



English Language and American Culture Summer Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who may apply?

Our English Language and American Culture (ELAC) program is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen individual English skills and then take advantage of outdoor activities. Our program is an even blend of academic practice in the areas of reading, writing, grammar, reading comprehension, and oral communication *with* summertime fun! We welcome applications from girls and boys ages 7-12 from all over the world!

2. What is dormitory life like?

We are delighted to have a new housing facility for our boarders. The dorms are called Blydenburgh House and Jiayi House. Boys are in double rooms on one floor and girls are in double rooms on the second floor. The building is air conditioned for comfort during the summer months. There is one dorm parent on duty on each floor for each night. There are kitchens for preparing night-time snacks, a computer for an evening email, and a common room for rest, television, and socializing.

3. Who will look after me during my stay at Bement?

We have a team of teachers, dorm parents, and activities instructors eager to get to know our ELAC students. They will help with homework, take you on field trips, help you feel settled in the dormitories, and make you feel at home.

4. What should I wear?

Dress is always casual and New England summers can be humid so shorts, sneakers or sandals, and lightweight shirts are all that is necessary. And don't forget your bathing suit!

5. What if I am homesick?

Especially if this is your first time away from home, adjustments to new environments can be hard. Our staff is prepared to do their best at making you feel comfortable and safe. We also have a very busy schedule at Bement so that we can keep your mind on having fun!

6. Will I have access to a telephone and email?

There are dormitory telephones and computers available for internet service. You may bring a cell phone with you, but please know that cell phones may not be with you during your camp day. Your free time in the evening is the best time to get in touch with friends and family.

7. Can my family visit me?

Families are welcome to visit during a student's stay at Bement. Please understand in advance that our schedule is very busy and therefore it might be difficult to get in touch with and/or visit students. Perhaps the best time to visit is during the afternoons before dinner so that kids have returned from their activities with Adventure Camp.

8. Will I earn grades in my courses?

Written assessments of each student's performance while attending Bement's ELAC program will be sent via email to parents and consultants at the end of the session. No letter or numerical grade is assigned to a student's achievement.