

LINDEN HALL *Summer*



Summer 2021 Parent Guide
GIRLS Camp

Growth **I**magination **R**ecreation and **L**earning in the **S**ummer

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Welcome TO SUMMER AT LINDEN HALL 2021!

*create
play
learn
grow*

While this summer is a bit different due to Covid-19, some things never change. Summer at Linden Hall still offers enriching experiences through which “girls are valued and known,” even with masks, social distancing, hand sanitizing, and frequent cleaning.

During the GIRLS (Growth, Imagination, Recreation, and Learning in the Summer) Day Camp, campers choose one of two offerings for the morning specialty elective. Based on that choice, campers remain in cohorts or pods for the entire day, limiting interactions with others to a smaller group. In the afternoon, the cohort travels together through academic, creative, and athletic stations engaging in a well-rounded experience and meeting a variety of interests.

Linden Hall student counselors work closely with campers to act as role models and give campers a taste of the Linden Hall sisterhood. This year, the same counselors remain with the cohort of campers the entire day in order to create a safe “bubble.” While the cohort does travel to different classrooms with different instructors, the counselors guide the campers and help ensure their safety. This also allows the counselors to develop closer relationships with the campers as they often work one-on-one with the campers.

Whether attending one week or all three, campers are sure to have a fun and unforgettable experience in a safe and supportive environment.

Location

Our picturesque 49-acre campus is situated in the heart of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in the quaint town of Lititz. Listed as one of the nation’s top 10 Distinctive Destinations by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and named the Coolest Small Town in America for 2012-2014, Lititz offers an eclectic mix of specialty shops, cafes, and restaurants. Lititz is home to Wilbur Chocolate and Sturgis Pretzels, the site of America’s first commercial pretzel bakery. Linden Hall is ideally located between the cultural centers of Baltimore, New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C., as well as the smaller city of Lancaster.

History of Linden Hall

Founded in 1746, Linden Hall is the oldest continuously run girls’ boarding and day school in the United States. Throughout our 274-year history, the principles of the Moravian Church – that a girl should develop a love of knowledge in order to reach her fullest potential – have provided the foundation of a Linden Hall education, as it has evolved into a leading college preparatory school for girls in grades 6-12. Ours is a diverse and inclusive community that graduates independent thinkers and globally aware citizens.



Contact Information

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday–Thursday

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday

MAIN OFFICE

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Please note that even if the reception desk is closed, dialing the desired extension will still reach the appropriate staff member. Email is the preferred method of communication.

GIRLS Day Camp

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DATES: July 12-16, July 19-23, July 26-30

AGES: Elementary (Entering Grades 2–5) and Middle School (Entering Grades 6–8)

PRICE: \$300 for one week, \$575 for two weeks, and \$850 for all three weeks

HOURS: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

EXTENDED DAY: Morning and After Care available, 7:30–9:00 AM and 4:00–5:30 PM

SCHEDULE

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM – Assembly

9:15 AM - 12:10 PM – Specialty Programs

12:15 PM - 12:45 PM – Lunch

12:50 PM - 1:45 PM – Station 1

1:50 PM - 2:45 PM – Station 2

2:50 PM - 3:45 PM – Station 3

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM – Assembly

Elementary Offerings		
Week 1: July 12–16		
	Cohort 1	Cohort 2
SPECIALTY	Worlds of Adventure	Wonders of the Ancient World
STATION 1	Athletics: Create Your Own	Escape Room
STATION 2	DIY: Trash to Treasure	Athletics: Create Your Own
STATION 3	Escape Room	DIY: Trash to Treasure
Week 2: July 19–23		
	Cohort 1	Cohort 2
SPECIALTY	"Count Me In" Math	Virtual Field Trips
STATION 1	Olympics	Scavenger Hunts
STATION 2	DIY: Toys & Games	Olympics
STATION 3	Scavenger Hunts	DIY: Toys & Games
Week 3: July 26–30		
	Cohort 1	Cohort 2
SPECIALTY	Favorite Authors	Changing Seasons
STATION 1	Outdoor Games	Puzzlers
STATION 2	DIY: Classic Camp Crafts	Outdoor Games
STATION 3	Puzzlers	DIY: Classic Camp Crafts

