



West Virginia Department of
**ARTS, CULTURE
AND HISTORY**

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Welcome Governor's School Students and Parents!

Congratulations on being selected to participate in the 2023 Governor's School for Literacy through Arts, Culture and History. The camp will take place June 25 through June 30.

The camp will give you the opportunity to delve into undertakings that allow them the time and opportunity to read, think, explore, create, listen, speak and experience how literacy impacts your life through a fun week-long experience like no other.

As you can see from the enclosed schedule outline, your stay in Charleston will be busy. You will sample the arts, culture and history of our state in special programs. As guests of the University of Charleston, you will get a first-hand experience of college dorm living. Throughout the camp, you will have teacher chaperones and be provided with meals each day.

Along with this letter, you will find a tentative camp schedule, camp information and guidelines, a student information sheet, a publicity release form and a map of the University of Charleston. These will help you plan for a great trip.

We are looking forward to seeing you in June! In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Andrea Thompson at Andrea.D.Thompson@wv.gov or 304-558-0220.

Thank you,

Randall Reid-Smith
Curator

Governor's School
for Literacy
through Arts, Culture and History Tentative Agenda

SUNDAY - June 25, 2023 - DAY 1

2:00 p.m. - 4:00p.m. - Students arrive at the University of Charleston

- Check-In
- Register for class choices:
 - Reading
 - Vocabulary
 - Creative Writing
 - Storytelling
 - Poetry
 - Journalism
 - Media
 - Elocution
 - Script Writing
 - Lyrics Composition
 - Mechanical Language
 - Thank Yous
 - Tour Brochures
 - Sonnets
 - Coding
 - Library Services

5:00 p.m. - Welcome and Camp Overview - University of Charleston

6:00 p.m. - Dinner and Mixer/Dance

8:30 p.m. - Return to Dorms

10:00 p.m. - LIGHTS OUT

MONDAY - June 26, 2023 - DAY 2

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast - University of Charleston

8:45 a.m. - Board buses for West Virginia State Culture Center (Bus drop-off)

9:00 a.m. - Welcome and Group Picture - Culture Center

9:30 a.m. - Classes begin at The Culture Center - Class Schedules:

- 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
- 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

12:00 p.m. - LUNCH - The Culture Center - Guest Speaker

1:00 p.m. - Classes Continue - The Culture Center - Class Schedule

- 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 pm.
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - Busses Depart for the University of Charleston

5:00 p.m. - Dinner - University of Charleston

6:00 p.m. - Return to Dorms

6:30 p.m. - Spelling Bee Contest - (Cash prizes for top finishers)

- Spelling Bee
- Awards
- Snack

10:00 pm. - LIGHTS OUT

TUESDAY - June 27, 2023 - DAY 3

7:30 a.m. - Depart for Breakfast - University of Charleston

- University Visits
 - 8:00 a.m. University of Charleston - Breakfast with President Dr. Roth
 - 9:15 a.m. Depart for West Virginia State University
 - 9:45 a.m. Arrive West Virginia State University
 - 10:00 a.m. Tour West Virginia State University
 - Digital Communications
 - Katherine Johnson Statue
 - Walking tour of campus
 - 11:30 p.m. - Lunch with President Dr. Cage
 - 12:30 p.m. - Depart for Marshall University
 - 1:30 pm. - Arrive at Marshall University
 - Tour of School of Journalism
 - Walking Tour of Campus
 - Walking Tour of Marshall Stadium
 - 4:30 p.m. "Tailgate" - Bar-B-Que with Marshall's President Dr. Smith
 - 6:00 p.m. Depart for Charleston

7:00 p.m. - Arrive University of Charleston

8:00 p.m. - Evening Event - University of Charleston

10:00 p.m. - LIGHTS OUT

WEDNESDAY - June 28, 2023 - DAY 4

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast - University of Charleston

8:45 a.m. - Board buses for West Virginia State Culture Center (Bus drop-off)

9:30 a.m. - Classes begin at The Culture Center - Class Schedules:

- 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

12:00 p.m. - LUNCH - The Culture Center - Guest Speaker

1:00 p.m. - Classes Continue - The Culture Center - Class Schedule

- 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 pm.
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - Busses Depart for the University of Charleston

5:00 p.m. - Dinner - University of Charleston

6:00 p.m. - Return to Dorms

8:00 p.m. - Evening EVENT - University of Charleston

THURSDAY - June 29, 2023 - DAY 5

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast - University of Charleston

