

The Office of Distributed Education

AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- About Distributed Education
- MedLINCs
- Discovery Healthcare Camp – Paid Summer Positions!
- Summer Clinical Electives
- Sarnia Clerkship Opportunities
- Discovery Week 2025

About Us

60+

communities stretching more than 400 kilometres from Windsor to Tobermory

1000

Regional distributed education rotations scheduled annually

4000

medical students have experienced distributed education in communities across Southwestern Ontario though Discovery Week

850

regional and Windsor-based faculty with clinical learning opportunities in hospitals, clinics and offices



Regional Academic Directors

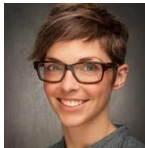
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The Learning Journey

UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE YEARS 1 AND 2

- Discovery Week
- MedLINC's Summer Program
- Summer Research Elective
- Summer Clinical Elective
- Discovery Healthcare Summer Camp
- Optional Clinical Learning Opportunities (OCLOs)

MedLINCs 2025

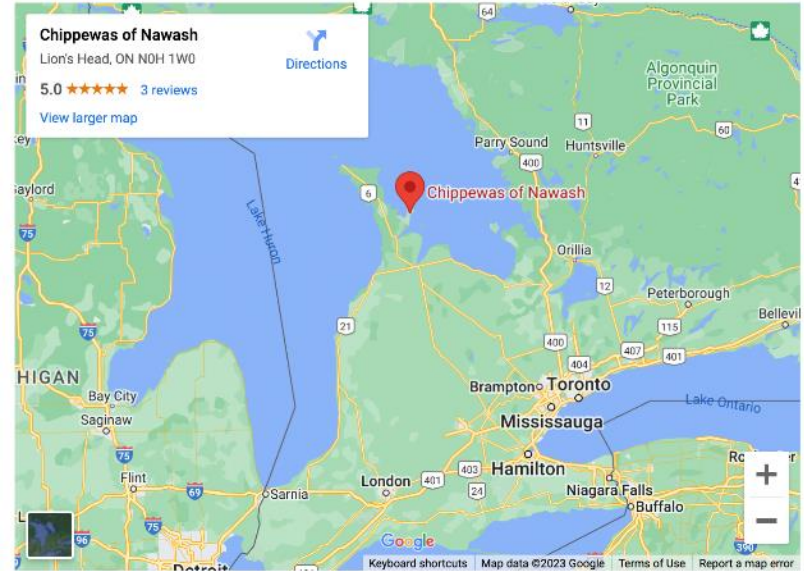
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MedLINCs Vision

MedLINCs is a four-week summer elective program through Distributed Education that places medical students with the Chippewas of Nawash community in the Grey-Bruce region followed by a summer clinical opportunity in the region. Building connections, learning from the community and to encouraging Indigenous youth to consider a career in healthcare.

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Rock Camp



Sweetgrass Harvest



Cozy Cats



Pop-up Clinic



MedLINCs

As a participant in MedLINCs you have the following opportunities:

- Planning and creation of a summer day camp for kids (Rock Camp)
- Attending and participating in community activities
- Assisting with mobile clinics and house visits
- Gaining valuable learning about holistic health, volunteering in community, and having the opportunity to experience cultural ceremonies, traditions and learning from elders

Why Choose MedLINCs?

Aisha Faruqui, Meds2027

2024 MedLINCs Program Participant

Timeline

- February/March - Applications and Interviews
- June - MedLINC's Orientation Day
- June 29-July 11: Chippewas of Nawash
- July 14 – 25: Summer Clinical
- July 27: Reflection



**Timeline is to be confirmed*

Apply Today!



SCAN ME





discovery healthcare

A Summer Camp Experience

What is Discovery Healthcare?

Discovery Healthcare Camp is a one-week medical science summer camp for high school students throughout Southwestern Ontario. It was designed to mentor and inspire interest in pursuing a career in medicine and the healthcare fields.

DHC provides Schulich medical students paid summer leadership experience working with high school students interested in healthcare careers.

As part of the leadership team you will live in the host community for the week, learn & teach clinical skills and interact with various healthcare professionals.