Middle School		
Week 1: July 12–16		
	Cohort 1	Cohort 2
SPECIALTY	Creative Writing	Leadership
STATION 1	Outdoor Games	Puzzlers
STATION 2	DIY: Classic Camp Crafts	Outdoor Games
STATION 3	Puzzlers	DIY: Classic Camp Crafts
Week 2: July 19–23		
	Cohort 1	Cohort 2
SPECIALTY	Dystopian Novels	Project Management
STATION 1	Athletics: Choose Your Own	Escape Room
STATION 2	DIY: Trash to Treasure	Athletics: Choose Your Own
STATION 3	Escape Room	DIY: Trash to Treasure
Week 3: July 26–30		
	Cohort 1	Cohort 2
SPECIALTY	STEAM	Wonders of the Ancient World
STATION 1	Olympics	Scavenger Hunts
STATION 2	DIY: Toys & Games	Olympics
STATION 3	Scavenger Hunts	DIY: Toys & Games

Description

The GIRLS Day Camp features a choice of a morning three-hour specialty electives with station activities in the afternoon. All campers in the same age group rotate through the same creative, athletic, and academic afternoon stations but within smaller cohorts based on their morning selection. While each camp course or activity is led by a different instructor, Linden Hall student counselors remain with each cohort throughout the day.

Arrival and Departure Times

Campers should arrive prior to 9:00 am each morning and be picked up at 4:00 pm. Morning care is available 7:30–9:00 am and after care is available 4:00–5:30 pm for campers who need earlier or later drop off and pick up times. Please refer to the Check In/Out Procedures and Extended Day sections for more details.

