

Aidan Explorers Summer 2021 Camper Handbook



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Welcome to Aidan Explorers!

Dear Aidan Friends and Families,

Welcome to Aidan Explorers! I hope your children are as excited as I am to embark on unique adventures each day. Due to restraints from both the pandemic and Aidan's on-campus construction, our camp days will consist almost entirely of field trips and exploration of the DC area. This promises to be a summer unlike any other, filled with captivating journeys and activities.

We have a wide range of activities for each week with chances for both indoor and outdoor fun. Our schedule of specialized activities will guide us as we use the DC area as our summer classroom. "Challenge by choice" will be a theme of this camp, as we give campers the opportunity to try new things and to become comfortable outside of their comfort zones.

Most importantly, camp will be fun! Whether we're ice skating, rock climbing, trying out archery, or creating amazing artwork, our camp will be full of excitement and wonder. If there is absolutely anything that you feel can improve your summer camp experience in any way, please never hesitate to let me know.

It has been a challenging year, to say the least, with many traditions and joyous occasions put on hold. I sincerely hope that this camp provides sincere happiness to all participants and their families. I'm looking forward to every day. Happy Summer!

Warmly,

Phillip



Phillip Katinas

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General Information, Aidan Explorers 2021

Aidan Explorers Information

Camp Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Camp Cell Phone: 202-816-0976

Director Cell Phone: 202-277-6727

Dates: June 14 - July 23, 2021

Camp Email: summer@aidanschool.org

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Campus

Due to summer construction, our camp will not have a traditional campus. The Marriott field next to Aidan will serve as our primary meeting and activity space. Our camp will use the 2nd floor of Aidan's "Annex" space as our go-to bathroom and medical locations. We will also use the Annex as a temporary classroom for occasional indoor activities. The Annex's address is:

2627 Connecticut Ave NW
Washington, DC 20008

Daily Arrival

Campers may arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. Please meet us at the Marriott field. In the event of inclement weather, please meet us at the entrance of Aidan's "Annex", where campers will be directed to the 2nd floor. Parents will be notified ahead of time if we will need to meet at the Annex.

Daily Dismissal

Dismissal will be held between 3:30 and 3:45 p.m. Location will be the same as arrival: the Marriott field is the primary space; the Annex is the backup space. Parents will be notified ahead of time if we will need to meet at the Annex.

Daily Pack List

Students must pack the following items on a DAILY BASIS:

- A backpack (to carry many of the ensuing items!)
- Sunscreen and a hat for sun protection
- 2 full water bottles, labelled with camper's name
- Lunch and snack in a non-perishable bag
- Rain jacket
- Campers must WEAR durable, close-toed shoes each day!
- At least one extra mask
- Hand sanitizer and/or cleaning wipes for hands

Other Packing Notes:

- On rainy days, children should pack rain boots.
- We will have plenty of chances for water refills, bathroom breaks (with hand washing), and masks breaks! We will also have clorox wipes on hand for cleaning purposes.
- Parents will be notified ahead of time for any days with specialized packing lists
- Children may absolutely bring a book or journal with them for potentially long bus rides.

Our Team, Aidan Explorers 2021

Aidan Explorers is proud to have a team of Aidan Montessori School staff members. With unique backgrounds and skill sets, our team's collective mission is to foster independence and positive exploration throughout the summer together.

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Camp Calendar, Aidan Explorers 2021

Below is an outline of our camp's schedule each week (current as of May 28). There will be additional smaller-scale activities on many of these camp days as well! The majority of these additional activities will be outdoor games and small hikes.

Please note: events can be shuffled around up to the day of the activity due to the pandemic, weather, and venue changes. The most up-to-date schedule will be sent to families on the Fridays before the upcoming week of camp.

We appreciate your flexibility!

Week 1: June 14 - June 18

Monday: Hike at Great Falls + Art w/ Ms. Skor

Tuesday: Air and Space Museum

Wednesday: Canoeing at Fletcher's Boathouse

Thursday: Baltimore Aquarium

Friday: Ice Skating at Cabin John

Week 2: June 21 - June 25

Monday: Fire Station Tour, Hike at Rock Creek Park + Art w/ Ms. Skor

Tuesday: Sandy Spring Adventure Park

Wednesday: Sterling Trampoline Park

Thursday: Upton Hill Regional Park (minigolf, hiking, and batting cages!)

