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Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics (SVSM)
UNC Charlotte
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June 30 - July 27, 2019

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNC Charlotte), the campus to which you have been assigned, is North Carolina's urban research institution. UNC Charlotte is the fourth largest of the seventeen constituent institutions in the statewide University of North Carolina system. It is the largest institution of higher education in the Charlotte region. Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics programs have been conducted on this campus since the program's initiation in 1985.

UNC Charlotte lies at the edge of Charlotte, North Carolina's largest city, and is easily reached by major highways. The site provides the advantages of an urban area, including live theater, excellent restaurants, and other cultural opportunities. Discovery Place, one of the nation's outstanding science museums, is located in the center of the city. Other attractions include the U.S. National Whitewater Center, ImaginOn, the Billy Graham Library, the Mint Museum of Art, the Mint Museum of Craft and Design, Levine Museum of the New South, Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens, Historic Latta Plantation, and the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

ACADEMIC LIFE

Classes normally meet from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Lunch in university dining facilities will be available during the 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. period. Class attendance is required at all times except when you are sick or injured. Students are expected to attend all classes and to report to class on time. Instructors take roll, and the assistant director monitors classrooms daily. Students must notify a day counselor and/or the Head Residence Counselor in the event of class absence due to illness.

During the last week of the program, each student will concentrate on completing an analysis of a particular science or mathematics project which represents the culmination of his or her work for the summer program. Prior to the conclusion of the program, each student will submit a research paper on his or her research/laboratory project. Students will be assisted with their research papers by the instructor who directs the course of study for the class assignment. Each student is expected to make a presentation to his or her group on the final day of Summer Ventures.

Parents/guardians are invited to attend these presentations, which will be given on a staggered basis beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the final Saturday of the program. All students completing the SVSM program in good standing will receive certificates. Awards will be announced for the most outstanding research papers. Students and families will depart after the closing ceremony.

ATTENDANCE

SVSM is a significant financial investment by the state of North Carolina. The four-week program is an intense academic program involving students in coursework, research projects, and related extracurricular activities.

Due to nature of the SVSM experience, students are required to be in attendance during the entire four-week period, including weekends (with the exception of the planned mid-session break).

ATTIRE/GROOMING

The Summer Ventures program expects that students' clothing will be neat, clean, in good taste, and appropriate for the occasion. While we recognize that the definition of "in good taste" varies, dress or grooming that attracts undue or negative attention or is overtly offensive is not acceptable.

AUTOMOBILES AND OTHER MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Motorcycles, mopeds, other motorized vehicles, and bicycles are not allowed in the SVSM Program, and students are strictly prohibited from driving or riding in such vehicles. Skateboards and rollerblades are also not allowed at SVSM.

Students may not have cars at the program. They will not be allowed to drive state cars or private vehicles during the four-week period.

By enrolling students in the program, parents extend permission for them to travel in vehicles operated by the faculty and staff, by any driver hired by the program, and by other adults officially connected with the program.

During the institute, students are not allowed to ride in cars operated by persons other than adults connected with the program, with the following two exceptions:

A student may ride in a vehicle operated by an adult only if the vehicle is operated by a custodial parent/guardian or by an adult for whom signed permission by the parent/guardian has been provided to SVSM at UNC Charlotte to transport the student.

Students may ride to religious services of their choice in vehicles operated by representatives of the church, synagogue, or temple, with the signed permission of the custodial parent/guardian.

DATES AND DETAILS OF 2019 SVSM PROGRAM

Arrival

Students in the Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics program will check in at **Levine Hall**, which is the SVSM residence hall for 2019. **Check-in time will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2019 (lunch on your own).** Students are to register and take possession of a room key at the front entrance of the Residence Hall. We will notify you as to your room assignment when you check in. Staff and counselors will be on hand to assist students in locating their rooms and in receiving Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics materials. You will be given a name tag and a meal pass for use in University dining facilities. It is advised that students complete the check-in process before unloading belongings.

NOTE: If you are planning to arrive by public transportation—which is **not** encouraged on the first day of the program—you must inform us in writing well ahead of time regarding the arrival time and the form of transportation so that we can make arrangements to meet you. For example: "Greyhound Bus, 9:00 a.m."; or "American Airlines, Flight 123, 9:00 a.m."

At 2:00 p.m. on arrival day, Sunday, June 30, we will have a group orientation meeting to include parents and students. This will be the time for last minute questions and discussions. The meeting will be conducted at McKnight Auditorium in the Cone University Center, after which it will be time to say

farewell to family and friends and begin the four-week academic program.