Which Team Will You Be On?

Week One: July 7-11

Week Two: July 14-18



TEAM 1

Goderich
Hanover

TEAM 2

Woodstock
Sarnia

TEAM 3

St. Thomas
Stratford

TEAM 4

Chatham
Windsor

Your Role in Discovery Healthcare

Discovery Healthcare runs in teams of three that include a Camp Captain and two Camp Leaders. Each team will host two, one-week camps.

Camp Captain

Will work with community coordinators to plan and organize camp schedules and programming, including facilitating guest lectures and hands-on sessions. Provide leadership during active camp days.

Camp Leader

Will assist the Captain with ensuring camp readiness. Provide leadership and learning opportunities to campers.



Timeline

- Captains (4) begin March 1 committing to 5 hours per week of planning up until camp
- Leaders (8) begin May 1 committing to a total of 15 hours of planning up until camp
- Live in the community and host daily camp from July 6-18
- Potential for presentations at National Conferences (SRPC)
- Potential 2nd year continued leadership role

Why Discovery Healthcare

- Great opportunity for leadership development
- Inspire the next generation of healthcare providers
- Network in communities across SWO
- Chance to learn and practice clinical skills
- Collaborate closely with DE and Dr. Ng
- Paid experience

Apply Today!

Applications are open!

Camp Captain Deadline:
Closes February 7

Camp Leader Deadline:
Closes March 31



Summer Clinical Electives

- Four-week clinical elective opportunities during the summers after first and second years.
- On a first-come, first-served basis, depending on preceptor availability.
- Applications are now open and preceptors are matched with students in April/May.

Applications are Open

- Pre-Clerkship Summer Electives
- Discovery Healthcare Camp
- MedLINCs



https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/distributededucation/undergraduate/preclerkship_electives.html

Sarnia Clerkship 2026



Sarnia Clerkship Program



- 8 students from London and Windsor campuses will have the option of completing their core clerkship rotations in Sarnia and surrounding communities
- Provides 3rd year students with the opportunity to participate in a community-immersive learning environment

Why choose the Sarnia Clerkship?

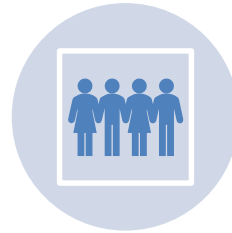
- ✓ Core rotations and selectives completed in Sarnia
- ✓ Low student-to-preceptor ratio
- ✓ Build strong mentoring relationships with your preceptors
- ✓ Maximize hands-on clinical training!



Bluewater Health Profile



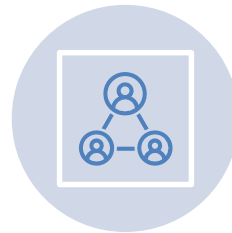
Locations in Sarnia and Petrolia, with state-of-the-art facilities, opened in 2010



Caring for residents of Sarnia-Lambton



Array of specialized acute, complex continuing care, allied health and ambulatory care services



