



AMANI SUMMER CHALLENGE 2023: *Explore NY*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This challenge aims to keep students engaged in learning during the summer, and parents are strongly encouraged to participate. Studies show that engaged parents lead to better academic performance and confidence in facing challenges. Without opportunities for learning outside of the classroom, a child's progress may be hindered. Take advantage of the outlined tasks to have fun, grow, and bond while learning together.

Get Ready! Grab your camera, fill your water bottle, and put on your walking shoes!

Mission:

Visit at least 4 places on the list below, Ideally, 2 local and 2 outside of Westchester.

Feel free to visit more places and share your experience.

What's the benefit?

Parents: Amani has a strong commitment to transforming the mindset of students, families, and the community regarding the significance of education, exposure, and opportunities. Our mission is centered around equipping Mount Vernon students with the essential academic skills and critical thinking abilities needed for success. Critical thinking is nurtured through real-life experiences and exposure. It is in these moments that children learn problem-solving skills and encounter situations that challenge their existing knowledge.

Students: Once you have completed all four adventures and submitted them to your humanities teacher, you will receive your first grade for Humanities and STEM! What an incredible way to

start the 2023-2024 academic year by achieving a perfect 100% as your initial grade in your Humanities and STEM classes! All you have to do is maintain the same level of dedication and enthusiasm throughout the year to keep the momentum going!

- **Adventure 1: One Humanities local* adventure**
- **Adventure 2: One STEM local* adventure**
- **Adventure 3: One Humanities non-local** adventure**
- **Adventure 4: One STEM non-local** adventure**

*local: within Westchester County

**non-local: outside of Westchester County

Humanities: ELA, Social Studies, etc. are subjects that explore human culture, experiences, and how we understand the world around us. They focus on studying various aspects of human life, such as art, literature, history, and philosophy. By studying the humanities, we delve into the essence of human culture and gain insights into the human condition.

STEM: subjects such as Math and the Sciences, it is education that emphasizes hands-on, problem-based learning. It encourages students to actively engage in practical activities and solve real-world problems as a way to learn and apply their knowledge in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Destinations

Note to user: Insert relevant photos, videos, or links so your teachers can visualize them. Be creative as possible.

Local STEM	Local Humanities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Young Naturalists Environmental Day Camp● Mount Vernon Public Library● Marine Education Center● Greenburgh Nature Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mount Vernon Public Library Events● Hudson River Museum● American Revolutionary Trail● Hudson Valley MOCA
Non-local STEM	Non-local Humanities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Intrepid, Sea, Air, & Space Museum Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● American Museum of Natural History● Wave Hill● Central Park

- [MoMath, National Museum of Mathematics](#)
- [Girls Who Code](#)
- [New York Hall of Science](#)
- [Skyscraper Museum](#)
- [Museum of the Moving Image](#)

- [Broadway Plays](#)
- [Morris-Jumel Mansion](#)
- [Bear Mountain State Park](#)

Best Practices

These are the finer details of our brand's core elements. Be guided by the easy-to-follow do's and don'ts when designing.

	Do's	Don'ts
Local & non-local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring a camera/document your trip • research the place you are visiting • have a plan, know what you want to do • Know the bus/train schedules • If walking, look at the weather the night before and prepare. • Make sure all your devices are charged • pack light • allow yourself to be present and enjoy the experience • have fun! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forget to do your research • overextend yourself • travel too far without a plan or preparation to stay overnight • overpack (especially trips that include lots of walking) • scroll on social media or spend time on your phone •

How to present your data and experience!

Document your experiences! Write your report

	Suggestions	Don'ts
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write a report on your experience and what you learned. Remember to include pictures of what you saw with yourself in some of them.• Create a slideshow showcasing what you learned (be detailed) and your pictures• Get REALLY creative and make a video/reel showing what you learned and saw!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't just take pictures• Don't forget to include your written report about what you learned. (It doesn't have to be a long essay, but a few paragraphs are expected)

Who to turn your project in to:

- **Within the 1st week of school (08/28/23 - 09/05/23)**

- Ms. Parande, MTSS Coordinator

It can be handed in or shared digitally to sparande@amanicharter.org