

Curiosity Camp at Simon's Rock is a two-week exploration of college living and learning designed for students currently completing grades 9, 10, and 11.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Curiosity Camp at Simon's Rock is open to inquisitive and motivated students interested in exploring their academic and creative interests in a college environment while they are currently completing grades 9, 10, or 11. Students will participate daily in Simon's Rock's signature Writing and Thinking Workshop along with a Seminar, and arts and science courses to experience diverse and exciting academic offerings. The program's cohort of 30 students allows for small class sizes where students and professors can collaborate and engage in dynamic discourse.

Students live on campus in the college's residence halls, along with adults and peer mentors who are members of the Simon's Rock campus life staff. Aside from attending classes, quiet hours, and a curfew, students are free to organize their time in ways that fit their particular needs, whether that means preparing for the next day's classes, socializing with friends, participating in a variety of camp sponsored recreational activities, or attending an off-campus cultural/entertainment excursion.

Students will have the opportunity to take advantage of Simon's Rock's 275-acre wooded campus of natural beauty and trails, state of the art Kilpatrick Athletic Center, nearby downtown Great Barrington (rated the "No. 1 Small Town in America" by Smithsonian Magazine), and planned excursions to nearby cultural attractions in the Berkshires.

## **COST**

Curiosity Camp at Simon's Rock costs \$3,000 for the two week program which includes tuition, room and board, and off-campus excursions. The Camp expects that most participants will pay the full cost of the program. Depending on a family's circumstances, however, Simon's Rock may be able to provide modest financial aid. Note: Financial considerations are not a factor in our admissions decisions.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, Curiosity Camp at Simon's Rock will be held on the campus of Bard College at Simon's Rock in the summer of 2023. All participating students, staff, and faculty will be required to provide proof of full vaccination, including booster shots, if eligible, prior to arriving on campus. Further information about Covid-related safety protocols will be posted later in the spring, once the College has a clearer sense of where things stand with respect to the ongoing pandemic.

This program is neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Southern Berkshire Regional School District.