Weekend at Home

Students are to spend the mid-session break at home, beginning the evening of Thursday, July 11, through the evening of Sunday, July 14. The dorm will be closed to SVSM students during this time. Students may leave their personal belongings locked in their rooms. Students will depart after the completion of afternoon classes at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, and should return to campus between 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 14. Dinners on Thursday, July 11, and Sunday, July 14, are on your own. (See Appendix B for some restaurant options in the UNC Charlotte area.)

Departure

Certificates for successful participation in the program will be issued after the research presentations on the final day of Summer Ventures, Saturday, July 27th, 2019. Times and locations for the presentations will be announced prior to that day. Presentations are usually scheduled between 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. Awards will be given for the most outstanding research papers, known as the Catalyst Awards, at the closing ceremony, to be held in McKnight Auditorium in the Cone University Center. Students and families will depart for home following the closing ceremony.

GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR

See Appendix A.

In the SVSM Program, as in any community, there are guidelines for behavior that all members of the group are expected to follow, and there are consequences for infractions of these guidelines.

On the opening day of the SVSM Program, the staff will review regulations with the students. The disciplinary process and the specific actions that will be taken in case of infractions will be described. Discipline for more serious violations of regulations, either academic or residential, will be handled by the SVSM Program Director. Minor infractions usually will be handled by residence life staff. As deemed appropriate, parents/guardians will be notified of infractions of the rules and of the disciplinary action taken.

All violations covered by North Carolina law, including but not limited to certain infractions involving alcohol and drugs, will be reported to local law authorities as is legally required. Such violations will also result in automatic and immediate dismissal from the SVSM Program.

The following infractions will result in disciplinary action and may lead to dismissal from the program: violation of policies on intervisitation, dating, and visitors; use of an automobile or other motorized vehicle; riding with an unauthorized driver; failure to follow sign-out procedures; breaking curfew; threatening, disruptive, or offensive behavior; misuse of academic facilities or equipment; cutting classes; non-participation in academic activities or chronic failure to complete academic assignments; violation of the four-week attendance policy; or academic dishonesty. (See Guidelines and Regulations, Appendix A, for details.)

Students may be disciplined or dismissed for any single gross or excessive violation or for repeated violations of any nature.

HEALTH CARE

The UNC Charlotte Student Health Center may be used by SVSM students for treatment of acute illness or injury (severe illness, sprains, dehydration, lacerations, etc.), but not for routine healthcare needs such as physicals, allergy shots, or routine administration of medications. Student Health Center phone number is 704-687-7400. Summer hours is Monday - Friday 8:00am-5:00pm.

Emergency health care will be provided by an Urgent Care facility or by the nearby Carolinas Medical Center - University Hospital as appropriate. Completion of Medical Forms in their entirety assist in ensuring that pertinent health information is available to health care providers at any of these medical facilities, should the need arise. There are charges that must be paid upon admission to such facilities, including at the Student Health Center, where the charge must be paid at the time of the visit (\$45 for initial visit. The student's family is responsible for all medical expenses incurred during SVSM).

No drugs of any kind, including non-prescription drugs such as aspirin, may be dispensed to students by the staff of Summer Ventures. Students and parents must take care of these needs on their own. If a student needs allergy shots, these will need to be done at an off-campus facility. One facility in Charlotte you may contact is Carolina Asthma and Allergy at carolinaasthma.com. The main phone line is (704) 980-8302; see their website for specific shot days and times at the University office. It is your responsibility to contact this or any other facility of your choice in the area to get specific instructions and to make arrangements, including need for medical records, doctor's orders, cost, payment, and other logistics. Appointments will need to be coordinated with class instructor and Residence Life staff.

MAIL/PACKAGES

(Camper's name)
Summer Ventures in Science and Math
Center for STEM
College of Education Building, Suite 222, 2nd floor
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
9201 University City Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28223-0001

Use the above 9-digit zip code, which is unique to UNC Charlotte.

MONEY

All meals and lodging for students are paid in full by the Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics Program. Extra snacks, laundry, haircuts, and incidental expenses are not covered by the program. The staff of Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics does not recommend that students have large sums of money on hand because the program cannot be responsible for lost or stolen money and other valuables. A reasonable amount of weekly spending money for incidentals would probably be about \$40-\$50 per week. Please note that there are no check cashing agencies on the UNC Charlotte campus. However, there are bank teller machines in the Student Union and outside the Prospector building, as well as Cash Points machines (State Employees Credit Union) in the Cone Center lobby and inside the Prospector building.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Optional:

_____ backpack
_____ cell phone (see Residence Life section)
_____ alarm clock
_____ blanket
_____ calculator
_____ jacket (light) or sweater
_____ laundry detergent & coins for machines
_____ linens (twin sheets, pillow, pillow case, towels, washcloth)
_____ shoes: tennis/walking, and/or hiking boots

_____ musical instruments
_____ old clothes/sneakers
- Topics of Biology class: at least one pair of closed-toe shoes for lab work
_____ sunscreen
_____ toiletry articles (soap/shampoo, etc.)

