

USNA Summer STEM Program - Frequently Asked Questions

1. What supervision will be available upon arrival at BWI? What/who should my child look for at the gate?

There will be a USNA Midshipman in uniform (Summer Whites) waiting at the gate when your child deplanes. The Midshipmen will escort your child and other STEM attendees to baggage claim to retrieve luggage. After luggage is retrieved, they will be escorted to a USNA bus, chaperoned by Midshipmen, for transportation to the Naval Academy. Upon arrival to USNA, they will check-in and be taken to their assigned room, where they will be under the supervision of their team leader. At the conclusion of the STEM camp, they will take a chaperoned bus from USNA to BWI. At the airport, a USNA staff member will assist participants to the check-in counter and up to the security checkpoint.

2. What if my child has to travel as an official “unaccompanied minor”?

Every airline has an individual unaccompanied minor policy. (Note: There may be a fee associated with the unaccompanied minor designation, to be paid upon check-in). Please check with your airline for more information about their policies regarding unaccompanied minors. When you fill out the STEM Travel Form, a question will ask if your child is utilizing the Unaccompanied Minor program sponsored by the airline. If your child is traveling as an unaccompanied minor, we will provide the name of the Midshipman responsible for picking up your student ONE WEEK before camp begins. Ensure your child travels with a photo ID showing their birth date.

3. Can I travel with my child?

You may travel with your son or daughter. Please understand, only the students will be able to use the shuttle transportation to and from USNA.

4. Can my child travel on different dates?

We can only accommodate students arriving and departing within the times designated in the STEM Instructions. If your child is arriving or leaving on a different date, you are responsible for their lodging and transportation.

5. Can my child fly one-way and have a parent pick-up or drop-off?

Yes. When you fill out the travel form, we will ask you to provide the first and last name of the person who will be picking up your child.

6. What supervision will be available while at USNA?

Camp counselors consist of Midshipmen (USNA college students) who are assigned to cover a team of approximately 6 to 7 students each. The Midshipmen camp staff will be under constant supervision of USNA Admissions Staff. The USNA Admissions Staff are made up of experienced United States Navy and Marine Corps Officers and Civilians. They are responsible

for both the children attending the camp and the Midshipmen leaders specifically selected to interact with your son or daughter. All STEM classes during the camp will be taught by USNA professors with pre-selected Midshipmen academic assistants. The students are well supervised and their days are full of exciting learning opportunities, with fun activities scheduled in the evenings.

*** There will be Midshipmen Leaders and Commissioned Officers staying in Bancroft with the participants. There will be 24-hour supervision to ensure their safety. ***

7. If I purchase a ticket to an airport other than BWI, will you still pick them up/drop off?

We will only provide bus service to and from BWI. A student will be required to get to USNA on their own if flying into/out of any other airport.

8. Can my child bring a camera and/or cell phone?

Participants are absolutely allowed to bring a camera and a cell phone. There will be a personal time in the evening for them to call home. Please bring a combination of key lock for safekeeping within room lockers. The Naval Academy cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen articles.

9. Will there be computer or internet access?

No, we will not be providing access to computers or access to wireless internet. Please be aware that cell phone service is not reliable in Bancroft Hall.

10. Does my child need to bring a uniform, such as Sea Cadets?

No. Dress will be informal, but neat in appearance. T-shirts are acceptable. Shorts and pants must be tasteful, please do not wear shorts or pants that are tattered, torn or revealing. Please keep in mind that a t-shirt will be provided for each day of camp.

11. Is the closing ceremony on Saturday mandatory for parents to attend?

No. We are not expecting many parents to fly in for the closing ceremony, although you are more than welcome to come. The majority of the parents in attendance will be local drivers.

12. Are there new Airline Travel Regulations?

Please check the TSA website www.tsa.gov for all travel regulations.

13. What if I don't have insurance for my child?

Health/Medical insurance is required to participate in the Summer STEM Program. If you don't have medical insurance, we recommend purchasing short term Medical insurance for the duration of the STEM Program. You will need to provide the policy number in order for your child to participate. A few examples of where you might purchase short term health insurance: <https://www.ehealthinsurance.com/short-term-health-insurance> or

<https://www.agilehealthinsurance.com/health-insurance-quotes> or
<https://www.uhc.com/individual-and-family/short-term-health-insurance> .

*Note: A short-term medical insurance policy is subject to normal insurance protocols (deductibles, coinsurance and copays, etc.)

*** If you have questions leading up to the STEM Program, please address them by emailing summerstem@usna.edu ***