

ATHOLTON ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Kids University Summer Program

Atholton Adventist Academy recognizes there is a need for quality Adventist programming for school-aged children during the summer months. Kids University (KidsU) summer program provides academic enrichment and summer activities in a safe, values-oriented environment. Students are provided opportunities to:

- Deepen their relationship with Jesus.
- Reinforce math, reading, and writing skills gained during the previous school year.
- Develop critical thinking skills through play.
- Explore areas of interest not normally available within the regular school curriculum (cooking, gardening, swimming, board game strategies, etc.)
- Deepen friendships with fellow Atholton classmates and develop new friendships with other area young people.

Admissions

Admission to KidsU summer program is open to children of any race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin who have a desire to grow spiritually, academically, physically, and socially. All students participating in the summer program agree to cheerfully follow all requirements published in the *Summer Handbook*. Admission to the summer program is a privilege and not a right, and that privilege may be withheld or withdrawn by the school at its discretion and in harmony with its philosophy. KidsU has limited ability to deal with special needs students. Administration will evaluate special needs applicants on a case-by-case basis.

The summer program is designed for students in grades K-6. Students beyond grade 6 who are currently enrolled at Atholton Adventist Academy may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Participants who are not enrolled at Atholton Adventist Academy must submit recommendation forms (2) from both the participant's previous year's teacher and principal, unless they have attended the Summer Program in previous years. Recommendation Form can be found at <http://atholtonadventistacademy.org/student-recommendation-form.pdf>

KidsU Summer Registration

A Registration Form may be obtained online (<http://atholtonadventistacademy.org/summer-registration-form.pdf>) or from the school office:

Atholton Adventist Academy
6520 Martin Road
Columbia, MD 21044-3932
(410) 740-2425

Hours of Operation

KidsU summer program operates from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, M-F, or unless otherwise specified. The program is divided into three parts:

- Early Morning Program – 7:00-9:00am
- Mid-day Program – 9:00am-3:30pm
- Evening Program – 3:30-6:00pm

Participants are expected to be picked up on time at the close of each day's activities. Any participant remaining on campus past dismissal time will be assessed \$5.00 for every 5 minutes they are on campus.

Payments

Payment must be made in full by Monday morning of the week a participant is attending.

Behavior

Participants are expected to respect and cooperate with staff and other participants, remain in supervised areas at all times, and follow KidsU rules cheerfully. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the summer program.

Lunches

Parents are responsible for providing lunch for their child. Caffeinated beverages and flesh foods, poultry, and seafood of any kind are not permitted in lunches during the summer program. When a child fails to bring a lunch, food will be provided for the participant and a \$5.00 charge will be added to the participant's summer account. Food may not be delivered to participants by commercial carrier.

Snacks (chips, cookies, fruit drinks) will be sold during the summer program. All snacks are \$.50. Snacks may be purchased with cash or a prepaid \$5.00 snack card. The school cannot be responsible for money lost during the summer program.

Medical Records

Participants are required to provide an up-to-date Maryland State immunization record before attending the summer program.

<http://www.hcps.org/f/schools/immunization.pdf>

Medical Care and Accident Insurance

Atholton Adventist Academy has purchased School Time Accident Coverage. This policy provides coverage for registered participants during the hours and days when the KidsU summer program is in session. If a participant is injured during KidsU summer program, the first five hundred dollars (\$500.00) of covered charges will be paid, regardless of other insurance policies that cover the student.

Communicable Health Problem

The parent will be notified if a participant is suspected of having a communicable health problem. The parent will be required to remove the participant from the summer program immediately until the problem is resolved. A participant who has had a fever may not return to the summer program until the temperature has returned to normal for 24 hours, **without the use of medication**.

Medication

Prescription or non-prescription medications administered to participants during the summer program must be brought to the school office, accompanied by a completed HCPSS School Health Services Medication Form. Each medication must be in the original container, complete with pharmacy label. Participants may not have prescription or non-prescription medications in their possession while at Kids U summer program. Medication forms (including Asthma Action Plans and Allergic Reaction Plans) are posted on the school's website under Resources. Links for easy reference:

<http://atholtonadventistacademy.org/medication-form.pdf>,
<http://atholtonadventistacademy.org/allergic-action-plan.pdf>,
<http://atholtonadventistacademy.org/asthma-action-plan.pdf>

Music Lessons

Private music lessons are available during the summer program by arrangement with an Atholton Adventist Academy-associated music instructor. A fee is charged by the instructor for private lessons. All music lesson fees are set by and are paid directly to the music instructor.

Library Books

Participants may check out books from the school library with permission of a staff member. A replacement fee will be charged for any books not returned by the end of the summer program.

Internet Use

Computer activities will be under direct supervision of the summer program staff. Any participant violating the computer use policy will automatically have all computer privileges revoked during the remainder of the summer program.

Closed Campus

Atholton Adventist Academy is responsible for all participants during the summer program hours. For this reason, participants may not leave the school property at any time unless they have a written note from their parent and the permission of the KidsU director. Participants may only leave school with individuals who are authorized in writing by the parent. Emails are an acceptable form of written communication. Telephone calls and voice messages are not acceptable. If a participant must leave campus during the day, parents are required to sign the participant out at the school office. Guests who wish to visit the campus during the summer program hours must secure permission from the KidsU director.

Summer Dress Code

During the summer program, participants may wear modest, comfortable summer wear, such as shorts/jeans and a T-shirt. Shoes worn in the gym or outdoors must have closed heel and toe for safety. Swimming is a part of the summer program once the Clemens Crossing Pool opens. Bathing suits must be modest in style. Students should bring an extra pair of clothes to use in case of emergencies.

The Administration and School Board reserve the right to formulate and implement policies, rules, and regulations throughout the summer in order to assure the safe and appropriate operation of the school. Any new policies will be communicated to parents or guardians and will carry equal force to the other information contained in the *Summer Handbook*.