_____ desk lamp	(for some activities;
_____ extension cord	see Residence Life letter)
_____ favorite board games	_____ radio/CD/MP3 player
_____ hair dryer	_____ recreation gear (e.g., ball glove)
_____ iron	_____ shower sandals (flip-flops)
_____ laptop computer (there may not be Internet	_____ sleeping bag (or extra blanket)
_____ in the dorm; there are some wireless hotspots	_____ stamps (though campus P.O. has these)
_____ on campus, such as in the Library)	_____ suit/dress
_____ mattress cover/pad	_____ water bottle/tumbler (insulated if desired)
_____ medicine (if needed)*	_____ white T-shirt(s) for tie-dying**
(*Note: You may bring a “lock-box” to keep	
legal controlled medications prescribed for you,	
if applicable, to be kept in a counselor’s room.)	

**White T-shirts for tie-dying may be new or used, but should be inexpensive. Tie-dying is a recreational activity, and the shirts are later used to help identify teams for a team-based set of games.

NOT permitted:

air conditioners (dormitories are air conditioned)
 electronic cigarettes
 explosives, firearms, weapons (including pocket knives, BB guns, etc.)
 hot plates
 illegal drugs
 ovens (microwave, conventional, or toaster ovens)
 refrigerators, including mini-fridges (there is a large refrigerator in the dorm, and an ice machine)
 televisions
 tobacco (in any form) - the SVSM program is tobacco free
 vape pens
 vehicles of any kind

PHONES/COMMUNICATION

Cell phones may be allowed at SVSM, though policies regarding their use may vary from year to year based in large part on how responsibly they are managed by students. Cell phones are not to be used in class, including text messaging or any other purpose. Cell phone calls are not allowed while riding in vans, as this can become a distraction to the driver, though texting while riding in vans is allowed. (An exception to the rule regarding cell phone calls while riding in vans may be made by instructors on field trips for certain situations, at the instructor’s discretion.) When SVSM meetings are in session, cell phones are not to be used in any manner. Infraction of these rules may be considered grounds for dismissal from the program.

The head residence counselor and other counselors have cell phones available for student use or as contacts for incoming calls for students who do not bring cell phones to SVSM.

Computers are available on campus (mainly in the Library) for emailing family and friends at home. Personal email activity and social networking activity should only be engaged in during free time, not during class time, which is intended for coursework and research.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Because SVSM is a state-run program, it cannot provide religious services for students. No person officially connected with the SVSM Program will provide students transportation to or from religious services, either in state vehicles or in private ones.

The decision to attend or not attend religious services is a private one for each student and will not be questioned or influenced by any member of the SVSM staff. If at all possible, the coordinator will make

arrangements for special meals for students whose religious beliefs involve dietary restrictions.

Official SVSM activities generally will not be planned for Saturday evenings (other than dances which are SVSM activities) or Sunday mornings. If any of the students at the institute belong to a religious group that has service on days other than Saturday or Sunday, the director and staff will take this into consideration in scheduling activities.

Students who have a conflict between a scheduled SVSM activity and a religious service they wish to attend may be excused from the SVSM activity.

RESIDENTIAL POLICIES (MISCELLANEOUS)

All students attending the SVSM program live in one of the dormitories on campus. The dormitory for SVSM 2019 will be Levine Hall . Commuting will not be allowed. The staff of the program will assign roommates (if applicable). Each student is responsible for his/her key. A total fee of approximately \$100.00 will be charged in the event the student loses their key/access cards.

Supervision and everyday guidance will be provided by residential staff with experience in residential life work. Emergency health services will be available to SVSM students. All expenses for medical care are the responsibility of the SVSM student.

SIGN-OUTS AND CURFEWS

For the safety of participating students, it is essential that SVSM staff know the students' whereabouts at all times. To assure this, the institute has established the following procedures:

Sign-in/sign-out cards are posted on bulletin boards in the assigned residence hall. Students are responsible for following this procedural requirement in the morning and evening until they are in the dorm for the night. This provides counselors with the information they need in case an emergency situation arises. Counselors should be able to find any student within a short period of time to maintain a safe and secure environment for them for the duration of the SVSM program. Students are not permitted to leave campus unless approval has been given personally by the counselor on duty.