Friday: Bowling at Bowlero Bethesda

Week 3: June 28 - July 2

Monday: Hike at Great Falls + Art w/ Ms. Skor

Tuesday: Breakdancing Performance and Lesson

Wednesday: Tubing at Bretton Woods

Thursday: Laser Tag at Shadowland

Friday: DC Arboretum + Egg Drop Challenge

Week 4: July 5 - July 9

Monday: Zava Zone

Tuesday: Butler's Orchard

Wednesday: Visionary Arts Museum

Thursday: Botanical Garden + Art w/ Ms. Skor

Friday: Rock Climbing at Climb Zone of Laurel

Week 5: July 12 - July 16

Monday: Hike at Rock Creek Park + Art w/ Ms. Skor

Tuesday: Aerial Adventure at Bretton Woods

Wednesday: Fired Up Ceramic Studio

Thursday: Reston Petting Zoo

Friday: Port Discovery in Baltimore

Week 6: July 19 - July 23

Monday: Zava Zone

Tuesday: Aviation Museum of College Park

Wednesday: National Zoo Day

Thursday: Scavenger Hunt at Mount Vernon

Friday: Rockets and Sling Shots at Bretton Woods

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After Care

Unfortunately, there will be no after-care program this summer. Please text or call Phillip (202-277-6727) if you are running late at pickup time.

Attendance

Official attendance will be taken each morning at 9 a.m. (arrival is 8:30 to 8:45 a.m.). We typically won't leave for any field trips until after 9 a.m., but please be mindful of the day's schedule!

Health Center

If your child needs to take medications during camp hours or requires any rescue medication, please bring it (clearly labelled!) to camp on Monday morning of each week of camp. We will keep the medication in our traveling first-aid kit.

For any medical questions or concerns, please reach directly out to Phillip or Aidan's nurse, Lexi Pollack. *Please note that Nurse Lexi's summer work days are on Tuesdays only.*

Waivers

Please note that some events may require waivers to be filled out. Parents/guardians will be notified ahead of time with any required waivers for the week.

Water Bottles

Each child should come to camp with at least two full water bottles. Please label them with your child's name.

COVID and Camp, Aidan Explorers 2021

It is our primary goal to create a safe and healthy camp environment. In order to mitigate the risk of COVID-19, Aidan Explorers will take the following precautions:

Bus

We will consistently have all windows on the bus open to help circulate the air. The seats, railings, and windows of the bus will be cleaned and sanitized daily.

Cleaning

We will continue to adhere to the CDC and DC DoH recommended cleaning and sanitizing protocols throughout the day.

Distancing

Proper physical distancing among campers and faculty will continue to be maintained as they have been during the school year. Distance may be temporarily and incidentally lessened during the ebb and flow of the camp day.

Magnus App

We will continue using the Magnus app every morning for all campers attending camp. **Because dropoff will usually be off-campus, parents must show the completed Magnus app each morning at dropoff time.** Temperature checks will also continue at dropoff time.

Masks

Masks will be required throughout the camp day. We will provide plenty of spaced-out mask breaks, especially when outside. We will follow the guidelines at each field trip location to ensure we are using the best and safest practices for mask-wearing. Masks may be removed during very rare activities, specifically those involving water, as we would not want to put any children in danger. Parents will be communicated ahead of time regarding these outstanding instances.

Testing

All campers are required to test negative for COVID within 72 hours of starting camp. Campers will have to be tested at the beginning of their first week of camp. Testing is not required for any following *consecutive* weeks. However, campers must test negative again to return to camp for any nonconsecutive weeks.

e.g. If a camper is enrolled for weeks 1 and 4, he/she will need a negative test before week 1 AND week 4. If a camper is enrolled for weeks 1, 2, 3, and 4, he/she will only need a negative test before week 1.

Travel

Children will still have to adhere to the DC DoH travel guidelines that state they must quarantine upon arrival back to DC for 3-5 days, get tested, and have the results back before re-entering society/summer camp.

With the ever changing guidelines from CDC and DoH, these mitigations are subject to change, but families will be alerted of any changes made. We will continue to seek guidance from CDC and DoH to make sure we are following the safest practices for our campers and families.