

# FAQ

## Frequently Asked Questions

- ▶ **What are the dates & times for Camp Olympia?**
  - July 22- Aug 2, 2019
  - 9 a.m – 4 p.m. Monday-Friday
- ▶ **Where do we drop off and pick up the student attending Olympia Summer Academy?**
  - Drop off at The Westwood School, Lower School Campus located at 14340 Proton Road, Dallas, TX, 75244 by 8:30 a.m. each day.
  - Then, we travel on The Westwood School bus to UTD and arrive there by 9 a.m.
  - We return to The Westwood School by 4 p.m. each day where you can pick up your middle schooler.
- ▶ **How much background does the student need in the area they have selected (i.e. STEAM, Human Body; Culture & Arts)?**
  - The student doesn't need to have a background in the area they've selected. We've designed the program to fit their grade level and to help them develop their critical thinking skills. We help them learn new terms and concepts in the context of specific subjects.
- ▶ **How much homework will be assigned?**
  - There's no homework assigned. Olympia Summer Academy is designed to make learning fun for the student.
- ▶ **How do I get my student interested in attending an academic camp?**
  - One suggestion is to focus on how much fun they will have learning in a college environment. Help them think of it like an academic Adventure Leadership Program (ALPS) trip. Our ALPS trips at Westwood are loads of fun and our students also gain so much from these experiences. Olympia Summer Academy is the same.
  - Sometimes, students seem uninterested but they are really afraid to venture into something new. Assure them they can handle this opportunity to make new friends while having fun doing things that interest them. You can also suggest they invite a friend who shares similar interests to apply to Olympia Summer Academy.
- ▶ **Can you share one of the questions students have tackled in past Olympia programs?**
  - 2018 Summer Academy STEM Question: " How have decisions in engineering impacted the living environment of the inhabitants of Houston, Texas post hurricane Harvey?"
- ▶ **How does the question differ based on the area the student has selected for concentration (i.e. STEAM, the human body or culture & arts)?**
  - Students interpret the same question based on the specific camp concentration they have selected (STEAM, The Human Body, or Culture and the Arts). Students have the freedom to demonstrate their responses to the question in different ways and there are lots of opportunities to collaborate with the other campers. This reinforces the importance of teamwork and lets them take learning to new levels.
- ▶ **Can you share the background of the teachers for Olympia Summer Academy?**
  - The camp teachers are passionate about their content area!
  - They all possess Bachelor degrees
  - They are all trained in child development and are familiar with the developing needs of students in this age group
  - The teachers are all trained in CPR
  - They all have all engaged with interdisciplinary teaching and learning
  - They all have experience with summer camps

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- ▶ **What is the price for Olympia Summer Academy?**
  - \$600 for two weeks
- ▶ **Can a student attend just one week?**
  - The program has been designed for 2 weeks. Therefore, it would be difficult for a student to get the most out of the program if they only attend one week.
- ▶ **How does a student apply for Olympia Summer Academy?**
  - We're taking applications for 2019 Olympia Summer Academy through June 15, 2019. Find the application which includes a section for parents and one for the student at <https://www.westwoodschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Olympia-Registration-form-2019-FILLABLE.pdf>
- ▶ **Is there a deadline for applying to Olympia Summer Academy?**
  - Yes, we're taking applications for 2019 Olympia Summer Academy through June 15, 2019.