Course Descriptions

- **Worlds of Adventure** – Explore the adventurous world of a different classic children’s story each day. Fall into Wonderland, travel to Oz, fly to Neverland, step into Narnia, and visit the Nutcracker’s Land of Toys. Play games, complete crafts, and learn more about some of the most endearing lands in literature.
- **Wonders of the Ancient World** – Tour the ancient kingdoms and learn about their cultures. Through crafts, stories, and games, campers experience the wonders of ancient Egypt, Rome, Greece, South America, and Asia. Activities vary by age level.
- **“Count Me In” Math** – A math camp designed specifically for girls, this specialty elective aims to review or preview important math skills through games, imaginative play, simulated “real-world” experiences, and other activities. The math concepts included are targeted for girls entering grades 3-5. For more information about this program, visit www.countmeinmath.com.
- **Virtual Field Trips** – Use technology resources developed during the pandemic to virtually travel the world and see far away places. For this in-person specialty elective, campers “visit” art museums, national parks, the Smithsonian, famous world monuments, and zoos. Examples may include, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Grand Canyon, the Eiffel Tour, and the National Zoo. Campers engage in crafts, games, and other learning experiences based on the places they visit.
- **Favorite Authors** – Each day, campers learn about the life and writings of some of the most popular children’s authors. Examples include, Dr. Seuss, Judith Viorst, Shel Silverstein, and more.
- **Changing Seasons** – Travel through the different seasons of the year. Write poems, complete science experiments, play games, and create crafts based on a different season theme each day.
- **Dystopian Novels** – Delve into the worlds of some of the most popular books for middle school readers. Through *The City of Ember*, *The Giver*, *The Hunger Games*, *Divergent*, and *The Maze Runner* campers learn about dystopian societies and post-apocalyptic worlds. While it is not required, for the best experience, campers should be familiar with these stories prior to camp.
- **Leadership** – This middle school specialty elective uses the Girls with Ideas Leadership curriculum. Designed specifically for teaching girls to gain confidence in their leadership abilities, this curriculum inspires girls to use their voice to make a difference.
- **Project Management** – This middle school specialty elective uses the Girls with Ideas Project Management Curriculum. Girls learn how to plan a community service project step-by-step and have the chance to carry it out. It is a great follow up to the Leadership curriculum but can also be completed on its own.
- **DIY** – At this creative “Do It Yourself” station, campers create a variety of DIY projects from décor to duct tape. Projects vary by age level.
- **Olympics** – Celebrate the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics! From track and field athletic events to volleyball and soccer, campers compete in their Red and Blue Teams to try out some of the Summer Olympic games just like the world athletes. Activities may vary by age level.
- **Scavenger Hunts** – Practice trivia by following the clues around campus. Arising from a special request, campers will participate in a variety of different scavenger hunts that allow them to tour campus while testing their knowledge of nature, books and movies, and even Linden Hall history.
- **Cooking** – Have fun with basic cooking and baking at this creative station. Learn kitchen safety skills with hands-on practice from our school chefs. Eat what you make! **Please let us know about any dietary restrictions ahead of time.**
- **STEAM** – In this middle school elective, campers explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. They will watch demonstrations and complete fun experiments or activities related to each STEAM area. Campers may be asked to bring a laptop or iPad for this course. Further details will be emailed to parents prior to the start of camp.
- **You Be the Teacher** – For this athletic-themed station, elementary campers teach other campers their favorite active game or sport. Campers can stretch their leadership and communication skills while also playing their favorite games. Campers who do not feel comfortable speaking in front of others may participate without teaching and may learn some fun, new games they have never played.
- **Choose Your Own** – Middle school campers vote on their favorite camp games and sports to play in this athletic station. Since every group of campers is different, offering choices from a list of available games allows campers to customize their experience. Campers may also introduce their own ideas, as long as they are approved by an instructor and the equipment is available.
- **Escape Room** – Campers solve a plethora of puzzles in a different themed escape room each day. Campers may travel through time, visit an Egyptian tomb, go on a treasure hunt, or escape a classroom. Themes and puzzles vary by age level.

Extended Day

DATES: July 12-16, July 19-23, July 26-30

AGES: Entering Grades 2–8

PRICE: Morning Session: \$75/week | Afternoon Session: \$75/week

DROP OFF: Morning Session: 7:30 AM

PICK UP: Afternoon Session: 5:30 PM

Extended Day is designed for campers who need an earlier drop-off time or later pick-up time, or for campers who wish to extend their camp fun. Campers complete crafts, play games, socialize, and more.

Campers attending the afternoon session should bring a snack each day. Campers may not share food with others. Covid-19 safety procedures are followed.

Check-in and check-out procedures still apply for morning and afternoon sessions but occur at 7:30 AM and 5:30 PM. If these times do not accommodate your family's needs, please communicate directly with the Summer Programs Director, Meredith Renfro, regarding alternate times. For safety, it is important that camp staff know when to expect campers to be on campus.

Policies and Procedures

Expectations

Campers are expected to follow all camp rules and policies. For their own well-being, campers should follow the directions of any leader overseeing an activity, including camp staff and school employees. In the unlikely event that a camper chooses disruptive or harmful behavior, she may be required to sit out of an activity or may be sent home.

What to Wear

The ideal clothing for camp is something that is cool and comfortable in accordance with the following dress code. No short shorts, bare midriffs, or revealing spaghetti straps. Undergarments should not be visible, and shorts should be at least finger-tip length. Clothing should not display references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, or profanity. Bikinis are not permitted for activities requiring bathing suits. It is recommended campers wear sneakers or other comfortable, closed-toed shoes. Flip-flops are discouraged because they can be a tripping hazard during active play. **Masks are required for Summer 2021.**

What to Bring

Due to Covid-19, we are asking campers to bring commonly used supplies with them this year to decrease the need for shared items. If campers cannot bring supplies or do not have something that is needed, it will be provided. When applicable, shared supplies will be wiped down prior to distribution, and campers are encouraged to use hand sanitizer before and after use.