Nearly 2,500 staff, Professional Staff and volunteers

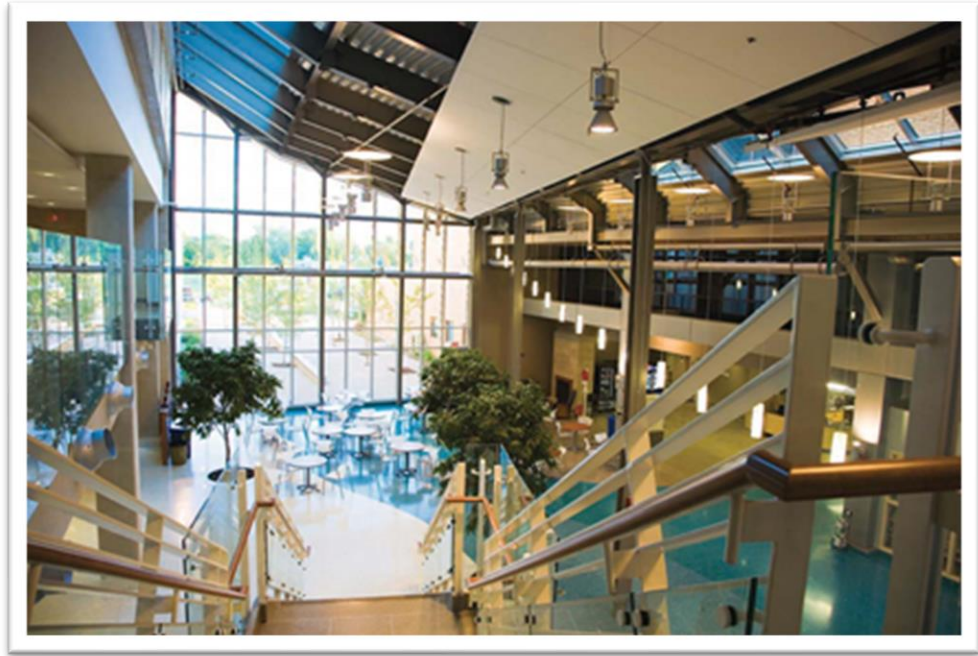
Sarnia – Live, Work and Play!

- Beautiful waterfront, border community
- Affordable living
- Thriving arts and culture scene
- Exceptional recreation and leisure activities



Doc Talk in Sarnia

- Feb 18, 2025
- See Bluewater Health and meet Sarnia staff and faculty
- Organized by RMOOC





CELEBRATING
**25 YEARS OF
PARTNERSHIP**

1998-2023

Discovery Week 2025

Week 1: Monday, May 26-30, 2025

Week 2: Monday, June 2-6, 2025

What is Discovery Week?

A mandatory one-week placement at the end of your first year of undergraduate medicine at Schulich Medicine.

You will be placed one of 32 rural and regional communities in SWO.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Shadow physicians, healthcare professionals – learn what their typical workday encompasses
- Network with health care teams
- Experience rural/regional living

Discovery Week Objectives



Orientation and Awareness:

become familiar with the parameters, dynamics, and systems involved in rural/regional medical practice.

Inter-Professional Education/ Inter-Professional Care: exposure to teamwork and collaboration undertaken within a rural/regional site.

Discovery Week Objectives

Medical Care in a Rural/Regional Site:

understand some of the challenges of delivering and receiving acute or chronic care within a rural/regional site.

Working with Diverse Populations:

develop an awareness of the challenge with chronic/acute disease management in diverse patient populations.



Where am I going?



Southwestern Ontario - From A to Z

- Ailsa Craig
- Amherstburg
- Aylmer
- Blenheim
- Chatham
- Chesley
- Clinton
- Durham
- Exeter
- Flesherton
- Forest
- Goderich
- Grand Bend
- Hanover
- Harrow
- Ingersoll
- Kettle Point
- Kincardine
- Leamington
- Listowel
- Markdale
- Meaford
- Mildmay
- Milverton
- Mitchell
- Newbury
- Owen Sound
- Parkhill
- Petrolia
- Point Edward
- Port Elgin
- Ridgetown
- Sarnia
- Seaforth
- Southampton
- St. Marys
- St. Thomas
- Stratford
- Strathroy
- Tavistock
- Tilbury
- Tillsonburg
- Walkerton
- Wallaceburg
- West Lorne
- Wiarton
- Windsor
- Wingham
- Woodstock
- Zurich



Why Discovery Week?

- Social Accountability
- Regional model of care
- Diversity of Cultural and Social issues affecting health, disease and wellness
- Exposure to delivering care in a smaller center
- Work with other Health Professionals