The evening curfew in the Residence Hall for all students is 10:00 p.m. Room curfew is 11:00 p.m. Failure to observe the Residence Hall curfew will result in disciplinary action and possible program dismissal. Saturday night curfew is 12:00 midnight. NOTE: There may be occasions when sponsored activities last beyond curfew. Under these circumstances, **students must stay with the counselor in charge and return to the Residence Hall with the whole group.**

IN DORMITORY

10:00 PM

IN ROOM

11:00 PM

Residence Halls are locked at 10:00 p.m. A security guard is on duty at the Residence Halls from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Unauthorized persons are not allowed in the Residence Halls at any time.

A student is not allowed off his/her floor of residence or outside the Residence Hall until 7:00 a.m. without special arrangements with a counselor.

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS (INCLUDING INTERVISITATION/DATING)

SVSM students are not allowed to visit in the rooms of students of the opposite sex.

Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics students may not enter any other residence hall than the residence hall(s) assigned for Summer Ventures for any reason.

Weekly social activities such as dances, cookouts, films, off-campus dinners, and sports activities have been scheduled by the residence life staff. For weekends, a variety of social outings will be planned.

Students who are not participants in Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics are not permitted in the residence halls in which Summer Ventures students are housed during the four-week program, unless assigned there by UNC Charlotte Housing.

During the program, students will not be allowed to date, receive visits from, or otherwise fraternize with friends who are not SVSM participants. This prohibition includes but is not limited to friends from home, high school students in other programs on campus, and college students enrolled at the campus. Such fraternizing with non-SVSM participants is grounds for dismissal from the program.

TRANSPORTATION

SVSM is not responsible for the transportation of students to or from the institute. The SVSM office will not be involved in setting up carpools or chartering buses to carry participating students to or from the campus. It will be up to the students or parents who want to arrange carpools to do so.

Students who receive financial aid toward travel and/or cost of medical exam (if such funds are available and if financial need was indicated on the application) must still make their own travel arrangements.

The SVSM staff will request information from the students about their means of transportation to the campus. Students who choose to travel by public transportation at the beginning and/or end of the program, and/or to and from the mid-program break, may be transported from or to the nearest train or bus depot or airport by SVSM staff if travel times are at a reasonable time of day (not the middle of the night) and if prior written and signed request is made for such assistance. However, parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to bring the student on opening day and pick up the student on the final day.

If a student must return home because of dismissal, illness, or family emergency, the custodial parent/guardian must pick up the student or send a designated representative to pick up the student as designated on the signed Parental Contact and Permission form.

Students are not permitted to ride in any private vehicles of any kind unless prior written and signed permission is granted by a custodial parent/guardian stating specific permissible persons. These persons must produce identification to your assigned Residence Hall counselor prior to such a ride.

UNIVERSITY-AREA RESTAURANT LIST (for meals on your own)

See Appendix B and the University Area map (with shopping centers indicated) which follows it. The list at Appendix B for restaurants in the University area is provided to help you locate a restaurant for lunch on the first day, dinner on the evening of the last day of the mid-program break, and lunch on the final day, when meals are on your own. Note: this list is not exhaustive; some listings may be closed.

VISITS FROM FAMILY MEMBERS

SVSM is an intense four-week experience for students. Much time has been spent planning both academic and social/recreational activities for the participants to ensure that students have a well-balanced summer. Visits by family members at times other than the designated home weekend are strongly discouraged; such visits would prevent students from participating in some SVSM activities. Once a student has arrived and registered at the SVSM institute, the coordinator and staff of the institute have certain responsibilities towards that student. In order to assure that these responsibilities can be met, it is important that parents and other family members follow these guidelines:

- Students leaving the residence hall or the campus with parents or other family members must follow normal sign-out procedures and must meet curfews.
- In the unlikely case that a student should decide to withdraw from the SVSM program, the parents must contact the SVMS Director by telephone to make the necessary arrangements before they travel to campus to pick up the student.

Appendix A: Guidelines/Regulations

Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics wishes to provide for all participants a safe and productive environment in which to live and in which to study mathematics and science. Toward this goal, the following regulations, which are consistent both with state-wide policy and with common sense, apply to student participants in Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics at UNC Charlotte.

1. Automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, any other motorized vehicles, and bicycles are not allowed at UNC Charlotte Summer Ventures, and students are strictly prohibited from operating them. Also, skateboards (motorized or traditional), scooters, and rollerblades are prohibited at Summer Ventures.
2. Possessing alcoholic beverages is not permitted. Drinking alcoholic beverages will result in program dismissal AND possible legal action.
3. Possession or use of illegal drugs (including marijuana) will not be tolerated and will result in program dismissal AND possible legal action.
4. Possession of firearms (including BB guns), other weapons, or explosives will result in immediate program dismissal AND possible legal action.
5. Destruction, defacing, or theft of University property or any other property on or off campus during the program will result in program dismissal and legal action.
6. The Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics Program is tobacco free. All forms of tobacco, as well as electronic cigarettes/vape pens, are prohibited.
7. Students are not permitted to ride in any private vehicles of any kind unless prior written permission is granted by parents/guardians stating specific permissible persons. These persons must produce identification to the student's assigned Residence Hall counselor prior to such a ride.
8. Sign-in/sign-out cards are posted on bulletin boards in the residence hall to which SVSM students are assigned. Students are responsible for following this procedural requirement in the morning and evening until they are in the dorm for the night. This provides counselors with the information they need in case an emergency situation might arise. Counselors should be able to find any student within a short period of time to maintain a safe and secure environment for them for the duration of the SVSM program.
9. Students are expected to attend all classes, report to class on time, and be alert and participatory in class. Instructors take roll.
10. Each student is responsible to report to their counselor poor choices made by another suitemate/roommate.
11. In the Residence Hall(s), male students are not allowed to visit female students on the designated female residence floor(s), and female students are not allowed to visit male students on the designated male residence floor(s). (Program dismissal.)
12. Students should lock their rooms when leaving. Be careful not to lose your key/access cards, as you would be responsible for a replacement charge totaling around \$100.00 if all key/access cards are lost.

13. The evening curfew in the Residence Hall for all students is 10:00 p.m. Room curfew is 11:00 p.m. Failure to observe the Residence Hall curfew will result in disciplinary action and possible program dismissal. Saturday night curfew is 12:00 midnight. NOTE: There may be occasions when sponsored activities last beyond curfew; under these circumstances, students must stay with the counselor in charge and return to the Residence Hall with the whole group.
14. Cell phones may not be used during classes or meetings in any way, nor for conversation while riding in vans. Compliance with any rules set forth by SVSM program staff regarding cell phone use is mandatory.
15. Residence Halls are locked at 10:00 p.m. A security guard is on duty at the Residence Halls from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Unauthorized persons are not allowed in the Residence Halls at any time.
16. Students who are not participants in Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics are not permitted in the Residence Halls in which Summer Ventures students are housed during the four-week program, unless assigned to the same dormitory by UNC Charlotte Housing.
17. A student is not allowed off his/her floor of residence or outside the Residence Hall(s) until 7:00 a.m. without the permission of the Head Residence Life Counselor.
18. Rooms must be kept neat and clean out of respect for other roommates/suitemates. Trash should be emptied daily. Food items should be kept in closed containers. Lobbies, corridors and bathrooms also must be kept clean.
19. Fans, lights and all other electrical appliances should be turned off when students leave their rooms.
20. Roommate assignments are made by UNC Charlotte SVSM staff, and those decisions are final.
21. Students are not permitted to leave campus unless approval has been given personally by the counselor on duty and the sign-out sheet has been completed.
22. Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics students may not enter any other residence hall for any reason.
23. Because UNC Charlotte is an urban campus, students are told to avoid walking alone. Walking in groups of three or more is expected after 7:00 p.m. Students should not be in isolated or heavy foliage areas unless in a group.
24. In case of illness, injury, or other emergency, students should notify their daytime counselor or evening residence counselor. The 24-hour campus emergency phone number is (704) 687-2200.
25. For student safety, sitting on, leaning on, or standing on the outside window ledges of any building is not permitted. There will be no tolerance of throwing items from windows.
26. Students are prohibited from engaging in disruptive, harassing, intimidating, threatening, bullying, lewd, obscene, violent or other offensive behavior.
27. Plagiarism by students in research papers or other assignments is prohibited.
28. Any criminal law violation by the student will result in his or her expulsion from the program.
29. Students are expected to adhere to all policies of the University.

The Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics is an enrichment program for students who have serious interests, and above average achievement, in mathematics and in the sciences. The program has been established to meet some of these special academic needs. At the same time, a residence life program is provided to balance the primary academic purpose with social activities and recreational excursions. Student participants must work cooperatively with each other and with the Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics instructional and counseling staff. Any violation of the above regulations and guidelines may result in being sent home from the Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics Program.

Greetings from the SVSM Residence Life Staff!

Dear Summer Venturers,

As this school year comes to a close, another phase of your life is about to begin . . . “The Summer of 2019.” Your interest in an academic summer activity (taking a class in science or math during your summer vacation) is admirable. Choosing to participate in Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics (SVSM) is a great decision.

As counselors, we want to welcome all of our participants. In just a few short weeks we all will be living together in a campus atmosphere. We want to make the residence life portion as meaningful and as full as you would like it to be.

We have numerous required pre-planned activities – dinner out, Nerd Olympics, “floor” meetings, and dances. These are included in the SVSM program at no charge to you. Your counselors will offer optional activities daily. Based upon your interest and cooperation, we will use our Activities Interest Survey to determine what to offer. Certain optional activities would have costs for which you would be responsible.