Commonly Used Supplies (Please Bring)

- ☐ Book bag (to carry supplies and take-home items)
- ☐ Pencils/pens
- ☐ Glue stick
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Coloring supplies (markers preferred, but crayons or colored pencils are also appropriate)
- ☐ **Extra mask** (sealed in a baggie to keep clean)
- ☐ **Packed lunch and morning snack** (snacks and meals are not provided this year)
- ☐ Water bottle (no-touch water refill stations will be available)
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Sweater or sweatshirt for air-conditioned classrooms (optional)

Less Common Supplies (Optional)

- ☐ Elmer's white glue or craft glue that dries clear
- ☐ Ruler
- ☐ Black permanent marker (Sharpie or similar)
- ☐ Hand sanitizer (for personal use, hand sanitizer will be provided in each area)

What Not to Bring

- Weapons of any kind, including pocket knives, cutlery, or guns
- Expensive jewelry or other valuables that may be lost or broken

Technology Policy

It is highly discouraged for campers to bring technology devices to camp, except when needed for camp courses. Laptops or iPads may only be used if required for a course and should not be brought to camp otherwise. Linden Hall is not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken devices.

It is recognized that cell phones may be necessary for contact with parents and for emergency purposes. Cell phones may not be used during camp activities. Campers wishing to take photos on their phone during an activity must ask permission from the instructor or activity leader. Linden Hall provides photos of camp through a Shutterfly account.

The misuse of technology may result in the confiscation of the device for the duration of an activity or the entire camp day.

Check In and Out Procedures

Masks are mandatory at camp for all staff, campers, and camper family members, even in outdoor spaces. Campers and staff may remove masks only when eating or drinking and socially distanced. All parents must fill out a Covid-19 symptoms checklist daily prior to arrival at camp. A link with the online form will be sent out to parents. This form can be completed easily through smart phones prior to leaving home or from cars in the parking lot.

The check-in and check-out procedures are different this year due to Covid-19 (see below for specific details). The camp reserves the right to adjust procedures as needed for the safety of campers and staff. Any changes will be communicated to parents via email. It is important that parents check email regularly for camp communications.

Parents are asked to pull into the drop-off circle. They should pull forward to the next available space, including in front of the Honeycutt dorm entrance (where the lion statue is located). Camp staff will meet campers at their cars. The camper should be standing on the sidewalk next to their cars with their mask on. Staff will check campers' temperature. Campers with a temperature above 100.4 will be returned to their car (please be aware that the same is true for camp staff). Camp staff will also check in with parents to make sure that the daily checklist is completed and provide paper copies when needed. Campers will then be directed to meet their cohort at their outdoor meeting location to start the camp day.

In case of inclement weather such as rain or excessive heat, parents are asked to park their cars and walk campers to the Evita M. Allen Center for Academic Excellence, using the Fountain Courtyard entrance. A check-in table is set up directly inside the door. Parents and campers should socially distance while waiting in line. After checking in, campers will be directed to an indoor meeting location with their cohorts. Parents must accompany the camper

For Check-Out, campers will be in their outdoor meeting locations at the end of the day. They will be instructed to look for their parents or guardians' vehicles and go directly to the car. Camp staff will check off each camper as she leaves and make sure the driver is authorized to pick up the camper. Camp staff may check license plate numbers or ask to see ID to confirm the driver is authorized, especially if they do not recognize the driver. It is important that pick-up authorization forms are submitted prior to camp with a list of adults who have permission to pick up the camper. If the list changes, please email the Camp Director with updated information.

Navigating Campus

There are three entrances to the Linden Hall campus: Lavery Lane, the Main Street entrance, and the Locust Street entrance.

