

## **WILKES-BARRE ACADEMY SUMMER CARE – 2019**

The Wilkes-Barre Academy Summer Care Program is designed for all children who will be four (4) years old by June 1, 2019, up to and including our current Kindergarten students. Our summer program runs from June 10, 2019 through August 23, 2019. Children who participate in the program are placed in one of the following rooms: Pre-Kindergarten, or Kindergarten. Classroom placement is determined by staff. Our summer program is 11 weeks long this year.

At Wilkes-Barre Academy we stress educational goals during our school year. During the summer we will focus on nature and the environment. We will have special guest speakers visit our room, including an agriculturalist and a forest ranger. Crafts, activities, food projects, and more will have a Mother Nature theme and how to protect her. If you know someone who would make a great guest speaker on these topics, please let me know.

Pre-Kindergarten students still take naps/rest time, on days when time permits, so please bring in a blanket so your child can nap comfortably. Nap time is from 1:00pm until 3:00pm

**MONDAYS** -- We will roller skate at Rollaway in Dallas. The bus leaves at 9:00am and returns by 12:00pm in time for lunch. A snack is provided at the rink. The children may bring their own skates or use the ones provided by the rink. Be sure to wear socks for skating. We are not able to use the rental skates without them. (Roller skating will start 6/17 and end 8/19.)

**TUESDAYS** – Our mornings will be filled with exercise, games, outside play, arts and crafts, and so much more. Our afternoons will be filled with Sprinkler Time. Wear your swimsuit to school. Don't forget your towel, sunscreen, and water shoes.

**WEDNESDAYS** – Field Trip Days. See below for locations, and dates, and times of all field trips. Please don't be late! The bus can't wait for late students. We have a schedule we must stick to in order to keep our reservations at some locations.

You must wear your field trip t-shirt on all field trips. No exceptions. The cost of the field trip t-shirt is included in your summer program. T-shirts will be distributed on the first day of the summer program. Please always wear your sneakers on field trip days.

Due to a shortage of space and the difficulty of watching lunch boxes on field trips, I strongly suggest you have your child eat the school lunch on these days. If you

absolutely must send a lunch, please send only disposable items that can be discarded. Write your child's full name on the bag.

Please apply sunscreen at home in the morning before you come to school. If you wish to have it applied during the day, please send in a bottle labeled with your child's name.

Spending money may be sent only for predesignated field trips. All spending money should be given to your child's teacher in a labeled envelope prior to each field trip.

No medication will be taken on field trips, so please adjust the times you give your doses at home.

**THURSDAYS** – We will spend time with special guests, doing fun projects and playing games. Watch for Theme Days, arts and crafts projects, food projects, dance party, and a bounce house. So many fun things to see and do.

**FRIDAYS** – We will be swimming at Kingston Pool during the afternoon. The bus leaves at 12:00pm and returns at 4:30pm. Wear your swimsuit to school. Don't forget your towel, sunscreen, and ear plugs (if needed). Remember to label everything with a permanent marker. We will also enjoy some exercise time in the morning.

**FIELD TRIPS:** Check our monthly Calendars for further information about each trip.

JUNE 12 --- We will visit the Discover Center in Binghamton, NY. We will enjoy a hands-on activity center and storybook play area. We will explore everything from a firetruck, grocery store, restaurant, doctor's office, construction site, and so much more. Please wear sneakers. Spending money is NOT permitted on this trip. The bus leaves at 9:00am and returns at 4:30pm.

JUNE 19 --- We will visit the Electric City Aquarium in Scranton. We will visit with a variety of sea and land animals, pet a jelly fish and sting ray, and have a private educational show. Then we will enjoy a picnic lunch and playtime at McDade Park. Spending money is NOT permitted on this trip. Please wear sneakers.

JUNE 26 – We will visit the NEPA Recreation Center in Wilkes-Barre. We will participate in bounce houses, nerf wars, basketball games, escape rooms, and so much more. Please wear socks and sneakers. A pizza lunch will be provided. Spending money is NOT permitted on this trip. The bus leaves at 9:30am and returns at 4:00pm.

JULY 3 --- We will visit the Quiet Valley Historical Farm in Stroudsburg. We will have the chance to observe history in the making. We will see people basket weaving, spinning, wood carving, and even participate in some fun games and a wagon ride. Spending money is permitted on this trip. The bus leaves at 9:00am and returns at 4:30pm.

JULY 11 – We will visit the Bloomsburg Museum and Kidsburg Playground in Bloomsburg. We will spend part of the day enjoying the many hands on activities at the museum then enjoy a picnic lunch and play time at the park. Each child will receive a gift bag so spending money is NOT permitted on this trip. The bus leaves at 9:00am and returns at 4:30pm.

JULY 17 – We will visit Bee’s Backyard and McDade Park in Scranton. We will have the opportunity to explore a large soft play area, inflatables, and our imaginations then enjoy some extra free time at McDade Park. A pizza lunch is included. Spending money is NOT permitted on this trip. The bus leaves at 9:30am and returns at 4:30pm.

JULY 24 --- We will visit Huntzinger’s Karate in Wilkes Barre. We will enjoy a fun karate demonstration and take a lesson. Then we will visit Kirby Park for a picnic lunch before heading over to the Kingston Pool for an afternoon of swimming. Please wear your swimsuit under your camp t-shirt and shorts. Don’t forget your towel, sunscreen, and ear plugs (if needed). Spending money is NOT permitted on this trip. The bus leaves at 9:00am and returns at 4:30pm.

