



ISA 2024 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Where do I drop off and pick up my child?

Drop off and pick up will be at the same place. Bousfield Hall at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus.

Address: 1214 S First Street, Champaign, IL 61820

What age does my child have to be to participate? Participants must have completed 9th grade. This event is open to all youth 10-12 grades.

Drop off date and time: Sunday, June 23 at 2-4:00 PM

Pick up date and time: Thursday, June 27 at 8:30-11 AM

What is a typical week at Illini Summer Academies (ISA)? Each year is a little different, but you will get the idea of what we do at ISA looking at the sample schedule below.

Sunday: check in, settle into your dorm room, dinner, orientation, evening activities, and floor meeting with your chaperone

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: breakfast, travel with your group to your academy, morning academy session, lunch, afternoon academy session, travel back with your group to the dorm (Bousfield Hall), dinner, evening activities, floor meeting with chaperone

Thursday: breakfast, finish packing, pick up your dorm room, check out with your chaperone, turn your room key in at the lobby (so you don't get charged), head for home.

What types of evening activities will there be?

There will be different evening activities after dinner each night. We will do such things as trivia game show, college and career night, basketball, volleyball,

Are shower items (toiletries) provided?

No. You will need to bring bath/hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and any other toiletries you may want.

What should I bring?

- Any personal products/toiletries (bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc)
- Comfortable walking shoes. umbrella in case it rains.
- Travel mug or water bottle
- Bring a small backpack to take to your academy. You can carry your travel mug in it. Some academies will have items that you will carry back. Remember, we will walk to most of the academies.
- Snacks – You may have snacks in your room **as long as you are willing to clean up after yourself!** Your dorm room will have to be picked up before you can check out of your room on the last day. There are no refrigerators in your room.



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What if I forget to bring something important?

Please let your chaperone or the Illini Summer Academy staff in headquarters know if you have forgotten something, like a toothbrush (or anything else that is crucial), we will assist you. ISA headquarters is located where you registered on the first day.

What if I have a problem at ISA?

Let your chaperone or any of the ISA staff members know and we will help you resolve the issue. On the back of your name tag will be the numbers of the ISA staff that you can call or text anytime. Also, someone will always be in ISA headquarters room to help you. This room is located on the first floor in the lobby of Bousfield where you come to check in for the event.

Is there air conditioning in the dorm rooms?

Yes!

Can I drive myself to ISA and park my vehicle during ISA?

While we do not encourage participants to have a car at ISA, participants can drive themselves, but will need to purchase 4 days worth of parking for \$60. You may purchase the parking hang tag as you register for ISA and it will be added to your academy registration fee. Once you arrive at ISA, you will not be allowed to drive the vehicle until ISA is over.

Can I leave campus once I have checked in at Illini Summer Academies?

No.

What if I have to leave early?

Early departures may be arranged by a parent or guardian by contacting Carla Blue, blue1@illinois.edu

Can someone other than a parent/guardian check-out a participant?

Yes, but a parent/guardian will need to make arrangements with Carla Blue, blue1@illinois.edu and fill out a permission slip.

May I visit other people I know on campus during the week?

No. Participants must stay in our ISA area and for security purposes, we cannot allow outside guests in our area.

How much money should I bring?

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided to you. However, there may be an opportunity to buy campus souvenirs during evening activities. You may bring your own snacks to keep in your room, but if you would like to purchase snacks/beverages from the vending machines in Bousfield Hall, you will need your own money.

What if I lose my dorm room key?

University of Illinois Housing will charge you a fee if your dorm room key is lost. You will have to pay this fee out of your own pocket (approximately \$50). Illini Summer Academies and 4-H are NOT responsible for your key. This is a University rule.



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What if I get lost on campus?

You will always be with your chaperone or with your academy group so it is not likely that anyone will get lost. However, on the back of your name tag will be emergency numbers of ISA staff that you should call immediately if that happens. We will come find you and get you back with your group. Do not go anywhere on campus alone. Always be with a group from ISA.

Will there be swimming involved?

No.

What if my academy doesn't have specific clothing requirements?

Students attending the Academies are representing U of I and 4-H. Neat and appropriate dress will give a positive image, both to the college instructors and the public. Bring comfortable shoes for walking. Wear clothing you would be allowed to wear at your high school: nice shorts (preferably not "short-shorts"), shirts, jeans are acceptable. Please be sure that shirts cover your midriff. T-shirts or hats with inappropriate language and/or graphics are NOT acceptable attire at any time during the Illini Summer Academies. This includes items advertising alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or other inappropriate activities.

What do I need to do at check-out?

In order to check out on Thursday, make sure you leave the room how you found it. Throw away any garbage, and make sure you take all your belongings. Check outlets for phone chargers! Your chaperone will check your room before leaving with your parents. After your chaperone checks your room, return your dorm key to the lobby so you aren't charged a fee for not returning your room key.

Do I need to bring dress clothes?

We will be having a formal dinner on Wednesday night. **HOWEVER, the dress code for this event will be business casual.** If you would like to dress up in formal attire (nice dresses or dress pants and button up shirts), you are more than welcome to, but it will not be required. Otherwise, you will not need to bring dress clothes.



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