

# Camp EDvantage FAQs

## General Camp Questions

### How does Camp EDvantage work?

The main purpose of the camp is to provide a safe space where students can sit, connect to their classes on the computer, and learn. We will organize all tables by family, giving each family their own table (for their entire time at the camp). Each student will bring their own technology (laptop or ipad) from home and connect via the site's WIFI to their schooling. Tables will be spaced at least 6 feet apart. All children who attend camp MUST register.

You can register here: <https://forms.gle/VLWKouXoqEWummLL8>

### What are the times of this camp?

Camp will be Monday – Thursday from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

### Where does this camp meet?

Current camp locations include Aquesta Banks in Huntlesville, Cornelius and Mooresville; First Baptist Church of Cornelius; and American Legion Cornelius. It is possible we will add more sites.

### Will camp include meals or snacks?

We hope to provide food and snacks to all students while they are at camp. CMS students on free and reduced lunch need to specify when registering. All other students we are currently working on a lunch plan.

### How long will camp last?

Camp EDvantage will last at least through December or until CMS is back in session.

### What precautions will be used to protect students and volunteers from COVID-19?

Camp EDvantage is following all guidelines recommended by the CDC and NCHHS in regard to COVID-19.

## Parents of Student Questions

### Do my children qualify for Camp EDvantage?

This camp is intended to provide children who don't have the required technology or a safe environment access to those items in order to participate in required virtual learning for school. Applications will be prioritized based on that criteria.

### How much does this camp cost?

The camp is free. We do welcome parents to volunteer or donate monetarily.

### If my child is in the camp will I need to volunteer to help?

No this is not a requirement but appreciated if you are able. See the volunteer link below.

### How do I sign my family up?

Please click on the link to fill out an interest form. Once we have the interest forms, we will determine who is accepted into the camp. If you are accepted into the camp, we will contact you for additional information to register.

<https://makeanimpactnow.org/camp-edvantage-is-coming-to-the-lake-norman-area/>

### Will I be able to sign up for a specific location?

You will be able to specify your top choices for a location on the registration form and we will try to accommodate them.

### Once I sign up do my children qualify for Camp every day?

After signing the interest form, you will be contacted. If you make it into the camp, you just need to choose on the registration from which days your child(ren) will attend. Your children do not have to attend every day, but we do need to know when they will attend.

### Can I sign up for just a couple days a week?

Yes, you can sign up for whatever days you need, Monday through Thursday.

### What do my children need to bring with them to Camp?

Each child needs to bring their own device (laptop or ipad), charging cord for device, headphones and mask.

### Will transportation be provided?

No. You are responsible for your child's transportation to and from the camp. You must pick up your children yourself or have an approved driver pick them up. You can specify on the registration form who is picking up (or not to pick up) your child.

### Who can pick up my child?

The registration form will allow you to specify who is authorized to pick your child up.

## Volunteer Questions

### What does a volunteer do?

Volunteers will be supervising students. They will not be tutoring, although they could be helping students connect to their school sites. If students need a little help getting started, they might ask volunteers for help. Volunteers who speak additional languages would be very helpful. We are especially interested in people who speak Spanish and Russian.

### Do I need any particular skills or experience to be a volunteer?

No special skills are required to be a volunteer. All volunteers will need to agree to participate in a background check and must be 18 years old or older.

### Will I be tutoring students?

You are not signing up to tutor. The students will be participating in their school classes while they are at camp. If they have computer problems or are totally lost in their instruction, volunteers might be asked to assist.

### Will I be serving lunch?

Volunteers will not be responsible for providing lunches for students, but students will be eating lunch while at camp. Volunteers will be responsible for passing out lunches and helping the children clean up before instruction.

### Do I need computer skills?

Although computer skills are desirable, they are not required. If a student has a problem, someone at the site will probably know how to help them whether it is a volunteer, another student, or involves a phone call to a support person. If you have good computer skills, we would love to know that. We hope to have a computer tutorial for the meeting locations (Zoom, Google, Microsoft).

### Do you need volunteers who speak multiple languages?

Any volunteers who speak other languages are desirable. Please let us know if you are volunteering and have those skills. We anticipate needing Spanish and Russian. We may schedule you for a particular site based on that skill.

### Will I need to bring my lunch?

Yes, you will need to bring your lunch and any snacks you will want for the day.

### Will I need a background check?

Yes. No one will be able to volunteer without passing a background check. If you sign up to volunteer, we will contact you with information on how to get that background check. If you have a current certificate showing you've had an approved background check please let us know.

### Will there be training for me?

We are planning on having a zoom meeting to train our volunteers. We will be recording that meeting and would like all our volunteers to either attend the live meeting or watch the recorded version.

### If I decide to volunteer, how much of a time commitment will it be?

It would be great if volunteers could sign up to work one day a week, which would probably be about 5 hours a week. We will have a signup so that volunteers can sign up for specific dates and locations. We appreciate any time volunteers can give.

### Can I volunteer if I am in a high-risk group?

Yes, that is a personal preference. If you feel safe enough to volunteer with this camp, we appreciate and support you.

### How do I sign up?

To get approved as a volunteer, you can go to this link and sign up:

<https://forms.gle/SL7455dAZQugoe7y5>

Once you sign up, we will contact you about next steps including a zoom meeting orientation and then starting in September we will provide a link for you to sign up for specific time slots at specific locations.

### What if I sign up for a day and I need to cancel?

When you sign up for a slot and need to cancel, if it is at least one week in advance, you can go into the signup link and delete your signup. If it is less than a week (5 days) notice, we will provide you with contact information so that they can find coverage for your slot. We will provide more details on this at our orientation meeting.

Please note that if you are not feeling well or show any symptoms of COVID, please do not come.

## Donation Questions

### Do you need donations of any kind?

We are accepting monetary donations at [www.makeanimpactnow.org/donate](http://www.makeanimpactnow.org/donate). These donations will be used for expenses such as hiring local professional cleaning companies to sanitize the locations, providing additional cleaning supplies and possibly providing food/water for children attending.