



"Around the World" *with*



Family Newsletter *June 14, 2026*

Family Reminders!!!

- **DRESS CODE:**

- Youth should wear their **school uniform bottoms** and either a **Big Buddy T-shirt or school uniform shirt** every day.
- On **field trip days**, youth should wear their **Big Buddy Field Trip Shirt** with school bottoms.

- **AFTERNOON PICK UP:**

- Program ends promptly at 4:30 PM.
- Youth who are not riding the bus need to be **picked up no later than 5:00 PM** when program site closes.

Please review the Summer 2026 Parent Handbook [HERE](#) on our Summer Program page (scroll to the bottom of the page).

Week 2 Country Theme

Australia



A picture of the Australian flag.

ABOUT AUSTRALIA

- Australian culture values fairness, friendship, and helping others. Australians enjoy spending time outdoors, celebrating diversity, and caring for their unique environment.
- Australia's national flower is the [Golden Wattle](#), the national animal is the [Red Kangaroo](#), and a traditional symbol of Australia is the [Akubra hat](#).
- Australia is located in the southern hemisphere and has a population of about 27 million, making it much smaller than the United States, which has over 340 million people.

Week 2 Activities

Week 2 was exciting, with a lot of learning and special activities happening! During the second week of program students engaged in academic readings and mathematical lessons tied to the country of Australia. Youth continued their enrichment courses, learning and crafting all things Down Under! In Art by Country, youth make Kangaroos and used Australian dot art to color different items common in Australian life. Dance enrichment youth learned Australian animal moves and Jewelry enrichment youth made seashell bracelets and necklaces. During Mentor Time, students worked on building their own 2-dimensional fish, with various craft materials, including scales!





Later in the week, our Middle School youth also attended the **Louisiana Youth Wellness Summit in Lafayette**, where they learned about mental health, and how to stay safe and secure during such a formative point in their lives!



AND, several of our Middle School youth celebrated two weeks of dance training at **Southern University's "Hip Hop to GenZ" camp** with a culminating performance. THANK YOU to our Southern University partners for this opportunity, and CONGRATULATIONS to these youth. Well done!

Carson Allen Walker
Giselle Collins
Noelle Collins
Travis Dabney
Lauryn Davis
Elaisjah Dodd
Naomi Guy
Cherisse Hollins
Bryson Irving
Amari Richardson



Week 2's Field Trips

Elementary & Middle School youth both enjoyed a field trip to Celebration Station this week!





Coming Up Next Week (Week 3)...

We look forward to Week 3 as we take a trip to Western Africa to explore the nation of Ghana!

Ghana



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