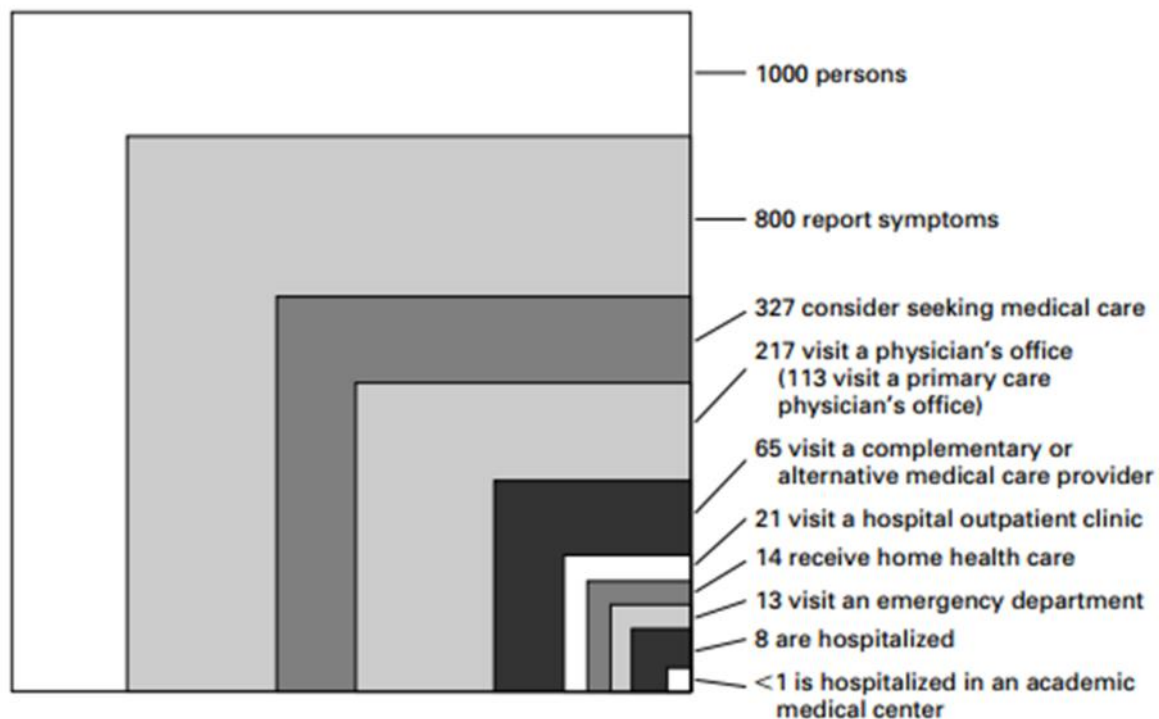


Figure 2. Results of a Reanalysis of the Monthly Prevalence of Illness in the Community and the Roles of Various Sources of Health Care.

Each box represents a subgroup of the largest box, which comprises 1000 persons. Data are for persons of all ages.

Why Discovery Week?

- Experience medical care delivery in a non-urban setting
- Explore the restraints in practicing in a smaller center
- Grow from the richness of the team aspect of medical care in rural and regional centers
- Have hands-on experience in patient care



Clinical Learning

Family Health Teams and Allied Health Professionals

- Nurses & nurse practitioners
- Pharmacists
- Optometrists
- Dentists
- Chiropractors
- Dietitians
- Naturopaths
- Physician Assistants

High School Presentations

- Discovery Week Community Coordinators *may* arrange visits to local high schools
- Presentation will be available on Elentra March 17
- Presentation – Why go to medical school? How to get there?
Financial considerations?

Discovery Week Cautions

- Not “Recruitment”
- Social events
- Boundary issues
- Conflict of Interest issues
- Travel
- This is not Clerkship!



Discovery Week is ...

- A different type of teamwork
- A rich opportunity for professional growth
- A gift to your class by many regional partners
- An opportunity to engage in actual patient care



Rules

- Meet your objectives
- Take time to experience and share
- Enjoy the social opportunities
- Relax, Grow, Learn



Professionalism

- Commitment to the program
- Presentation while in public (speaking negatively about the community)



