

WELCOME to the Acadia Institute of Oceanography! Please read through the attached forms carefully and note those that will need to be completed and returned. All forms can also be found at the AIO website under Parent Portal.

- Health Form : 2 pages
- Teacher recommendation form
- Refund Policy
- AIO Logistics/Reminders
- Cell Phone/Electronics Policy
- Emergency Medicine requirements*
- Physician Permission for Emergency Med use*
- Equipment/Packing list
- Travel/Medical Information
- Mt. Desert Island Lodging Options
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Covid-19 Protocols for summer 2022
- Parent Permission for Emergency Med use*
- College credit info sheet

You have also applied to take the Advance session for 4 credits from the University of Maine Machias. The information sheet attached explains the additional required work, costs and how to create an account at UMM. If you no longer wish to take the course for credit, let me know ASAP to open the space for another student. You can still attend the session and receive the same educational experience.

Unless you are a returning student from a previous summer, you will need a teacher/ educator's recommendation for final acceptance into the program. They may complete the hard copy of the form (attached here) or go to our website (www.acadiainstitute.com) and complete it online. Homeschooled students should attempt to find someone they have worked with in an academic capacity before deferring to their own parent. You will be notified of final acceptance in writing after we receive a satisfactory recommendation. Acceptance is on a rolling basis.

We learned a great deal from the 2021 program and had a successful summer with no Covid-19 cases. A fully vaccinated staff, a high vaccination rate among students and the protocols we followed were key to keeping everyone healthy. Since the status of Covid-19 virus is an unknown for summer 2022, we must rely on current state, local and CDC guidelines to determine protocols with an understanding that they are likely to change. We plan to add back a few activities we couldn't run last summer such as the whale watch, trips to Bar Harbor and the end of session family cookout. For this reason, we are asking that your child be fully vaccinated prior to the start of their session and provide proof of such. The science tells us that we are less likely to become severely ill or be hospitalized if we are fully vaccinated. Read current Covid-19 Protocols for summer 2022 to learn how AIO, with your support, will follow best practices as developed by the CDC.

We will continue our drop-off procedure from 2021 to help create a bubble of students and staff but you may tour the building at the end of the session pick-up and join us for a family lunch cookout if you're able. Arrival is between noon and 4 pm on the first Sunday. Stay in your car and allow the staff to guide you through the intake process before exiting your car to help your child unload. Departures will take place on the last Friday by noon to allow us time to deep clean before the next session. I've attached a list of lodging options if you choose to vacation in the area. We also pick-up and drop-off students at the Bar Harbor airport or Bangor airport or bus stations, free of charge.

As a reminder, the balance of tuition is due May 1, 2022. If you would like to save \$50, pay the entire balance of the remaining tuition with a check or money order rather than a credit card before May 1, 2022 and deduct it from the total.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me by email (explore@acadiainstitute.com) or phone (800-375-0058). We are excited to be working with you this summer!

Sherry Christy Gilmore, Executive Director

* These forms are **only** required for emergency medicines that a student must carry at all times (i.e. epi-pen, inhalers, diabetic medicines). If you child carries of these emergency medications, you must also submit the doctor's action plan.