We will organize intramural tournaments (volleyball, tennis, chess, baseball, softball, basketball, etc.) if students are interested. A number of you may request early morning runs. This can be arranged as long as you are not out alone. A gym may be available for your use for basketball, volleyball, etc. If any of these activities interest you, bring your favorite equipment (rackets, swimsuits, basketballs, soccer balls, mitts, etc.) from home. We try to provide some equipment, but this may change from year to year, and some of you may prefer your own.

A T-shirt dyeing activity will be offered one evening. We wear the shirts during our Nerd Olympics event. Teams wear T-shirts dyed in the same colors. In order to wear a “team” shirt during this activity, bring a white T-shirt (old ones are fine). Many students really enjoy this activity and like to bring more than one T-shirt to dye. Also, it is wise to have a couple of sets of grubby clothes for your stay.

Are you musically inclined? Over the years, a number of bands have formed at Summer Ventures. Bring your instrument and music if you like.

SVSM students are housed together in a dorm, with separate boys’ and girls’ floors. There will be lounge space in which to gather, and naturally, counselors and night time security will be present. If you want to enjoy an evening “at home in the dorm,” think about bringing some of your favorite games and puzzles. We can have some karaoke evenings also. If you have any karaoke CDs, bring them with you too. We have quite a collection ourselves.

UNC Charlotte offers other free and low cost activities from time to time during your stay on campus. Most often we bowl as a group, play laser tag as a group, and attend a number of movies at the Concord Mills Mall. In the past, we have taken students to ice skate and to climb rock walls; many students have opted also to enjoy the nearby U. S. National Whitewater Center. Carowinds usually is another optional activity; if interested, check to see if your family has season tickets. Optional activities depend on the interest expressed and the correlation of such events to our schedule and required events.

So, as you can see, we offer a lot of varied and interesting things to do at SVSM at UNC Charlotte. We want you to be aware of choices available while you are here. We, as counselors, are confident of your academic skills and motivation, since you were chosen from a field of hundreds of applicants. We are sure you will use your knowledge and common sense so that you can safely and successfully complete the UNC Charlotte SVSM program both academically and socially.

To ensure that we are all on the same page, we feel that we must reinforce some common-sense guidelines, most of which you have been made aware of in the formal program paperwork.

Cell phones have been allowed at SVSM in recent years. However, they are to be used appropriately. They are not to be used in class, including text messaging. They are not to be used for making calls while riding in vans, though text messaging is allowed; cell phone calls can become a distraction to the driver. (One exception to student cell phone calls may be with instructors on field trips, at the discretion of the instructor.) When meetings are in session, cell phones are not to be used in any manner. Infraction of these rules is grounds for dismissal from the program. The head residence counselor and other counselors have cell phones available for your use.

Part of the “bonding” experience is to spend time together in the “commons area” in the dorm, on campus, and at scheduled events. Computers are allowed, but there is no guarantee Internet connection will be an option in the dorms. We encourage you not to stay in your room all the time. Please note also that personal vehicles are NOT allowed on campus during your stay.

All University Public Safety, University Conference and University Housing rules and regulations are strictly enforced. Not adhering to these items as noted in the Guidelines and Regulations may be grounds for program dismissal. We are confident that you will make good decisions while at UNC Charlotte SVSM.

No friends or relatives are to “show up” at functions. This is our time together. You will have every opportunity to have fun and make many new friends. You will be very busy during your stay. See also the section on “Social Interactions.” Note that fraternizing with non-SVSM participants is grounds for dismissal from the program.

Regarding appropriate dress: the Summer Ventures Program expects that students’ clothing will be neat, clean, in good taste, and appropriate for the occasion. While we recognize that the definition of “in good taste” varies, in general, dress or grooming that attracts undue or negative attention is not acceptable.

Summer Ventures will be an experience you will never forget. We will help you create some of the best memories of your youth. Get involved. Talk to your counselors if you have any concerns. Keep the lines of communication open. We are here to help make this a successful summer. You can help us to better plan for your summer by completing the Activities Interest Survey and Getting to Know You questionnaire. Elaborate where you feel you might need to do so. We will use this information in planning for you. Experience has taught us that some parents feel the need to fill out the information. Please do NOT have a parent be involved in this particular part of the process. We want your input so we can do a better job for YOU!!! We think this will be your best summer ever!

Sincerely,

The Residence Life Staff
Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics

Appendix B: Restaurants - UNC Charlotte area (Subject to change; no recommendation implied.)

