

WELCOME to the Acadia Institute of Oceanography!

This is a copy of the letter from your confirmation email. I have attached the following forms, which you should read through carefully:

- Health Form
- Equipment list
- Travel/Medical information
- Mt. Desert Lodging Options
- Cover for Emergency Medicines\*
- Parent Permission for emergency medicines\*
- Primary Health Care Form for emergency medicines\*
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Refund Policy/Additional Service Fees (please read carefully to understand the terms and conditions of enrollment)
- Cell Phone and Electronics Policy
- AIO Logistics and Reminders
- Early College Form, UMM release
- Information sheet about college credit
- Covid-19 Current Protocols

You have also applied to take the advanced session for 4 college credits from the University of Maine Machias. There is a cover letter attached that explains the additional required work and costs. Read it carefully and, if you agree, complete and return the UMM forms. If you no longer wish to take the course for credit, please let me know as soon as possible to open the space for another student. You can still attend the session and receive the same educational experience.

Unless you have attended AIO previously, you'll need a science teacher/educator recommendation for final acceptance into the program. You can give them the hard copy of the form or send them to our website ([www.acadiainstitute.com](http://www.acadiainstitute.com)) where they can complete the online recommendation. 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 into our program after we receive a satisfactory recommendation. Send your health form when it is completed along with a photocopy of your health insurance card. You are welcome to send the doctor's physical form but we will still need the front page of our form completed and signed on file for you to participate in our program.

Parents, as you begin to work on travel plans contact me should you need advice. To avoid potential exposure to the Covid virus, only students and staff will be allowed in the building. For this reason, you should plan to arrive starting at noon, stay in your car and allow the staff to guide you through the intake process. In order to allow us the time to deep clean before the next session, departures will take place Friday morning between 9 am and noon. I've attached a list of lodging options if you choose to vacation on the island before, during or after the program. We will pick-up students from either the Bar Harbor or Bangor airports and bus stations at no charge.

If you would like to save \$50, pay the entire balance of tuition by May 1, 2021 and deduct that amount from the total. Don't hesitate to contact me by phone (800-375-0058) or email ([explore@acadiainstitute.com](mailto:explore@acadiainstitute.com)) with questions. We are excited to be working with you this summer!

Sincerely,  
Sherry Christy Gilmore, Executive Director

\* These forms are only required for emergency medicines that a student must carry at all times (epi-pens and inhalers)