Illness During DW

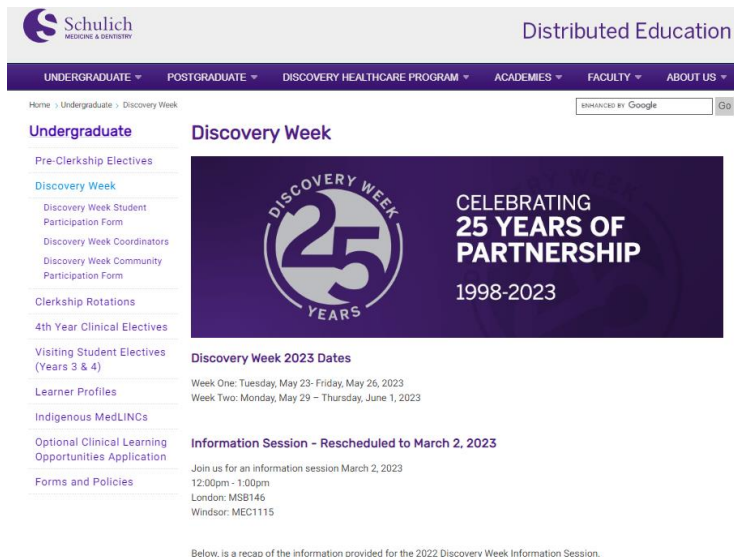
- Contact community before shift is to begin
- Complete form on the hub
- Email Distributed Education to advise of absence



Student Participation Form

- **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: January 31, 2025**
- All requests for exceptions for Discovery Week must be made through the Hub and approved by LEO, UME and/or DE – **deadline January 31, 2025**
- Flex days cannot be used for Discovery Week
- Are you from a rural, regional or urban community inside or outside of Ontario?
- Do you have a car? Are you able to drive other students to the same community?
- Special needs requiring accommodation?

Visit the Website



The screenshot shows the Schulich Medicine & Dentistry website. The header includes the Schulich logo and the text "Distributed Education". A navigation bar contains links for UNDERGRADUATE, POSTGRADUATE, DISCOVERY HEALTHCARE PROGRAM, ACADEMIES, FACULTY, and ABOUT US. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "Discovery Week". A sidebar on the left lists various links under the "Undergraduate" heading, including "Pre-Clerkship Electives", "Discovery Week", "Discovery Week Student Participation Form", "Discovery Week Coordinators", "Discovery Week Community Participation Form", "Clerkship Rotations", "4th Year Clinical Electives", "Visiting Student Electives (Years 3 & 4)", "Learner Profiles", "Indigenous MedLINC's", "Optional Clinical Learning Opportunities Application", and "Forms and Policies". The main content area features a large purple banner with the "DISCOVERY WEEK 25 YEARS" logo and the text "CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP 1998-2023". Below the banner, there are sections for "Discovery Week 2023 Dates" and "Information Session - Rescheduled to March 2, 2023".

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Discovery Week 2023 Dates

Week One: Tuesday, May 23 - Friday, May 26, 2023
Week Two: Monday, May 29 - Thursday, June 1, 2023

Information Session - Rescheduled to March 2, 2023

Join us for an information session March 2, 2023
12:00pm - 1:00pm
London: MSB146
Windsor: MEC1115

Below, is a recap of the information provided for the 2022 Discovery Week Information Session.

https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/distributededucation/undergraduate/discovery_week/index.html

Schedule

Week 1: May 26-30

- Arrive to your community on SUNDAY, May 25
- Community Placements Monday – Thursday
- Upload your video to Schulich Panopto by midnight Friday, May 30
- Evaluations must be completed by midnight Friday, May 30