- Southern West Virginia Tour
 - 8:30 a.m. - Depart for New River Gorge Bridge
 - 9:30 a.m. - New River Gorge Bridge Tour
 - 11:00 a.m. - Depart for The Tamarack
 - 11:30 a.m. - Arrive at Tamarack
 - Lunch
 - 12:15 p.m. - Tour Tamarack
 - 1:00 p.m. - Artists Demonstrations
 - 2:00 p.m. - Depart for Beckley Coal Mine Exhibit
 - 2:30 p.m. - Arrive Beckley Coal Mine Exhibit
 - 2:30 p.m. - Underground Mine Tour
 - 3:45 p.m. - Visit Gift Shop
 - 5:00 p.m. - Depart for New River Gorge National Park -Cliffside Amphitheater
 - 5:30 p.m. - Dinner at Theater West Virginia -
 - 6:30 p.m. - Backstage Tour
 - 7:30 p.m. - Show - "Hatfields and McCoys"
 - 9:45 p.m. - Depart for Charleston
 - 10:45 p.m. - Arrive University of Charleston
 - 11:45 p.m. - LIGHTS OUT

FRIDAY - June 30, 2023 - Day 6

8:30 a.m. - Breakfast The University of Charleston

9:30 a.m. - CHECK OUT - Parents drive students to The Culture Center

10:30 a.m. - Closing program and graduation begins - The Culture Center

12:00 p.m. - Closing Lunch

1:00 p.m. - CAMP CONCLUDES

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR LITERACY THROUGH ARTS, CULTURE AND HISTORY CAMP INFORMATION

Code of Conduct

- As a representative of your school, county and state, you are expected to be an exemplary citizen.
- Infractions of the code of conduct will result in disciplinary action and a phone call to your parent/guardian.
- Students must obey the code of conduct established by your county school system.
- The dress code for the camp is casual.
- Wear comfortable shoes and bring along a sweater or jacket in case the weather is chilly or the air conditioning is on low
- Students are required to attend all classes, seminars, meals, field trips and special events.
- Students must remain in their dorm rooms between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Students are not permitted to fraternize with others not attending camp.
- Cell phones may be carried with the student, however, we ask that they are not used during sessions/classes or during speakers.

Lodging and Meals

- Students must follow the dorm rules at the University of Charleston and abide by the student code of conduct.
- **Students will need to bring towels, bedding (twin-size bed sheets or sleeping bags) and all other necessities/toiletries with them. This will be a true college dorm experience.**
- Students will need to purchase or bring with them any additional snacks or beverages they may want.
- Rooms at UC are modern and air-conditioned.
- Males and Females will be separated into different areas of the dorms. At no time should males or females be in each other's rooms. There are common areas for socializing.

Other Information

- Transportation for all camp activities in the Charleston area will be on school buses provided by Kanawha County Schools; activities off campus will be provided by charter bus.
- Please review the enclosed schedule and pack clothing accordingly.

- Please complete the attached student information sheet and e-mail or fax it back no later than June 1, 2023 to Andrea Thompson at andrea.d.thompson@wv.gov or 304.558.2779

Parents/Guardians

- You are responsible for getting your child to and from the camp. All transportation during camp will be provided.
- If your child is being picked up by someone other than their parent/guardian, please provide a signed note stating who has authorization to pick them up during check-in.

Packing List

(while not everything, these are a few things you won't want to forget)

- Bed Linens (twin size)
- Towels
- Toiletry Items
- Pillow
- Light jacket if you get cold indoors
- Comfortable shoes
- Extra snacks/drinks you might want in your room (there **will not** be a fridge in your room)



Information Sheet

Please complete this form and email it to Andrea Thompson (andrea.d.thompson@wv.gov) or fax to 304-558-2779 ASAP.

Student's Name:

Student **Will** **Will Not Attend Camp**

If not attending, only student name needs filled out

Gender Assigned at Birth:

T-Shirt Size (Adult S-XXL):

School Currently Attending:

County:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Parent / Guardian(s)' name and phone number:

Student cell phone number (if applicable):

Emergency Contacts:

Student Name: _____

Health Insurance Information:

Do you consent for your child to receive medical transport if necessary?

Food Allergies:

Other Allergies:

Dietary Restrictions:

Does the student take medication? *(All medications must be provided to staff at registration in the original medication container.)*

Does the student have a current 504 Plan? If so, please attach.

Does the student have a current IEP If so, please attach.

Student Signature/Date

Parent/Guardian Signature/Date

Publicity Release

The undersigned hereby grant permission to the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History and the West Virginia Department of Education to use identified photographs, video and audio recordings and press releases of the student for the purpose of publicity and other promotions, including Internet publications.

Student Signature

Print Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date