Both Lavery Lane and the Main Street entrance are located off of Main Street in Lititz. Lavery Lane borders the Moravian Square and is next to Linden Hall's Mary Dixon Chapel. The Main Street entrance, the primary drive for the school, is located on the other side of the academic buildings from Lavery Lane and is marked with a larger Linden Hall sign. While many GPSs may navigate to Lavery Lane, please do not to use this entrance because it is a dead end and not connected to the parking lot. If you see the chapel, you are in the wrong location. Please continue on Main Street to the next drive that leads to the drop-off circle and main parking lot. The Fountain Courtyard will be to your right and lion statue can be seen in the drop-off circle in front of Honeycutt Hall.

The Evita M. Allen Center for Academic Excellence is home to the main lobby. There are two entrances to the lobby, one directly on Main Street, and the other up the steps from the Fountain Courtyard on the back of the building coming from the parking lot. The Fountain Courtyard entrance is the preferred entrance.

The campus can also be entered from Locust Street. The Locust Street entrance is closest to the stables and gym. Follow the driveway past the gym to the main parking lot near the academic building and Honeycutt Hall.

Medications and Illness

Campers are not permitted to carry medication, including over-the-counter medications, at any time. The only exceptions are epi-pens, inhalers, or other emergency medications. Medications are collected and secured. As needed, they will be distributed by camp staff. It is extremely important that parents clearly fill out the medical forms required for camp and turn these in by the registration due date of June 30 in order to create a distribution schedule for staff. Any required medication, including regularly administered OTC medications (ex. allergy medications), should be included on the form. All medications should be labeled with the camper's name and dosage instructions.

Any campers showing signs of illness during the camp day will be sent home. If campers show signs of illness at home, please do not send them to camp, even if it is not Covid-19 related. If there is a suspected case of Covid-19, camper families and counselors in the cohort will be informed that there may be a case in their cohort (no names given), and it is recommended that they quarantine at home rather than attend camp.

Registration, Payment, and Refund Policies

REGISTRATION

Registration must be completed online at www.lindenhall.org/summer. Fill out all fields to the best of your ability. Please note that the "registrant" is the parent/guardian registering, and the "attendee" is the camper being registered. The registration deadline is June 30, 2021.

PAYMENT

Payment can be made in full through the online registration form. A 3% credit card processing fee is added to online payments. Alternatively, payments may be made by check with no processing fee. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due immediately upon registration. The deposit is required to finalize registration and reserve a spot at camp. Final payment is due July 1, 2021, along with all permission and medical forms.

Make checks payable to *Linden Hall* and mail to:
Summer at Linden Hall
212 E. Main Street
Lititz, PA 17543

REFUNDS

Deposits are non-refundable. Camp cancellations made after July 1, 2021 are non-refundable, even if it is due to illness. Campers asked to quarantine due to possible exposure to Covid-19 will not be issued refunds.

For Your Information

MEALS AND SNACKS

For safety, Summer at Linden Hall will not be providing food to campers this year (unless individually wrapped for a camp activity).

There is a mid-morning bathroom and snack break, and snacks are not provided. Campers may bring a snack with them if they desire. They should remain at their desks while they eat, clean their desks before and after eating, and wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after eating. They may not get up from their desks without wearing a mask.

Campers should bring a packed lunch. Campers will eat outside with their cohorts in designated areas. Some areas may have picnic tables or benches, but in other areas, campers may be asked to have a picnic lunch in the grass. If desired, campers may bring a picnic blanket with them. They must be socially distanced to remove their masks in order to eat. They must put their masks back on before they are permitted to get up and move around. They should clean up all of their trash before leaving the lunch area.

In case of inclement weather, campers will remain in their morning classrooms for lunch. The desks are already arranged to be socially distanced. Campers will be instructed to clean their desks before and after eating and to follow the same procedures as for mid-morning snack.

Hydration at camp is important, and all campers should carry a water bottle. No touch water bottle refill stations are located throughout campus.