Back Creek Centre

Little Caesar's Wendy's

Chancellor Park

Boston Market Don Pedro

The Commons at Chancellor Park

Ishi Japanese Restaurant
McDonald's

Grande Promenade [North Tryon at W. T. Harris]

International House of Pancakes	Qdoba
Jimmy John's (subs)	Quizno's Subs
Le Kebab Grille	Spice Café (Indian)
Pho Real (Vietnamese)	Thai House

Hwy. 49—North of campus, nearby on right

Arby's
Hanaya Garden Japanese Grill
Passage to India
US Subs

Hwy. 49—North of campus, north of 485

Cici's (Wexford Plaza, left side of Hwy. 49)

Mallard Creek Church Rd. (west of Hwy. 29)

China Café	House of Leng
Five Guys Burgers and Fries	McAlister's
Giacomo's Pizzeria	Wild Wing Café

Mallard Pointe and adjacent*

Bruegger's Bagels	Jersey Mike's Subs
China Palace	Panera Bread
Chipotle	Starbuck's

North Tryon (Hwy. 29) —South of Harris

Bojangles	Shoneys
Burger King	Showmars
Golden Corral	Walmart - Various

North of Mallard Creek Church Rd.

Jack in the Box

The Terraces at University*

Caribbean Hut	Cook Out	Lotus Buffet
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Town Center Plaza

Amalfi Pasta & Pizza	Monterrey Mexican Restaurant
Dunkin Donuts	My Bento Asian Diner
Hardee's	O'Charley's
Macado's	Subway

The Village at University Place

Taco Bell	Los Arcos Mexican Restaurant
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University Center

