



## FAQS

### **What age group is the camp for?**

Camp Sierpiński is designed for mathematically talented students ages 11-14, regardless of their grade level in school. We look at age as of June 1, 2025 to determine eligibility for summer 2025 camps.

### **Where is the camp located?**

Camp Sierpiński is located at Saint Mary's School, a private boarding school in Raleigh, NC. Saint Mary's offers a 23-acre campus in North Carolina's renowned Research Triangle, ensuring a secure and serene environment for intellectual pursuits. Students will live in a private dormitory, steps away from dedicated classrooms and community spaces, with plenty of recreational options available as well. This location fosters creativity and collaboration, making it the ideal setting for students to dive deep into advanced mathematical concepts.

### **What kind of activities will my child participate in?**

Campers will engage in a mix of advanced math sessions led by professional mathematicians, alongside recreational activities designed to foster friendships, build a strong sense of community, and create lasting memories.

### **What level of math are campers expected to have seen already?**

At a minimum, campers should be familiar with basic algebra by the start of the program - for example, by completing AoPS Introduction to Algebra A. While some students attending our camps may have experience with high school or even university-level math, this is by no means a requirement for admission. What matters most is that the student has a strong passion for math and is excited to spend their summer exploring it alongside other math-loving peers. We will determine readiness and fit for the program based on the application.

### **What should campers bring?**

We will provide a packing list that includes essentials like clothing, toiletries, and personal items. Detailed instructions will be provided upon registration. Please note that outside of a cell phone, campers will not be permitted to bring laptops, portable gaming devices, or other electronics that play video or have access to games or apps.

### **Is mobile device use allowed?**

In order to create a positive and inclusive environment that prioritizes the campers' focus on learning and in-person socialization, mobile device use is not allowed for most of the day. Campers will have limited ability to use mobile devices for a brief period each day to contact home and respond to messages. Regular updates via the camp parent portal will provide you with daily information on activities and pictures of your campers enjoying their experience. In the case of an emergency, parents will be able to contact their campers by calling the camp's 24-hour emergency hotline.

**How are students supervised during the camp?**

Our staff is highly trained and vetted, with professional mathematicians and camp counselors on hand to ensure both academic success and safety, including escorting campers to meals & activities. Dormitory access is secured, with 1 counselor for every 8-10 campers in the same hall location. Campers are always supervised during activities.

**Can parents visit during the camp?**

For the best camp experience, we encourage campers to stay focused on their learning and social activities. Parent visits are typically not allowed, but we provide regular updates on their progress.

**How do I apply?**

Camp Sierpiński uses a joint application with Camp Conway and C&I. The application is hosted on Reviewr. For more information about how to apply, see [here](#).

**How do I register?**

After completing the application process and being offered admission, we will provide a link to register via our portal.

**Is financial aid available?**

Our admissions process is need-blind, and families will have the ability to apply for financial aid upon receiving an offer of admission. More details are available on the Camp Sierpiński [Webpage](#).