

**2014
SUMMER CAMPS
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TULSA
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Please note that each student must arrive with a \$100 damage/cleaning deposit check, which will be held during the camp time. If no damages or excessive cleaning are required, the check will be returned at the time of departure.

Does the student need his/her own camera? No; we supply cameras, tape, tripod, camera bag and all supporting equipment.

Should the student bring a laptop? We will provide a space for writing on our editing lab computers, using the latest screenwriting software (Final Draft), so a laptop is not necessary. Moreover, although the campus is very secure, personal belongings do occasionally get taken, so we ask students to minimize risky items.

What materials are needed for the classroom? Each student should arrive with several pads of paper, writing instruments, and any pre-assigned reading materials. We provide all photocopying for scripts, storyboard blanks and other hand-out materials.

Are the students supervised at all times? When they're not with a faculty member, they will be with a topnotch Film Studies major, who will live in the house with them, escort them to meals, and be with them at all hours not in the classroom.

Where will they live? The students will reside in the dorm portion of one of the sorority houses. This allows us to have them all in one space, with males on one side and females on the other side of a common room. Because it is our space

alone, the students are able to have their own TV to watch films on their own time, or play video games, etc. Students are welcome to bring game consoles and games, provided the games are not offensive to other students. Any game which creates excess noise or activity will be taken away and returned at the end of camp.

How are meals arranged and what do they consist of? Meals are in one of the main dormitories. The food service includes choices of breakfast foods, lunch sandwiches and salad bar, and evening meals/salad bar, plus other choices. Students with strict diets or food allergies have had no problem eating well on campus. Attending meals is mandatory and supervised, so that no one gets to live on sodas and chips. Occasionally, the meal service is not available, and we arrange to take students to nearby restaurants, and/or bring in meals.

Will my son/daughter need money? The students are permitted to buy snack food and drinks for the evenings or other times. They are not permitted to go off campus on their own, so opportunities to spend are limited. The campus bookstore is open in the summer; many of the students buy keepsakes there, such as t-shirts, stuffed animals, etc.

How do the classes work? We meet during the day in classrooms belonging to the Film Studies Department in the brand-new Lorton Performance Center. In the evenings there are screenings of films that are relevant to class work; in filmmaking, evenings for the last few days are given over to editing of final projects.

In screenwriting, the days are spent in discussion of techniques, review of reading materials, and undertaking many creative writing exercises intended to lead to a finished short script by each student, which will be read aloud at a final presentation for family and friends on the last morning of the camp (Saturday morning).

In filmmaking, the days are spent learning key techniques of filmmaking and of working with editing software (Final Cut), leading toward the completion by each student of a short film to be shown on the final morning of the camp (Saturday morning) for friends and family.

At the completion of each camp, those taking only one camp pack up and depart; rooms are inspected at that time and any damage or need for excessive cleaning is

noted.

Each student receives a certificate of completion, a bound copy of all the scripts for the screenwriting class, and a disc with all the films for the filmmaking class.

What happens once accepted? The main obligation for parents is to complete the forms that will be sent, requiring information on health insurance, plus requesting details of current physical health, medications and so on. One form calls for a recent medical exam though if the student has not undergone any significant physical or mental changes since the last physical, that one will do. What's critical is that we be alerted to any allergies or recurring problems, etc., that will need to be monitored.