360 Bistro	Chili's	Nakato
Cheddars	China Buffet	T.G.I. Friday's

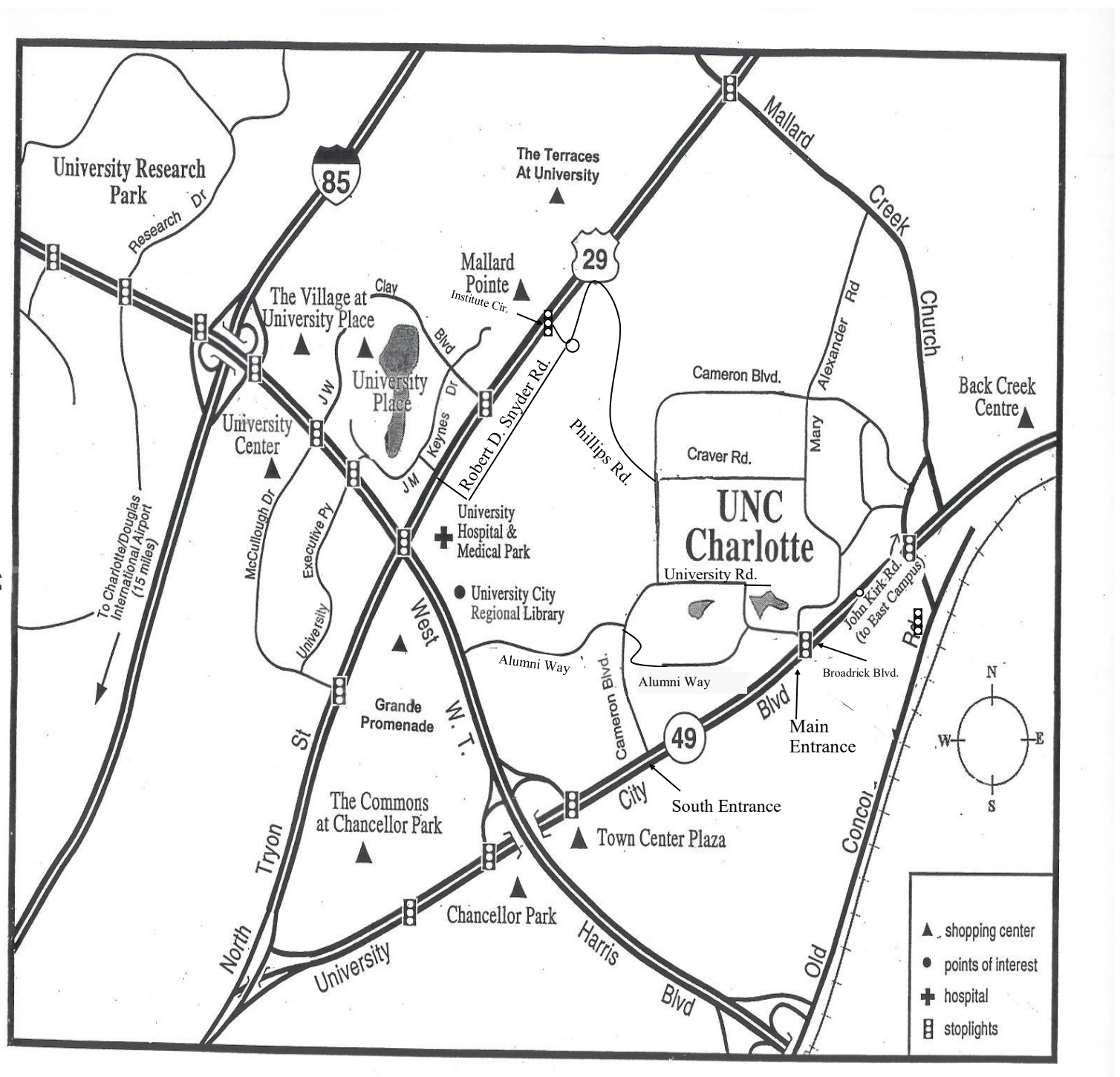
University Place

Applebee's	House of Leng
Boardwalk Billy's	McDonald's
Chick-Fil-A	Sushi 101
Ciro's Italian Restaurant	Zapata's Cantina

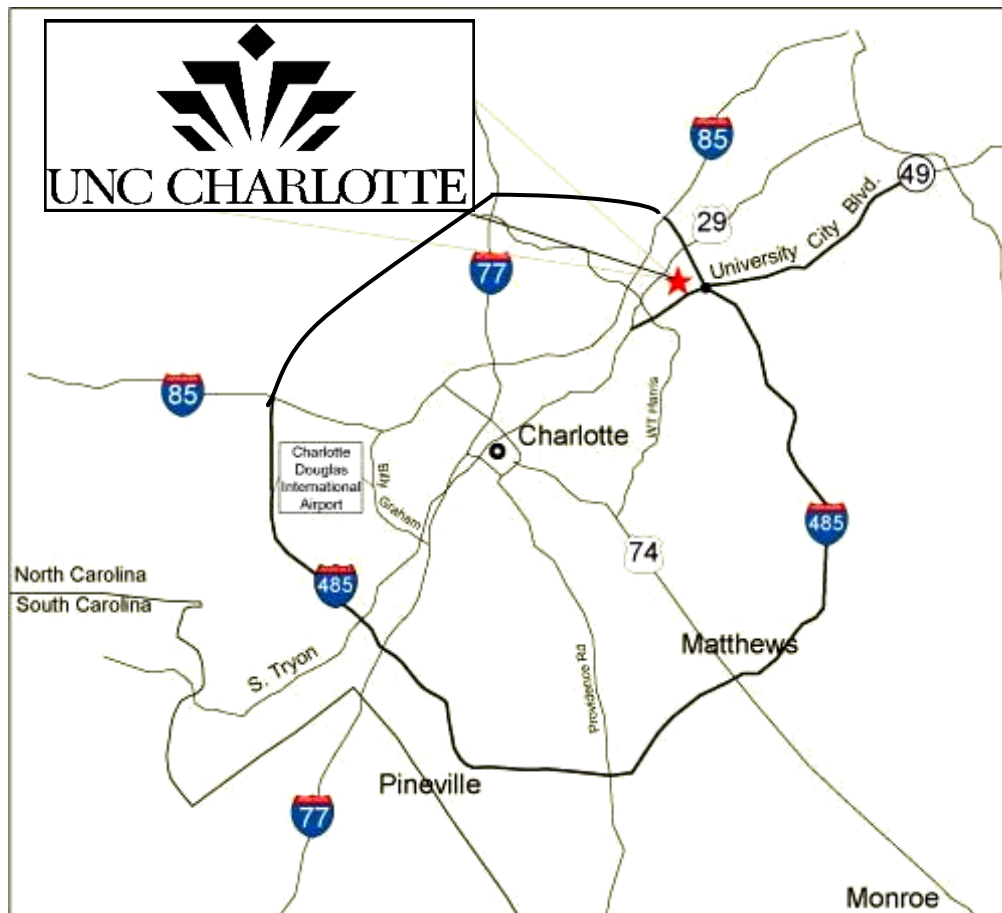
*Note: Light rail construction on North Tryon Road south of Mallard Creek Church Rd.; possible traffic issues.

Map of Shopping Centers in UNC Charlotte Area for Locating Restaurants (Not Definitive)

(Note: Some changes have occurred in this area due to Blue Line/light-rail construction.)



Charlotte Area Map with University (to Northeast—see star)



For several UNC Charlotte campus maps, see:
<https://maps.uncc.edu/>

For printable maps (especially Campus Map & Parking Map), see:
<http://facilities.uncc.edu/our-services/maps/printable-campus-maps>

For driving directions, see the following website:
<http://maps.uncc.edu/> (click on “Directions” in left sidebar)