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Welcome to the Blast summer program at the Belin-Blank Center at The University of Iowa, we look forward to having your child as a participant!

1. **Class Information**: To view your child’s enrollment status, log into your Belin-Blank Center Student Programs account.

2. **Location**: Classes will be held at the Blank Honors Center, 221 North Clinton Street, Iowa City, IA, 52242 (Map Us!). Please visit the University of Iowa’s website (http://maps.uiowa.edu/bhc) for a building photo and parking information.

3. **Orientation**: On the first day of class, Ashlee Van Fleet will be holding a brief student orientation from 8:45–9:00 am for the morning classes and 12:45–1:00 pm for the afternoon classes. At the orientation, safety routines and procedures surrounding pick up, drop off, lunch and t-shirts will be discussed. At the end of the orientation, she will introduce students to their teachers after which they will proceed to their classroom. The orientation will be held in room C20 of the Pomerantz Center. Please visit the maps section of the University of Iowa’s website for a map, building photo, driving directions, and parking information. You are welcome to attend the orientation with your child (preferred) or drop your child off (if need be). To drop off your child, check him/her in with a Belin-Blank Center staff member in room C20 of the Pomerantz Center and notify the staff member that you are leaving.

4. **Class Schedule**: Morning classes meet from 9:00–12:00 and afternoon classes meet from 1:00–4:00. If your child is enrolled in both morning and afternoon classes, please make arrangements for lunch. **Children not enrolled in our lunch supervision program cannot remain on campus unsupervised between 12:00–1:00; an adult must pick them up for the lunch hour each day.** To sign up for lunch supervision log into your Belin-Blank Center Student Programs account and select the lunch supervision option for a $75 fee prior to the start of Blast.

5. **Closing Ceremony**: A special closing ceremony will be held in the Van-Ohl Multi Purpose Room in Currier Hall on the last day of Blast. The closing ceremonies will be held from 11:30–12:00 pm for the morning classes and 3:30–4:00 pm for the afternoon classes. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to share what they have learned in their classes and to preview classes they may be interested in attending during future sessions. Parents, families, and friends are encouraged to attend the closing ceremony for the program. If you are unable to attend, please let your child know and plan to pick them up at the usual pick-up location at 12:00 pm for the morning classes and 4:00 pm for the afternoon classes.

6. **Drop Off and Pick Up Location**: With the exception of drop off on the first day of class and pick up on the last day of class, drop off and pick up your child outside Burge Residence Hall on North Clinton Street in Iowa City. If you have attended our programs before, this location is slightly different due to construction happening this summer. In the event you experience an emergency delay at pick up, your child will be taken to Blank Honors Center fifth floor waiting area. Since it is oftentimes distressing to a child to experience a delay at pick up, please call the Belin-Blank Center (319-335-6148 or 800-336-6463) if you are delayed so that we can communicate with your child what to expect.
7. Drop Off and Pick Up Routine: The safety of your children is our first priority. We provide supervision for fifteen minutes before and after classes are held. Please ensure your child is picked up and dropped off within this time frame by a responsible adult. Your student will be checked-in and released to you by a Belin-Blank Center staff member at each pick up and drop off. Do not drop your child off early and leave him/her unsupervised. Please wait with your child until a Belin-Blank Center staff member is present.

8. Absences and Emergencies: Please call the Belin-Blank Center between 8:30 and 9:00 am if your child will be absent, or if a family emergency arises while your child is in class (319-335-6148 or 800-336-6463). In the case of an emergency, we will be able to deliver a message to your child or arrange to have you meet your child at the Blank Honors Center (6th floor).

9. Materials: All materials, including paper and pencil, are provided by the Belin-Blank Center unless the teacher specifically asks students to bring something.

10. T-shirts: Your child will be given a Blast t-shirt on the first day of class. As a safety precaution, we encourage children to wear their Blast t-shirts each day as this helps teachers and staff to easily recognize our elementary students in the building and on campus.

11. Snacks: Please send a healthy snack that does not require refrigeration or heating to class with your child. Vending machines are not available, so please do not send snack money. Water fountains are available.

12. Medication: If your child needs to receive medication, please inform us in writing prior to class. The medicine must be in a pharmacy-labeled container and can be refrigerated, if necessary. No nurses are available to dispense medication.

