

SUMMER IMMERSION

AT

SANDY SPRING
FRIENDS SCHOOL

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Welcome!



A Summer of Culture & Learning

The Summer Immersion Program at Sandy Spring Friends School introduces international students to studying at an American school.

Students will improve their English language skills, learn about the history and culture of the United States, and become comfortable interacting with our diverse group of local and international students. Students have the option to attend as day students or to stay as boarding students on campus in our safe and clean student housing. Please note that we do not provide host families for day students.



ABOUT SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL

The Summer Immersion Program takes place on the 140-acre wooded campus of the Sandy Spring Friends School. Sandy Spring Friends School has been an educational institution in the Washington, DC area for 50 years. Sandy Spring is a Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade (ages 3 through 18) college preparatory day school for boys and girls with an optional boarding program in the Upper School.

Founded in 1961, Sandy Spring Friends School is located in the historic Quaker community of Sandy Spring in the heart of Montgomery County, Maryland, only 40 minutes from Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, DC. The school offers a diverse student body, strong academics that include Advanced Placement courses in the Upper School, arts, athletic programs, and an emphasis on traditional Quaker values. The school also has several state-of-the-art performance spaces, athletic fields and courts, and science facilities.

For admissions inquiries to become a full-time student at Sandy Spring Friends School, please contact our Admissions Office:

Admissions Office

Sandy Spring Friends School
16923 Norwood Road
Sandy Spring, MD 20860
Phone: (301) 774-7455
E-mail: admissions@ssfs.org

Please note that all admitted international students are required to attend the Summer Immersion Program.



SUMMER IMMERSION PROGRAM

Our two sessions are complete American academic and cultural experiences. Each session is three weeks long, and most students stay for all six weeks. Students improve their English in a short immersion program, which helps prepare them for boarding school life, future schooling or even future employment in America. Students learn about teacher expectations, independence, and peer relationships.

Because of how close we are to several major cities, we are also able to introduce many important parts of American culture to our students first-hand.

Please explore our program through this brochure, and contact us for more information. We hope to welcome your child to Sandy Spring this summer!





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Diagnostic testing and placement in the appropriate English language class
- Emphasis on speaking, listening, reading and writing skills
- Individual attention (5 to 1 student to faculty ratio)
- TOEFL & SAT Preparation
- Diverse student population
- Arts, sports, and recreational activities to explore American culture
- Daily help sessions and supervised evening study sessions
- Visits to campuses of prestigious American universities
- Weekend and overnight trips to practice language skills in real-life settings
- Day trips to historic sites, museums, a baseball game, whitewater rafting and biking
- Outings to local beaches, amusement parks, shopping malls, and theaters

One of the unique parts of the Summer Immersion Program is that we work with our students to create a portfolio of their work from the summer. This helps students with future admission to secondary schools and to universities. It also produces a record that they can share with their parents and friends. The process of compiling the portfolio itself reinforces their accomplishments.

We also provide students who have special talents in dance, music, sports and other disciplines with the facilities to continue their standard routine and maintain their level of achievement in that activity. Please contact us to discuss this option.

Students who successfully complete the program will receive a certificate of completion, but no academic grades or credit will be given. Students who have been accepted to the International Student Program at Sandy Spring Friends School must attend the Summer Immersion Program.

TRAVEL

Students' flights should arrive on Sunday, July 10th after 12:00 noon for Session I and on Sunday, July 31st for Session II. Departure flights should be arranged after 9:00 am on Saturday, July 30th for Session I and Saturday, August 20th for Session II. All air travel should be through the Baltimore Washington International or Dulles International Airports. A shuttle will transport the students to and from airports.



Session I: July 11th-July 29th

Session II: Aug 1st-Aug 19th



WEEKEND TRIPS

Washington, DC

- Smithsonian Institute
- Union Station
- Night Tour of the National Monuments
- Arlington National Cemetery
- National Cathedral

New York City

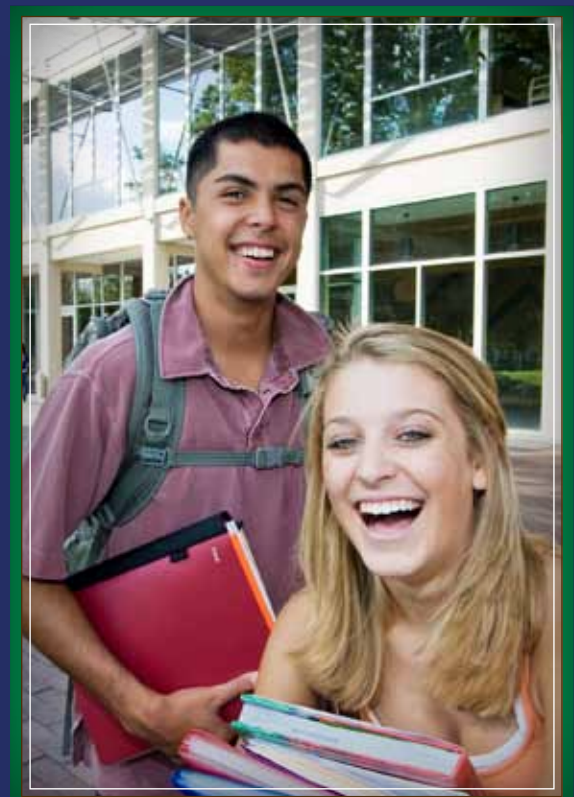
- Broadway Show
- Empire State Building
- Radio City Music Hall
- Shopping on 5th Avenue
- American Museum of Natural History
- Museum of Modern Art
- Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
- Hard Rock Café

