

HOUSING AND CHECK-IN INFORMATION GUIDE

In a few short weeks, you will be arriving on the campus of Southern Oregon University eager to experience all the activities that ACADEMIA LATINA has to offer. Our staff and teachers have planned many exciting classes and presentations. The week will be filled with academic challenges, cultural enrichment, recreational fun, and new friends. In order for students to get the most out of their ACADEMIA LATINA experience, we have established certain expectations for both students and parents. We are sure you will agree that observing these policies will ensure a happy and successful week at ACADEMIA LATINA.

STUDENTS, you are expected to...

- **BE PROMPT.** Be on time for classes during the day, for afternoon and evening workshops and all activities, and for meetings with your senior counselor.
- **FOLLOW YOUR SCHEDULE.** Be where you are supposed to be according to your class and activity schedule.
- **STAY ON CAMPUS.** We will tour the campus when you arrive and show you the boundaries—you will be expected to stay within these boundaries.
- **CLEAR YOUR SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS, ATHLETIC TRYOUTS AND OTHER COMMITMENTS** during the week of ACADEMIA LATINA. *July 9th-15th*

PARENTS, we ask you to...

- Send no more than \$20 with your student to ACADEMIA LATINA. This money can be used to purchase items on campus. More money poses problems such as possible loss and the temptation to buy lots of sugary snacks; our goal is to prevent "sugar highs" that might interfere with your child's ability to fully benefit from the week's activities.
- Help us by preparing your child for a week away from home. Part of the ACADEMIA LATINA experience is successfully being away from home and being independent. Our counselors and staff are trained to deal with homesickness and other issues that may come up. In case of emergency, your student can be reached by calling (541) 552 – 8991.
- Notify us ahead of time of any medication or dietary needs for your child. A medical information form is included in this packet so you can let us know what medication your child is taking.
- Be sure we have **accurate and current** emergency numbers for you and another responsible adult in case we need to get in touch quickly.
- For the safety of your child and the quality of our program, leaving ACADEMIA LATINA for any reason is discouraged. We feel that it is important for you and your child to make a commitment to participate fully in the ACADEMIA LATINA program. Please schedule appointments, music lessons, athletic practices and tryouts for times outside of ACADEMIA LATINA WEEK.
- If there is an emergency and your child needs to leave the program temporarily, please notify the ACADEMIA LATINA office personally. A student must be signed out by a parent/guardian or authorized adult in order to leave campus in an emergency situation. We do **not** allow students to leave the campus alone or with unauthorized persons.

Thank you for your cooperation in these policies. We want to make sure that all our ACADEMIA LATINA students have an outstanding week.

ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

We have enclosed a **map that designates the new dormitory complex** that students will be using and where parking is located. **Check-in is on Sunday, July 9, 2023.** Please refer to the following schedule:

- Check-in for **NEW** Students: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
- Check-in for **RETURNING** Students: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Check-in will take place at the Raider Village Courtyard (Shasta Hall). Upon arrival on campus, proceed to the registration area **without your child's luggage** to receive the room assignments, keys, and class schedule. A senior counselor will show you and your child to his or her room.

COUNSELORS

The Living Group Senior Counselor will become a very important person to your child. The counselors are college students with experience in youth programs and counseling who have been selected for leadership skills and their enthusiasm for working with young people. You are encouraged to meet with your child's counselor during the check-in time to discuss any information or concerns that you have provided to us in the enclosed forms, or to ask any questions you may have.

CELL PHONES

CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE USED during ACADEMIA LATINA. Students can bring their phones but will need to turn them in to their Senior Counselor upon arrival. Our ACADEMIA LATINA staff and counselors will have phones and the ACADEMIA LATINA office phone is available for emergencies. Phone calls home are limited.

FOOD

Healthy food is available at all meals in the new dormitory cafeteria. Students are **not** allowed to take food out of the cafeteria to their rooms. If students bring food from home to have in their dorm room, they are encouraged to bring healthy choices. Sugary snacks and soda are discouraged.

PARENT VISITATION

You are encouraged to drop your child off on **Sunday** and pick them up on the following **Saturday**. Our staff is specially trained to deal with homesickness and other issues that come up at camp. Arranging visits with your child is discouraged and can often take away from their experience at ACADEMIA LATINA. Letters from home are a great way to communicate with your child while they are at camp. Please use the mailing address format that we have provided **with the student's Senior Counselor name in the address block** to ensure that mail gets to the correct student. If you would like to drop items off for your student during ACADEMIA LATINA, please bring them to the Pre-College Youth Programs office (1388 Siskiyou Blvd next to Omar's Restaurant) rather than taking items directly to the dorms.