13. Behavior: Students are expected to behave in a mature and responsible manner toward all Belin-Blank Center staff, faculty, and students. Belin-Blank Center staff members will address inappropriate behavior.

14. Iowa City Program Coordinator: Ashlee Van Fleet received her Masters in Secondary Social Studies Education from the University of Iowa College of Education. She began as an assistant for Blast and loves to work with kids of all ages! Please feel free to e-mail Ashlee (ashlee-vanfleet@uiowa.edu) or call (319-335-6148) if you have questions.
Welcome to the Ankeny Blast summer program, offered by the University of Iowa’s Belin-Blank Center. We look forward to having your child as a participant!

1. **Class Information**: To view your child’s enrollment status, log into your Belin-Blank Center Student Programs account.

2. **Schedule and Location**: Ankeny classes meet from 9:00–4:00, July 18-22 at Prairie Trail Elementary School in Ankeny. Waukee classes meet from 9:00–4:00, June 20-24 at Timberline School. Your child should bring a sack lunch each day, as there will be an hour-long supervised period for lunch time.

3. **Parent Orientation**: On the first day of class, please check your child in at the front doors of the building. Then, you are invited to attend a 5-10 minute orientation, which begins at 9:00. Your child’s teacher will give an overview of the exciting learning that will take place that week, and answer any questions you might have.

4. **Closing Ceremony**: A special closing ceremony will be held at Prairie Trail Elementary School (Ankeny) or at Timberline School (Waukee) from 3:00-4:00 on the last day of class. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to share what they have learned in their classes and to preview classes they may be interested in attending during future sessions. Parents, families, and friends are encouraged to attend the closing ceremony. If you are unable to attend the closing ceremony, please plan to pick up your child at the regular 4:00 time.

5. **Drop Off and Pick Up Location**: In Ankeny, please drop off and pick up your child at the front entrance of Prairie Trail Elementary. The school is located at 1850 SW College Ave., and shares a parking lot with Cascade Falls Aquatic Center. In Waukee, please drop off and pick up your child at Timberline School, located at 2605 LA Grant Pkwy. In the event you experience an emergency delay at pick up, please call the program coordinator, Ben Wolf, at 515-238-8094.

6. **Drop Off and Pick Up Routine**: The safety of your children is our first priority. We provide supervision for fifteen minutes before and after classes are held. Please ensure your child is picked up and dropped off within this time frame by a responsible adult. Your student will be checked-in and released to you by a Belin-Blank Center staff member at each pick up and drop off interaction.

7. **Absences and Emergencies**: Please call the program coordinator, Ben Wolf, at 515-238-8094 if your child will be absent, or if a family emergency arises while your child is in class. In the case of an emergency, we will be able to deliver a message to your child or arrange to have you meet your child at the school entrance.

8. **Materials**: All materials, including paper and pencil, are provided by the Belin-Blank Center unless the teacher specifically asks students to bring something.

9. **T-shirts**: Your child will be given a Blast T-shirt on the first day of class. Children are encouraged to wear their Blast T-shirts throughout the week and beyond!

10. **Snacks**: Please send 1–2 healthy snacks that do not require refrigeration to class with your child. Vending machines are not available, so please do not send snack money. Water fountains are available.
11. Medication: If your child needs to receive medication, please inform us in writing prior to class. The medicine must be in a pharmacy-labeled container and can be refrigerated, if necessary. No nurses are available to dispense medication.

12. Behavior: Students are expected to behave in a mature and responsible manner toward all Belin-Blank Center staff, faculty, and students. Inappropriate behavior will be addressed by Belin-Blank Center staff.

13. Ankeny Program Coordinator: Ben Wolf is an 8th grade social studies / PLTW Design and Modeling teacher at North Polk Middle School in Alleman. He received his B.A. in Elementary Education from the University of Northern Iowa, and his Master’s Degree in Educational Administration from Iowa State University. He has also earned National Board Certification in the area of Social Studies-History / Early Adolescence. This is Ben’s second year serving as Ankeny’s program coordinator. Prior to this he taught as an Ankeny BLAST instructor for 2 years. Ben is excited to coordinate Ankeny’s fourth annual BLAST program, and is looking forward to working with you and your children this coming summer! Please feel free to email Ben (wolf@northpolk.org) if you have any questions.

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