, and our codes and rules.

Students will not receive a class schedule, dorm room assignment, or roommate information until they register on July 12. However, we will try to honor class choices from your child's application and all roommate requests that we receive between July 1-9. Some of you have already sent roommate requests, but to insure we have not overlooked any of those requests, please e-mail the request again.

Please e-mail all roommate requests to Kelly Espy directly at kespy@ehc.edu. The e-mail should state your child's name, school, year, and roommate request.

Additionally, before your child comes to camp, we must have a completed health form in our files (see the health form attachment on this e-mail). This form is to help us treat your child in case of an emergency.

Parent Pre-Camp Checklist

- ✓ Have you completed and returned the health form?
- ✓ Have you finished paying the remainder of the camp tuition?
- ✓ Have you e-mailed your child's roommate request to Kelly Espy?
- ✓ Have you given us your most current contact information (an e-mail address and number where we can best reach you)?
- ✓ Have you gone over this e-mail with your child?

For questions regarding the content of this e-mail, please e-mail Director Kathy Litton at klitton@ehc.edu or call (276) 619-1265.

We will see you in a few weeks!

Sincerely,

Kathy Litton

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Information for Parents:

Arrival

Parents and Scholars should plan on arriving at E&H College Sunday, July 12, between 3:00-4:30 p.m. Please report to the lobby of Wiley Hall.

(See www.summerscholars.ehc.edu for a map of the campus).

What will I do when I arrive?

1. All Scholars must first register in the Wiley Hall lobby. This is where Scholars will receive class schedules for the week, a map of campus and their room keys.
2. Summer Scholars can then go with their parents to their residence hall rooms to unpack, look around campus, and say their goodbyes.
3. Parents and Scholars will report back to Wiley Hall auditorium on the second floor for the opening program at 4:30-5 p.m.
4. Summer Scholars campers will leave for dinner and orientation with counselors while parents finish the program with the camp director.
5. After the program, parents will head home.

Departure

Parents are invited to attend a final presentation by some of the Summer Scholars at 12:30-2:30 p.m., Friday, July 17 in Wiley Hall Auditorium.

Parents are expected to attend the final ceremony in Memorial Chapel from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 17, after which you will take your child home.

IMPORTANT:

COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR CHILD WHILE AT CAMP

Summer Scholars is a great opportunity for your child to practice independence and learn critical social skills while in a safe, supervised environment. We've found that the parents' attitude and approach can often prevent or lessen their child's homesickness. We ask that you prevent homesickness by encouraging your child to

enjoy this experience, stay at camp the duration of the week, and to make at least one new friend.

Parents will be able to contact their Summer Scholar through e-mail or through the USPS mail system by writing to:

Your child's name, Summer Scholars
P.O. Box 947
c/o Director Katherine Litton
Emory, VA 24327

Any mail that arrives for campers each day will be passed out to your child during their nightly hall meetings with the counselors.

Please DO NOT let your child bring a cell phone to camp (see the rules). If the camper goes against the rules and brings a cell phone, counselors will collect and keep the cell phone for the duration of camp.

Contact Information:

You can contact the Director of Summer Scholars, Kathy Litton at:

Office: 276-944-6490

Cell: 276-619-1265

E-mail: klitton@ehc.edu (this is the best way of reaching me)

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What to bring to camp

- ✓ Sheets for a twin bed (extra long), a blanket and a pillow
- ✓ Towels (1-2 bath towel/s, hand towel, washcloth, beach towel)
- ✓ Alarm clock
- ✓ Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, brush, shampoo, soap, hair dryer, contact solution)
- ✓ Rain jacket or umbrella
- ✓ Sweatshirt or jacket and one pair of pants for cool nights
- ✓ College-ruled paper, one 3-ring binder with pockets, pens, pencils
- ✓ Comfortable athletic shoes
- ✓ Comfortable and tasteful summer clothing for class (see our dress code)
- ✓ Clothing for sports and recreation (for instance a bathing suit, t-shirts, and shorts)
- ✓ One dressier outfit for the Barter Theater (optional)
- ✓ Spending money for the Emory Mercantile (optional)

