

Camp FAQs

How can I keep up with my child while they are on campus?

With technology it's easy to stay in touch with your child while he/she is on campus. Whether through the use of cell phones, email, Facebook or Twitter there are many options you have to stay tuned in to what's going on at camp. Please follow us on Facebook (UK AHEC) and Twitter (@ukahec) for the best, most current information straight from the AHEC office. Students may bring and use their personal cell phones however cell phones may not be used during class and/or camp programs except for emergency circumstances.

What kind of security measures are in place to keep campers safe on campus?

- Students are **required** to be accompanied by **at least one** other student whenever they leave the dormitory complex and must inform a resident advisor where they are going, with whom they are going, and when they will return. This is done via an established sign-in/out process discussed with students at the beginning of the camp. If a student leaves campus (i.e. to return home with parents for the weekend) he/she **must** sign out with an advisor and sign in again upon returning to the residence hall. Students may only be signed out by either a parent/guardian or an individual listed on the "Student Checkout Release Form".
- Security officers make regular checks of all University buildings and facilities.
- In case of an emergency (e.g. fire, illness, accident, building security), telephones in each residence hall provide a direct line to the switchboard.
- There will be a night watch person on duty every night of the program for student safety and concerns. This individual is in addition to UK Health Careers staff Resident Advisors in the dormitory.
- UK AHEC staff are also on call nightly.

Can my child come home on the weekends?

We certainly encourage our students to stay on campus during the weekends as we have planned activities for them. However as long as your child is signed out by either a parent/guardian or an individual listed on the "Student Checkout Release Form" he/she may check out each weekend and check back in no later than 9 pm on Sunday evening prior to the beginning of the next week.

Can I visit my child during camp?

While we want students to have the full "college" experience, visiting with your child during camp is permitted. It is not unusual for parents or relatives to visit with a student, go to dinner, etc so long as correct sign out procedures are followed. It is recommended that parents wanting to visit with their child arrange to do so after camp classes or activities are completed.

Who will be interacting with the campers?

Medical professionals, Deans from the medical colleges, professors, AHEC staff, and current UK Health Professions students

What does my child need to bring?

- Student must bring a government issued photo ID (permit, drivers license, passport, id from county clerk's office)
- Linens for extra-long twin size bed, blanket, pillow
- Laundry facilities are available in dorms, bring own detergent or you may buy some
 - Laundry machines accept Visa and MasterCard credit or debit cards for payment
- Alarm Clock
- Towels, Washcloths, Soap
- Personal Toiletries
- Business Casual Clothing required for shadowing and volunteering
- **Long pants and closed toe shoes (tennis shoes) for Chemistry lab**
- Light jacket for evening activities
- Swimsuit/Towel
- Umbrella in case of rain
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Telephone for dorm room if desired (Cellular phones are allowed)

Can my child bring their own computer/laptop?

Students are permitted to bring their own computer and will have internet access. However, all webcams or any type of computer camera is strictly prohibited and not allowed in use on campus or in the dorm setting.

How much money does my child need?

We like to say that we provide everything a student *needs* (all meals, materials, housing). We can't provide for everything a student might *want*. If you'd like to send money with your child only a small amount of spending/fun money is suggested. A large amount of cash is discouraged.

Are there laundry facilities?

Yes, the dorm has a laundry facility on site. Campers will need a debit/credit card in order to pay for loads of laundry.

Are the students in camp sessions ALL day? Is there any fun?!

We strive to make this camp experience both educational and enjoyable for camp participants. There are a wealth of activities scheduled for students during their time away from camp classes and sessions. These activities, in the past, have included a Lexington Legends

baseball game, trips to the mall and movies, along with a trip to the Woodland Pool and Aquatic Center in Lexington, among other things. We end each around 4pm; students are encouraged to spend their free time however they see fit (provided they do not leave campus and are in groups of at least two students). Student also have access to tennis and basketball courts on campus.

What should a student wear?

Students are encouraged to wear clothing that is light and comfortable along with comfortable shoes for walking our campus. Outside of the chemistry lab (where long pants and closed toed tennis-like shoes are required), there is no set dress code. However, UK AHEC staff reserve the right to ask a student to change should their clothing be deemed inappropriate for whatever reason (too short, revealing, offensive, etc.).

If a student has an issue with their roommate/another camper, who do they call?

Each student is encouraged to feel comfortable with the Resident Advisor staff and should approach them first. RAs will assess the situation before moving up the chain of command to AHEC staff.

What is the closing ceremony?

The closing ceremony for the summer camps is a time for celebration of the completion of the Summer Enrichment Program and a time for students completing the Health Researchers Youth Academy to showcase their posters! The ceremony also provides parents an opportunity to meet with other campers your child has interacted with throughout camp. We invite campus partners, as well as family and friends to attend as each student is recognized for their time and effort as part of the summer camp each year. The ceremony is mandatory for all campers. Parents and families are encouraged to attend. Immediately following the ceremony, students are required to move out of the residence halls.