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YMWIC 2024 Summer Programs

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YMWIC Saint Vincent College Middle & High School Science Retreat



This year's Saint Vincent Science Retreat was an incredible experience for select middle and high school YMWIC Scholars, filled with enriching activities and memorable moments.

The group arrived at Saint Vincent on Monday afternoon and everyone settled in, kicking off the week with enthusiasm and excitement. Each morning, the Scholars gathered in the dining hall and enjoyed breakfast with their respective cohorts, divided between the 6th and 7th graders and the 8th and 9th grade students. This provided a great opportunity for them to bond and start their day on a positive note.

The mornings were packed with engaging sessions. On Tuesday and Wednesday, various activities were held, designed to be both educational and interactive, keeping the Scholars engaged and eager to learn.

Lunch times were shared experiences with all Scholars coming together to enjoy their meals. This time was invaluable for fostering a sense of community and allowing students to relax and socialize.

Afternoons were a blend of educational sessions and downtime, ensuring a balance between learning and relaxation. On Wednesday, an exciting game of "Capture the Flag" was held at UPMC Field, which was a hit among the students. Thursday evening was particularly memorable, as the group gathered around a campfire to make s'mores and have engaging conversations.

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Evenings were equally eventful, starting with swimming on Monday night. Throughout the week, Scholars had access to basketball courts, game rooms, and the Carey Lounge, providing plenty of options for entertainment and relaxation. Quiet hours were observed from 10:30 PM to 7:00 AM, allowing everyone to get the rest they needed.

Scholars had an amazing time creating memories that will last a lifetime. Everyone is already looking forward to the next adventure!

Out-Of-School Program (OTS)

Hosted at Martin Luther King High School in Philadelphia, the Out-of-School Program (OTS) is in its pilot year, marking a milestone in our efforts to support our Scholars. With 17 dedicated participants, this program is designed to enhance academic skills, build professional readiness, and offer valuable life experiences.

Key Highlights of the OTS Program:

- **Weekly College Visits:** Scholars visit a college each week, broadening their horizons and inspiring future academic pursuits. So far, they have explored Drexel University and Community College of Philadelphia. An upcoming visit includes Arcadia University.
- **Academic Enhancement:** Focused on strengthening math and language arts skills, the Program ensures that Scholars are academically prepared for the challenges of the new school year.
- **Professional Development:** Scholars are actively working on their resumes, preparing them for future job and college applications.
- **Financial Literacy:** Learning to manage finances is a crucial life skill. Through dedicated sessions, Scholars gain insights into budgeting, saving, and investing.
- **Project-Based Learning:** Engaging in various projects, including entrepreneurship, Scholars develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills. They recently enjoyed a canoeing adventure, blending physical activity with environmental awareness.
- **Stipend for Attendance:** Recognizing their commitment, Scholars will receive a stipend at the end of the Program, motivating consistent participation and rewarding their hard work.



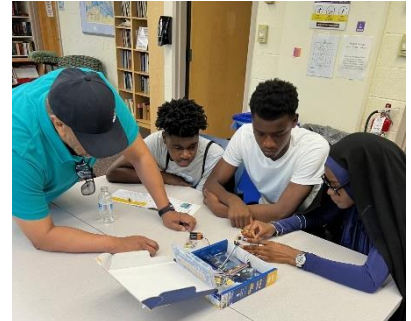
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Upward Bound Program

The Upward Bound program, hosted at West Chester University, continues to be a cornerstone of our summer educational initiatives. Designed to support high school students in their pursuit of higher education, Upward Bound provides comprehensive academic and personal development opportunities.

Key Highlights of the Upward Bound Program:

- **College Tours:** Scholars participate in college tours, including a recent visit to the University of Pennsylvania. These tours offer first-hand exposure to college life, helping students envision their future academic journeys.
- **Academic Support:** Through rigorous coursework and tutoring, students enhance their skills in core subjects, ensuring they are prepared for the demands of higher education.
- **Personal Growth:** The Program emphasizes personal development, leadership skills, community engagement, and fostering well-rounded individuals ready to take on future challenges.
- **Coding and Technology:** Scholars are learning about coding using ultrasonic sensors under the guidance of Mr. Bill, providing them with valuable skills in technology and innovation.
- **Martial Arts:** Master Fox has been teaching martial arts skills, promoting physical fitness, discipline, and self-confidence among the Scholars.
- **Resume Building:** Amanda Cleveland is working with the Scholars to create and refine their resumes, ensuring they are well-prepared for future academic and career opportunities.
- **Lab Experience:** Next week, the Scholars will gain hands-on experience in the lab with Dr. Mitchell, further enhancing their scientific knowledge and research skills.

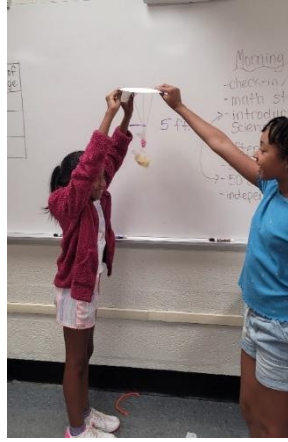


Both Programs are dedicated to empowering our Scholars, equipping them with the tools, knowledge, and experiences needed to excel in the upcoming school year and beyond. We are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to seeing them thrive academically, personally, and professionally.

Together, the Out of School Program and Upward Bound are not just preparing students for the next school year; they are paving the way for lifelong success.

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YMWIC Elementary and Middle School STEAM & Language Arts Camps



Scholars at our Coatesville, West Chester, Norristown, and Upper Darby locations participated in a variety of icebreaker activities and games to get to know each other and discovering things they have common. They also worked on academic skills in Science and Engineering by working with interactive science kits, ELA (English Language Arts) by writing goals they would like to accomplish by the end of camp and reading and discussing books, and math by completing the Ascend Math online program assessment. Scholars will be starting hands-on

science projects which will allow them to learn about cause-and-effect, critical thinking, and problem solving in a fun and exciting way.

Scholars embarked on their first field trip of the summer to the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, New Jersey. They experienced crossing the world's longest Shark Bridge and met some cool underwater creatures in Touch Exhibits. They eagerly looked forward to their trip to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia on July 10th and had an amazing time enjoying the many learning activities and hands-on exhibits. Both field trips were a hit for the young campers!

In addition, Scholars have taken college tours to Delaware County Community College and the University of Pennsylvania; had golf lessons, played mini golf and ridden go carts at The Golf Zone in Honeybrook, PA; and participated in college readiness and resume writing activities. They are eagerly anticipating three more weeks of exciting learning and fun activities and the culminating Banquet at the end of the Summer Program.