

Rotary Club of Portland



Enterprise Academy 2024: FAQ

What is Enterprise Academy:

For more than 30 years, the Rotary Club of Portland has provided the opportunity for high school students to explore the challenges and opportunities of our free enterprise system and the dynamics of the business world through Enterprise Academy. This innovative weekend retreat allows students to interact with successful business people and to participate in a highly informative and enjoyable team project.

Over the course of one weekend you will work in a team with other local high school students to:

- create a product
- write a business plan
- get advice from local business leaders
- learn how pitch your plan and product

Where and when is Camp:

Camp is at Warner Pacific University from May 17th to May 19th.

Will transportation be provided? What is the Pick Up and Drop Off Location?

Transportation will be provided by PPS Buses from the PPS District office to Warner Pacific on Friday. Pick up location on Sunday will be at Warner Pacific University.

Can I provide my own transportation to and from the camp (WPU)?

For security reasons, students will generally not be allowed to arrive to camp outside the pick up process described above. Exceptions will be granted on a case by case circumstance.

What should I expect at camp?

Friday:

Upon arriving at camp, students will jump right in – meeting the counselors, Rotarians, and students from across Portland and the greater area. Networking and building relationships is essential in the business world and an important aspect of camp. To that end, students should expect to be sorted into a team of individuals they may not know from other schools. Each team is assigned a business advisor who will guide them through the business-building process.

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Saturday:

Schedule is filled with informative speakers and work sessions. Each team will work through simulated business learning modules and use the key concepts to build their own business.

Sunday:

This is the day of the group presentations, which will be the final component in the weekend-long competition that evaluates teams' overall performance. Winning teams will receive noteworthy prizes and enjoy a few moments in the limelight.

Sleeping Arrangements:

Students will sleep in college dorm rooms at Warner Pacific University. These rooms will be completely separated by gender identity and will have adult supervision at all times.

What's in it for me?

- Business Development
 - Campers will learn the hard skills required for building a business including, building business plans, working with a team, meeting deadline, and pitching an idea to potential investors
- Networking
 - Building relationships is an essential aspect to business success and Enterprise Academy. Campers will be encouraged to build relationships with other students, local business leaders and representatives from post secondary education institutions.
- Exposure to the College Experience.
 - Camp will take place at Warner Pacific University. Campers will have the full college experience including: sleeping in college dorms, working in college classrooms and eating in college cafeteria.

How much does it cost to participate in EA?

There is no cost to campers! However please keep in mind that this is made possible by Enterprise Academy and Rotary Club of Portland members who volunteer their time and money to make it free for kids. It is important that all campers respect the work of these volunteers by giving a great effort at camp.

What should I bring?

- *Pillow + sleeping bag/sheets. Every camper will have their own mattress...but feel free to bring a sleeping pad if you have one*
- *Towel (all dorms have shower facilities)*
- *Miscellaneous items / phone chargers (cell use is discouraged unless for camp purposes)*
- *Warm/comfortable clothes (it can get chilly)*
- *Rain jacket (it also tends to rain at least once)*
- *Athletic/Casual shoes (bring shoes you don't mind getting dirty and are comfortable walking around in)*

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- *Toiletries and overnight medications*
- ***NO electronics outside of your cell phone. Chromebook computers will be provided to each team***

How Can Parents/Guardians get involved.

On Sunday May 19th at 11am each student group will present their completed business plan and will pitch that business plan in a presentation format. **Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend!**

Would I be excused for the classes that I may be missing on Friday?

Students are responsible for ensuring that any absence from class is excused. Enterprise Academy leadership will work with students to explain the value of camp to teachers.

Day of Camp Contact Info:

In case of an emergency, contact Enterprise Academy Chairs at 503.862.9277