Science Adventure School **Guardian Info Session**



What is SAS?

- Science Adventure School is an overnight outdoor STEM orientation program just for WV sixth graders.
- We help students adjust to a new school and classmates, get to know a teacher in their school, and be inspired to learn and grow.

- Our curriculum
 - Science Behind the Sport
 - Environmental Education
 - Positive Youth Development

Let's see what a day at SAS looks like...





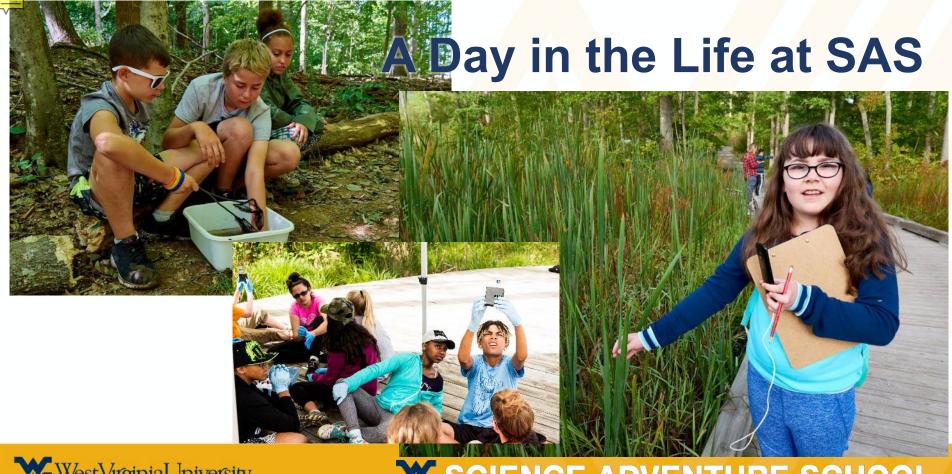


A Day in the Life at SAS











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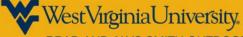














Sample Schedule

Time	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6:30		Wake Up		
7:00-7:45				
8:00-9:00		Archery Wildlife Ecology	Archery Freshwater Ecology	Canoeing or Zipline
9:00-10:00	Students arrive!			
10:00-11:00	Orientation		riesiiwatei Ecology	Clasing Activity, packing
11:00-12:00	Unpacking			Closing Activity, packing
12:00-1:00	Lunch			
1:00-2:00	Games, teambuilding, site exploration	Rock Climbing	Soil Science	Students depart
2:00-3:00				
3:00-4:00			BMX Biking	
4:00-5:00				
5:00-5:45	Dinner			
6:00-7:00	Shower Hour & Free Time			
7:00-8:00	Evening Discussion			
8:15-9:15	Evening Activity (student's choice) Campfire!		Campfire!	
9:15-9:45		Get ready for be		
9:45	Lights Out			



Challenge By Choice

- Your child will never be forced to do something that they find scary or too uncomfortable.
- We will encourage them to try but will always find a level of challenge that feels good to them.





Cost

- SAS is FREE to all publicschool students (your county pays \$74 per student).
- Private/homeschool students will vary based on the school. We still ask for \$74 per student.
- / (The actual cost of SAS is \$750+ per student.)





We have 4 locations

- Summit Bechtel Reserve
- Jackson's Mill 4-H Camp
- WVU Outdoor Education Center
- / Heritage Farms









Lodging

- Students will lodge with other students of the same gender.
- Staff are always nearby.
- All tents/yurts/cabins are located near a bathhouse or bathroom.











Food

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as 2-4 snacks per day.
- We can handle almost any nutritional or dietary needs.
- We can handle picky eaters.
- Outside snacks and drinks are not allowed at SAS, (except when cleared by the nurse for medical reasons), because of wildlife.





Student Health

- All SAS staff and have, minimally, a First Aid/CPR certification.
 - Many have more advanced medical certifications.
- We have camp nurse (RN) to oversee medical issues and medications.
- We will call you if any issues arise





Medications

- Medications will only be dispensed to your child as advised by their personal health plan, under the supervision of the nurse.
- Should your child need over-thecounter medication it will not be provided without permission from listed guardian.



Security

- Access to our sites are restricted to SAS staff and instructors, nursing and medical team members, and authorized groups.
- All staff and volunteers undergo background checks.
- We do not allow anyone else on-site (including parents/ guardians of our students).

- If a parent needs access to pick up a student in the event of emergency, they will have to bring an ID and their student will be brought to them at the gate.
- / We take student security seriously!

Our Staff

- College graduates or equivalent experience.
- Background checked and youth protection trainings
- Go through a rigorous training process that covered physical and mental needs of youth.
- Constantly in touch with full time staff to solve problems.

About half are from WV and half are from all over the country/world!





Packing List

- Please don't buy things!
- We have equipment which can be borrowed. If you do not have items on the list, please do not let that stop your student from joining us.
- If you need to borrow an item let us know.

_	Provided Items				
х	Tent				
X	Sleeping Pad				
X	Cot				
	Hygiene: Travel size if possible				
.50	Toothbrush and toothpaste				
Sunscreen and bug spray					
	Shower supplies- Soap, shampoo				
Towel					
	Deodorant				
	Lower Body (non-cotton)				
	Undergarments				
	Undergarments 2-3 Pairs athletic shorts				
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Don't forget things like feminine products, protect high friction areas.

Suggested optional items:

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Tampons

	Other
	Required Medications
ľ	Warm Sleeping Bag
	Bag or Tote for packing
ı	Daypack/small backpack
	Headlight or Flashlight w/backup batteries
9	Sunglasses (optional)
	Camp Chair (optional)
-	Travel Pillow (optional)
(Glasses/Contacts w/back-up
- 1	Trash bag or grocery bag for dirty clothes

Upper Body (non-cotton)				
	4-5 Synthetic T-shirts			
	2-3 Long sleeve synthetic shirts			
	1 Warm layer (e.g. Fleece)			
	Sun hat/baseball cap (optional)			
	1 Warm jacket			
	Gloves			
	Warm hat			
	Bandanna (optional)			

Rain Gear		
Waterproof jacket or poncho		
Rain paints (optional)		

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Electronics and Phone Policy

- Students are not allowed to carry cell phones during regular program hours.
 - This also includes any other electronics, (i.e.- gaming devices, music players, iPads)
- We highly encourage that phones be left at home!
 - Phones will be collected and secured by SAS staff.

- / In case of emergency:
 - We will contact you or a another designated contact.
 - If you must contact your student please refer to the emergency contact number 304-293-6669.
 - It will go to someone who will be able to get in touch with the Site Director.



Research

- Science Adventure School is a grant-funded program, so we collect data to help funding efforts to keep the program free for families.
- If you and your student optin, they will be asked to fill out a survey and might be interviewed.





Homesickness

- / Homesickness is not uncommon at Science Adventure School!
- If your student feels homesick, a SAS staff will work to make them feel better.
- In cases of extreme homesickness, we will call you.





What's Next?

- Your school likely already made a reservation for your student's sixth grade class.
- Please fill out the student interest online form (Qualtrics).
- We'll follow up with you via email.
- Your school's contact teacher will also be in touch with you.





Q & A

We're sure you have a lot of questions!
How can we help?