JULY 31 --- We will visit Ashland Coal Mine/Train Ride in Ashland. We will tour the coal mine, go on a train ride, and enjoy the large playground. Each child will receive a special gift so spending money is NOT permitted on this trip. The bus leaves at 9:00am and returns at 5:00pm.

AUGUST 7 --- We will visit Chacko’s Bowling in Wilkes-Barre for a fun time bowling. We will enjoy a picnic lunch then head to the Kingston Pool for an afternoon of swimming. Please wear your swimsuit under your camp t-shirt and shorts. Don’t forget your towel, sunscreen, and ear plugs (if needed). The bus leaves at 9:30am and returns at 4:30pm.

AUGUST 14 --- We will visit the Imig Nation Hands On Learning Experience in Allentown. We will explore and interact on tours of a bank, market, manufacturing center, creation center, post office, fire station, and much more. We will finish the day by creating our own ice cream snack. Spending money is NOT permitted on this trip. The bus leaves at 9:00am and returns at 4:30pm.

AUGUST 21 --- We will visit Lake Tobias Animal Park in Halifax. We will enjoy a fun day surrounded by animals. We will also take a safari ride to see and feed some really cool animals. Spending money is permitted on this trip. The bus leaves at 9:00am and returns at 5:00pm.

A questionnaire for parent volunteers who wish to attend field trips is attached. Due to the limited amount of space on each bus, parent volunteers are asked to bring their own vehicles. Please refer to the questionnaire to determine the price of each field trip for chaperones.

Our summer program allows you the opportunity to pick the field trips you want your child to attend. The choices you indicate when you submit your field trip form **ARE FINAL**. Once you pay for the summer program, you will not be allowed to make changes. There are no refunds. If your child does not attend a particular field trip, you must keep him/her home on that day. No staff members remain in the building to care for children who don’t attend a particular field trip. Remember, we do not offer a vacation policy so you must pay for all full weeks.

All children must ride the bus on field trips. This allows the whole group to arrive together and avoids the problems which arise when chaperones get lost or separated while enroute to our field trip. Parents should complete the attached Chaperone Form and return it to the center with payment in order to sign up for a trip.

Please be considerate of our staff members. If you need to pick your child up from an off-site activity (i.e., the pool, skating rink, a field trip, etc.), please inform your child's teacher, not parent volunteers. This will alleviate some confusion.

We issue monthly calendars that specify the lunch offered each day. Lunch may be purchased at the school for the price of \$2.50 per day. Lunch tickets worth \$75.00 may be purchased in the school office. If you choose not to purchase the school lunch, you may send lunch with your child. Please provide an appropriate lunch box and thermos (disposable if possible on field trip days). We do not provide refrigerator space, nor do we heat and serve meals sent from home. Breakfast tickets are also available at the cost of \$30.00 for thirty (30) meals, \$1.00 per meal. Breakfast is served from 7:45am until 8:00am only. Please purchase both the Breakfast and Lunch tickets if your child plans to eat the school meals. Milk tickets are also available for \$21.00. These are good for thirty (30) milks if you prefer to send a bag lunch with your child and just wish to purchase milk.

If you are interested in selling candy bars to reduce the cost of your summer program activity fee, please contact the office.

Another great way to subsidize your summer program activity fee is to participate in the Gift Certificate/Voucher Program. Remember, you cannot lose with this program. You give us a set amount of money; we give you the same amount of money in gift certificates for the store of your choice. It's an equal trade. However, you also get a redeemable voucher good for a discount on your day care fees. You actually make money by participating in this program.

NOTE: Please remember that your standard weekly day care fee, \$130.00, is not included in your summer program activity fee. This day care fee is due on Mondays. There is no second child discount offered during the summer program so that we may keep our prices as low as possible.

NOTE: There is no absentee policy in the Wilkes-Barre Academy Summer Care Program. You are required to pay your weekly fee regardless of attendance.

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION OF THE SUMMER PROGRAM, WITH YOUR SUMMER ACTIVITY FEE, PRIOR TO **MAY 13, 2019**.

SUMMER ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM:

	\$230.00	
Rollerskating, Swimming, and Special Activities		_____
Discovery Center \$15.00 (6/12)		_____
Electric City Aquarium/McDade Park \$17.00 (6/19)		_____
NEPA Recreation Center \$13.00 (6/26)		_____
Quiet Valley Historical Farm \$14.00 (7/3)		_____
Bloomsburg Museum/Kidsburg Park \$16.00 (7/10)		_____
Bee's Backyard/McDade Park \$12.00 (7/17)		_____
Huntzinger Karate/Kingston Pool \$16.00 (7/24)		_____
Ashland Coal Mine \$22.00 (7/31)		_____
Chacko's Bowling/Kingston Pool \$15.00 (8/7)		_____
Imagi Nation \$22.50 (8/14)		_____
Lake Tobias Animal Preserve \$21.50 (8/21)		_____

TOTAL COST OF ALL ACTIVITIES:

(You total all field trip costs and add in the cost on top for Roller Skating, Swimming, and Special Activities)

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NOTE: Please mark "WILL NOT ATTEND" on the spaces for field trips you wish to skip.

IF YOU SELECT ALL FIELD TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES, YOUR GRAND TOTAL WILL BE \$414.00.

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS (OUTSIDE STUDENTS ONLY) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE --- IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND WILKES-BARRE ACADEMY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, YOU MUST COMPLETE YOUR EMERGENCY INFORMATION ON-LINE PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST DAY OF CAMP. YOU MAY NOT START UNTIL THIS IS COMPLETE. THANK YOU.**