



BEST Experience General Information

July 20th-25th, 2014

- The program begins with check-in and registration on the UAH campus at 5:00pm at the Charger Village residence hall. Students receive their room assignments and will be escorted to their rooms to stow their belongings. Parents/guardians may accompany their students to their rooms.
- There will be a brief introduction for parents/guardians and students at 5:45pm. At 6:00pm, parents/guardians will be excused. Dinner for the students will be at 6:30pm in the Café.
- Students may drive themselves to campus without a parent or guardian present if necessary. However, the student may not use their vehicle after check-in on Sunday through Friday at the 1pm dismissal. Students will be required to secure their keys with the program director for the week.
- Students will be staying in one of the residence halls. Students will share a 4-person suite, with each student having a private bedroom. There are two bathrooms in each suite. Male and female students will be separated. No students of the opposite gender will be allowed in a student's suite at any time. Male and female counselors will monitor the students in the residence halls.
- Students should bring the following: twin XL bedding (sheets, pillow with pillowcase, and blanket), an alarm clock, a towel, soap and other toiletries as needed, comfortable clothing for each day, and very comfortable shoes. There will be times when students have the option of using the fitness center to exercise or swim. Students should pack accordingly. Students will be walking a lot and it will be very warm – again, students should pack accordingly. In some cases, students will be in a laboratory where closed-toe shoes will be required – again, pack accordingly.
- Students may bring personal electronics including cell phones, ipods, etc. Students are responsible for these devices at all times. UAH will not be responsible for lost or missing electronic devices. Students will also be responsible for appropriate use of these devices as well. Electronic devices will not be allowed during class time, lab time and during certain activities. Students who don't use their devices responsibly may be asked to leave the program and forfeit the program fee.
- Students will be supervised by counselors at all times including meals, classes, laboratories and activities. During free time, students may have a choice of doing homework in the library, going to the fitness center, going to the Charger Union game room, or relaxing in the residence hall lounge. Students will be supervised during these times as well. Students will be expected to be ready to walk to breakfast by 8:15am each morning and be in their bedrooms by 11:30pm each evening.
- On the morning of Friday, July 25th, students need to be packed and ready to check out of their rooms at 8:30am. Their belongings will remain in their suite until dismissal. The students will have their final classes and presentations and then have lunch. The students will be dismissed at around 1pm. If students have driven to campus, their car keys will be returned at that time. Otherwise, parents/guardians will need to pick up their student no later than 1:30pm.
- Parents/Guardians and the student must read and sign all waivers and the Behavior and Responsibility contract. Students will not be allowed to check-in until these forms are signed and received. Forms will be available on-line and will be available at check-in.
- By signing the Behavior and Responsibility contract, students agree to follow the rules of the program. Students that violate this contract may be required to leave the program and forfeit their fee.

BEST Experience Calendar of Events

*subject to change

Sunday, July 20th

5:00-5:30pm: Check-in at Charger Village
5:45pm: Welcome Session
6:00pm: Leave for dinner at Café.
7-9:00pm: Team Activities
9:30pm: Breakout sessions
11:00pm: In rooms for the night.

Monday, July 21st

8:15am: Leave for breakfast
9:30am-12pm: Class periods
12:00-1:15pm: Lunch and group meetings
1:30-4:30pm: Lab period
4:30-6:00pm: Free-time
6:15pm: Leave for dinner
7-9:30pm: Activities
9:30-11:30pm: Study sessions
11:30pm: In rooms for the night

Tuesday, July 22nd

8:15am: Leave for breakfast
9am-12:30pm: Lab period
12:00-1:15pm: Lunch and group meetings
1:30-4:00pm: Class periods
4:00-6:00pm: Free-time
6:15pm: Leave for dinner
7:00-9:30pm: Activities
9:30-11:30pm: Study Sessions
11:30pm: In rooms for the night

Wednesday, July 23rd

8:15am: Leave for breakfast
9:30am-12pm: Class periods
12:00-1:15pm: Lunch and group meetings
1:30-4:30pm: Lab period
4:30-6:00pm: Free-time
6:15pm: Leave for dinner
7:00-9:30pm: Activities
9:30-11:30pm: Study Sessions
11:30pm: In rooms for the night

Thursday, July 23rd

8:15am: Leave for breakfast
9am-12:30pm: Lab period
12:00-1:15pm: Lunch and group meetings
1:30-4:00pm: Class periods
4:00-6:00pm: Free-time
6:15pm: Leave for dinner
7:00-9:30pm: Activities
9:30-11:30pm: Study Sessions
11:30pm: In rooms for the night

Friday, July 20th

8:15am: Packed and leave for breakfast
9:30am-12pm: Class and Team Presentations
12:00-1:00pm: Lunch and final group meetings