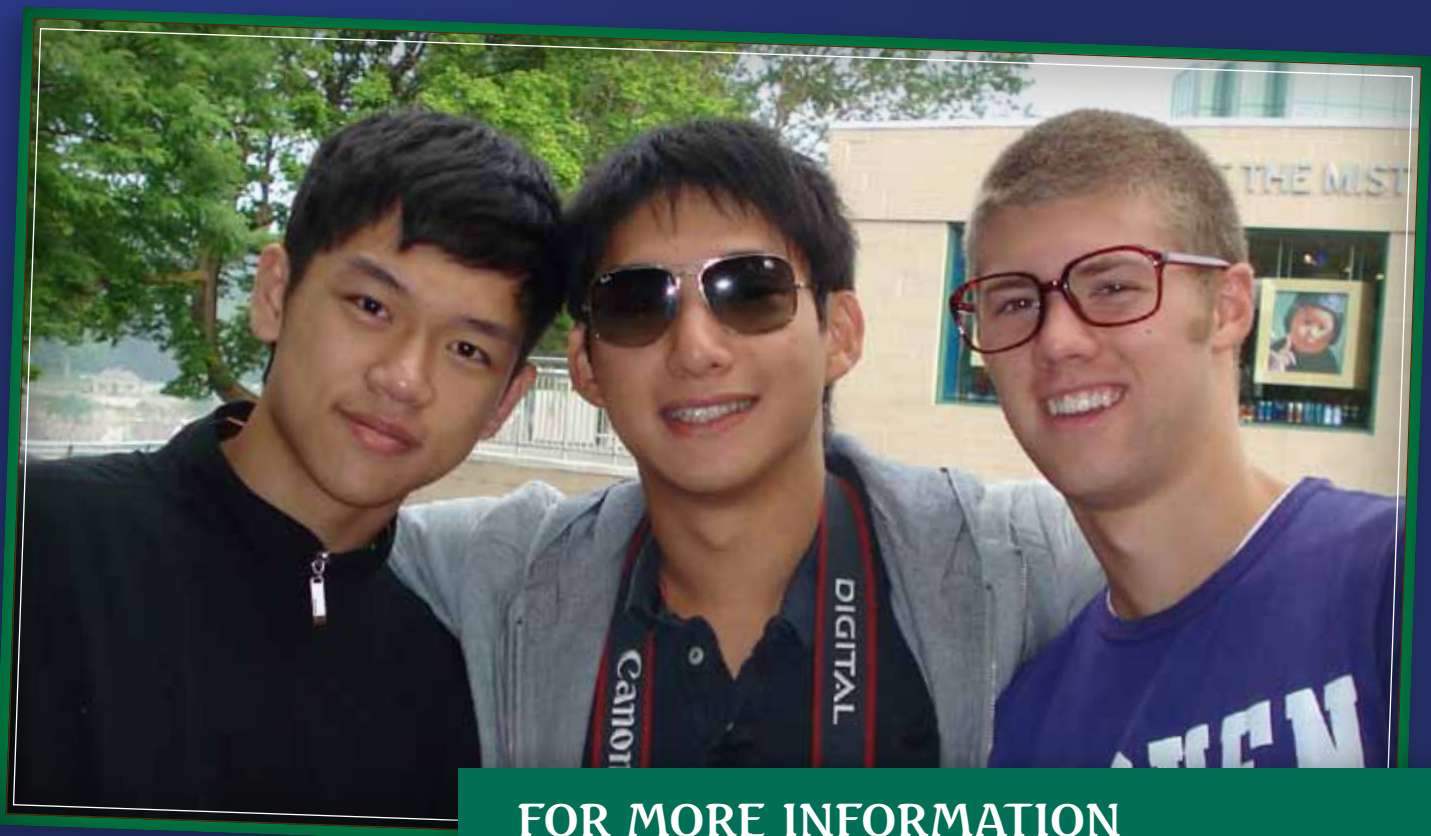
College Tours

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| • Harvard | • Yale |
| • Princeton | • NYU |
| • Johns Hopkins | • Tufts |
| • University of Virginia | • Georgetown |
| • Boston College | • William and Mary |

DAILY SCHEDULE

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| 7:30 | Breakfast |
| 8:15-9:20 | English Skills / American Literature |
| 9:30-10:25 | U.S History |
| 10:30-10:55 | Break |
| 11:00-11:55 | American Culture & Customs |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:05-2:00 | TOEFL Prep |
| 2:10-3:05 | Verbal Communication |
| 3:15-4:00 | Extra Help Session |
| 4:10-5:50 | Recreational Activities |
| 6:00-7:00 | Dinner |
| 7:00-8:00 | Group Activities |
| 8:00-10:00 | Supervised Study Session |
| 11:00 | Lights Out |





**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE VISIT US AT:**

www.ssfs.org/summer_programs

OR CONTACT:

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CHOOSE BETWEEN FOLLOWING VISAS

A large group of students of various ethnicities and ages are posed in front of a school building with large glass windows. Some students are standing in the back rows, while others are sitting or leaning on a railing in the foreground. The students are dressed in casual summer clothing like t-shirts and shorts.

F-1 Visa

An F-1 Visa is a student visa and we strongly recommend it if there is any possibility that the student will stay in the United States for the year to study at Sandy Spring Friends School or any other school.

Without an F-1 visa, a student will not be allowed to remain in the United States to study.

B-2 Visa

A B-2 Visa is a tourist visa that is valid for only six months and we recommend it if the student will only attend our summer program in the United States.

It is not valid for students intending to study at an academic institution for the school year.

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