ROOMMATES

One of the best things about ACADEMIA LATINA is the new and lasting friendships your child makes during their week on campus. Although we do accept roommate requests, we also encourage your child to meet new people. We make every attempt to assign roommates appropriately. If your child did request a roommate, **both students need to have requested each other in their application for a match to be considered.**

DRESS STANDARDS

Students are expected to dress simply and neatly. Appropriate shoes should be worn at all times.

Please do not wear

1. Hats or hoodies inside the buildings.
2. Exposed undergarments, including boxer shorts, bras and their straps.
3. Low-cut or midriff tops.
4. Shoes that are appropriate for a variety of outdoor recreational/athletic activities and a lot of walking.

Note: Please bring at least one alternative to flip-flops and/or one pair of shoes appropriate for sports and recreation.

WHAT TO BRING (please label personal items)

1. Bed sheets or sleeping bag, blanket, pillow, and bath towel for the dorm (**they are not provided**)
2. Clothes for one week, plus clothes hangers
3. Nice clothing (dress pants/collared shirts or blouses/dresses) appropriate for the Theater & the Banquet
4. Bathrobe, sleepwear, tennis shoes (for sports), swimsuit, a towel for swimming, warm jacket and toiletries
5. A water bottle
6. Notebooks, paper, pen, and pencil. NOTE: Laundry facilities are available for emergency use. Please pack enough clothing for one full week.

OPTIONAL THINGS TO BRING

1. Sports equipment and non-electronic table games
2. Reading material
3. Cards
4. Alarm clock
5. An iron
6. Drawing material

DO NOT BRING

1. Cell phones (these will be with your SC)
2. Personal electronic devices (cell phones, MP3 players, iPods, Tablets, Portable Game Devices, etc)
3. Skateboards, roller skates, bicycles
4. Electrical appliances (TV, Stereo, microwaves)
5. Junk food and soda
6. Weapons of any kind

NOTE: Responsibility for any lost or damaged personal property is solely that of the student. Students are strongly encouraged to keep their room locked when they are not in it. Students should be careful with their room keys—the fee for a lost key is \$100.00.

LETTERS

The daily mail call is an important time—students enjoy getting letters from home! Large boxes and packages filled with food and unnecessary items are discouraged. You may write in care of:

ACADEMIA LATINA/ **Counselor Name**
SOU Youth Programs
1250 Siskiyou Blvd
Ashland, OR 97520

Please use the mailing address format that we have provided **with the student's Senior Counselor name in the address block** to ensure that mail gets to the correct student. We cannot guarantee mail delivery after the Friday of the program. It is a good idea to provide stamps for your student when they pack for ACADEMIA LATINA if you would like them to write to you. ACADEMIA LATINA students have very active schedules and may be too busy to write home. This should not be cause for concern – it indicates that your student is having a great time and keeping busy!

MEDICAL

If your child has a medical emergency while attending ACADEMIA LATINA, we will immediately contact you or the person you have designated. The on-call ACADEMIA LATINA nurse can handle most minor problems during the day, but should an emergency arise, we will call 911 for assessment and/or transport to the most appropriate emergency facility. Please be sure to complete and return the consent form for the medical treatment. Any charges for medical attention will be billed to you.

DAMAGE TO COLLEGE PROPERTY

ACADEMIA LATINA is a guest of the University while we are in session, and as such, must pay for any damage that occurs to university property, including dorm rooms. When damage can be traced to a particular student, whether

intentional or accidental, we will bill you in a statement that will be sent after the conclusion of ACADEMIA LATINA.

FOOD SERVICE

All meals are served in The Hawk, SOU's on-campus dining facility. The choices are nutritional and well balanced. Vegetarian options are always available. We try to encourage all our students to choose healthy, nutritional meals. Please use the enclosed Student Information Form and Special Medical Instructions Form to notify us of any special dietary needs or restrictions that your child may have.

CHECK-OUT

The students will be packing and checking-out of their rooms on the morning of **Saturday, July 15th**. Families are invited to the closing ceremony at **11:30 AM**. The program will end at 12:30 PM. Students can then pick up their luggage and head home.

In case you cannot attend the closing ceremony, it is very important that you pick up your child **before 1:00 PM on Saturday**. Please let us know if you need special arrangements.

We hope you find this information useful. The ACADEMIA LATINA team is eager to begin the program and get to meet your student.

Any further questions? Please call us at (541) 552-6378 | 541-552-8843 | 541-552-6924.