Other Suggestions

- ✓ **Shoes for the shower (flip-flops)**
- ✓ **Fan**
- ✓ **Recreational equipment such as baseballs and baseball/softball gloves, tennis racquet and balls, Frisbees, volleyballs, or soccer balls.**
- ✓ **Any item needed for the talent show**
- ✓ **Sunscreen**

DRESS CODE

Scholars, please remember you are representing your school, community, and this organization. Please dress appropriately for the nature of a scholastic camp. We recognize that the weather is hot during July, and we encourage students to wear lightweight summer clothing like t-shirts and shorts. Scholars will participate in a variety of activities at camp for which he or she should have appropriate clothing (clothing for sports and recreation, class, and evening activities). During the day you will be in class, so our expectation is that you will show proper respect for Emory & Henry College, the professors, camp staff and your fellow scholars by wearing modest clothing (this means shorts with a length that falls around mid-thigh, no exposed navels, no clothing with revealing rips or meshwork, no visible undergarments on young men or women, no offensive logos or slogans on any clothing, including hats).

Please leave expensive jewelry, watches, and electronics at home since the college cannot be responsible for an item if it should become lost or stolen.

Summer Scholars camp rules:

Summer Scholars Golden Rule: Try something new.

RESPECT one another at ALL times (no bullying will be tolerated, no exclusion, no profanity or vulgar behavior, no rudeness-either in remarks or actions).

Show ENTHUSIASM (Camp is meant to be a fun! We are striving for a friendly and pleasant environment for everyone. Leave all attitude problems at home!)

Attend ALL planned activities—students are not permitted in the dorm rooms or any unsupervised area on campus during those times.

Never leave the main campus without supervision.

Stay away from the RAILROAD TRACKS. Only cross the railroad at the designated crosswalk.

Dorms are divided by gender—only girl Summer Scholars are permitted in their dorm Wiley Jackson and only boy Summer Scholars are permitted in their dorm Stewart. **Girls** may not go into the boys' dorm and **Boys** may not go into the girls' dorm.

No Summer Scholar is allowed to be away from his or her dorm hall after lights out.

Drugs, alcoholic beverages, and tobacco products are forbidden on campus.

No cell phones are allowed. Counselors will keep cell phones until the end of the week if they are brought to camp.

The rules above are given to safeguard your child during the week of camp. Many of the rules are also rules of E&H College. Please discuss these rules with your child and encourage your child to follow the rules, and to understand that restrictions are necessary to keep him or her safe, healthy and happy while on campus. If any of these rules are broken during the week, it will be handled by a chain of command starting with his or her counselor and ending with the director of Summer Scholars (depending on the situation). A major violation of the rules may require the removal of your child from our Summer Scholars Institute.

WHAT IF MY CHILD GETS SICK AT CAMP?

During the week of camp, we have a fully licensed campus nurse available for any health situations that may arise.

To properly assess your child's health situation in case of emergency, we must have a completed health form in our files (the health form is attached to this e-mail. Please print the form and return it to us before camp or bring it with you on the day of camp July 12. If your child has a current or recurring medical condition, or is taking medication, please get that information to us before camp begins so we can develop a plan of action).

Please fill this form out with all necessary information, in particular all allergies that your child has, and/or any other potential risks. If your child has diabetes or asthma, please indicate that on the health form as we can monitor that as needed during the week. Additionally, your child must have health insurance coverage before attending camp. If your child does not have health insurance, you must let us know immediately.

Encourage your child to communicate clearly with his or her counselor. If your child should become sick during the week, the counselor will inform the head counselor who will meet with the directors of camp and the nurse to determine a course of action. Should sickness prevent your child from participating in camp, we may send your child home.

To insure we are able to reach you in case of emergency, please make certain you have filled in primary contact and a secondary contact (in case we cannot reach the primary) information on the health form. The phone number and e-mail you include should be ones you will check frequently. Please indicate the best way to contact you during that week (phone or e-mail).

Finally, please remind your child that his or her counselor is trained and available to handle camp situations. All Summer Scholars should feel comfortable communicating with his or her counselor in all camp matters. Additionally, we encourage the buddy system on campus (your child's roommate is a good choice). Our schedule and activities are arranged to keep students together with adult supervision, but remind your child that he or she should always stay with a group and avoid situations where he or she is alone.