MORNING AND AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY

Typically, campers meet in the theater each morning and at the end of each day to hear announcements and play team games. However, there is not enough room in the theater to socially distance all campers. Therefore, assemblies will be held outside when possible. In addition to allowing for appropriate social distancing, meeting outside allows for easier drop off and pick up.

In the case of inclement weather, alternative indoor meeting locations will be assigned to each cohort. Camp staff may use Microsoft Teams to allow cohorts to meet virtually, hear announcements, and play adapted team games. This method was used during the school year for assemblies, with students meeting in advisory locations.

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 PROCEDURES

Each time campers enter a new location, they are encouraged to use hand sanitizer. Before leaving a classroom, campers are asked to use provided supplies to wipe down their desks and chairs.

If campers use shared supplies, they are also encouraged to use hand sanitizer before and after. When possible, items, such as balls, will be sanitized before and after use. Instructors may also have clean and dirty bins for shared craft supplies.

Campers and staff will socially distance as much as possible. However, we also understand that younger campers may require help from camp staff and social distancing may not always be possible. Camp staff will use discretion in these instances and both staff and campers are encouraged to use hand sanitizer in these situations.

CAMP T-SHIRTS

One camp t-shirt is provided to each camper based on the size indicated on the registration form. If extras are available, a second shirt may be purchased for \$10. Campers do not need to wear the camp shirt each day, but it is encouraged that they wear it at least once a week.

PHOTOS

Camp photos are displayed in a slide show in the lobby with new photos added daily. Information for how to download camp photos from Shutterfly is provided during camp. A camp scrapbook with multiple years of camp photos is usually on display. Previous campers may have provided messages to be included in the scrapbook. This year, the scrapbook will not be on display to prevent touch, but photos from Summer 2021 may be included in the scrapbook for future years.

It is assumed that Summer at Linden Hall has permission to use camper photos for both internal and promotional purposes, unless a parent says otherwise on the Permission Form prior to camp.

BIRTHDAYS

Campers whose birthday occurs during camp are recognized in morning assembly. The camper is asked to stand while everyone sings Happy Birthday. The camper also chooses a prize from the prize box.

FINDING LEENA

In the spirit of the Linden Hall Lady Lions, Leena the Lion is the camp mascot. Leena is an adorable stuffed lion cub who likes to play hide-and-seek and play practical jokes. Campers should try to find her daily hiding spot.

RED AND BLUE COMPETITIONS

All campers are divided into either the Blue Team or the Red Team. Campers earn points for their team through daily challenges presented at the morning or afternoon assembly. Some competitions may also take place during courses, and each person who finds Leena earns a point for her team. The winning team is announced at the end of the day of the final Friday of camp. The winning team receives a lion paw print patch on the colored banner for the year.

The Red and Blue competitions are modeled after Linden Hall's Blue and White Week. All students at Linden Hall are divided into either the Blue Team or the White Team, the Linden Hall school colors. What started as intramural sports teams has evolved to become a school-wide competition with activities throughout the year culminating in Blue and White Week. During this week, students take a break from their normal daily routines with competitions that include math problems, sports, puzzles, minute games, and more. During camp, the Red and Blue competitions give campers a taste of this Linden Hall favorite.

IT'S A SURPRISE!

Ask any alumna: the most beloved tradition at Linden Hall is Gretna Day. Gretna Day is a surprise day in October in which the entire school gets out of class to go to Mount Gretna for a picnic and roller skating. Neither students nor teachers are told in advance, and the methods for announcing the day are as big a surprise as what day it will be.

Based on this tradition, there is a surprise Game Day during one week of camp. The Game Day is a half-day break from the regular camp routine, either in the morning or afternoon. All campers participate in whole-camp games or game stations, earning points for their Red or Blue Team. It is highly encouraged that campers attend all three weeks of camp so that they do not miss this surprise event.