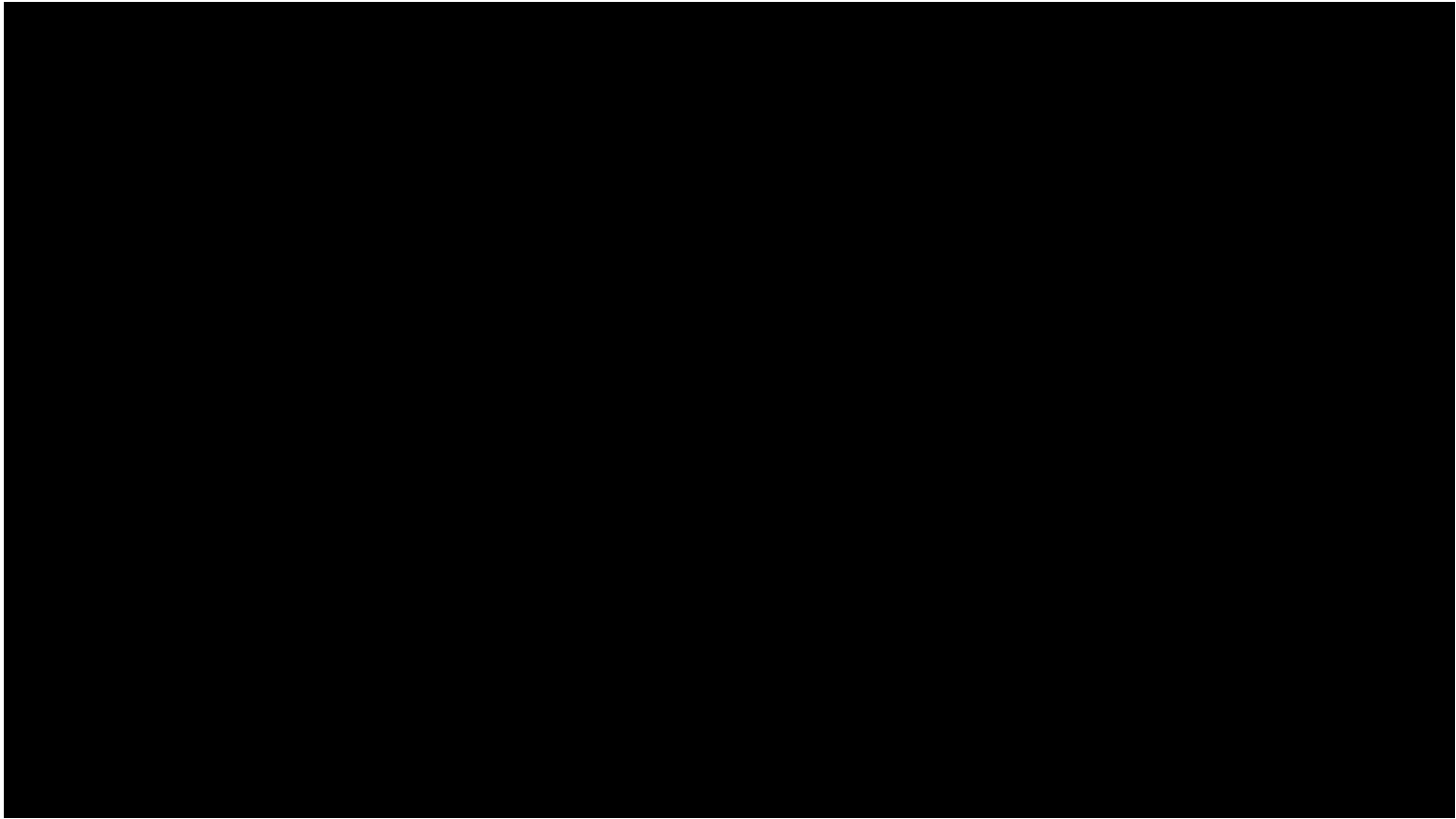
Week 2: June 2-6

- Arrive to your community on SUNDAY, June 1
- Community Placements Monday – Thursday
- Upload your video to Schulich Panopto by midnight Friday, June 6
- Evaluations must be completed by midnight Friday, June 6

Share Your Experience...

Your group is responsible for the following:

- 1-3 minute group presentation to be captured by video and uploaded to Panopto (instructions on Elentra)
- Answer 2 questions:
 - What did you learn from a patient or from an allied health professional?
 - What did you learn about your community?
- Due: midnight last day of your Discovery Week!



Share Your Experience...

- Don't forget to obtain video consent from any patient or volunteer before filming
- Your video should answer:
 - What did you learn from a patient or from a healthcare professional?
 - What did you learn about your community

Give us your feedback

- Evaluations will be emailed to you during DW week
- If there is a 100% return response rate, your class will get a pizza lunch in the fall
- Deadline for completion: midnight the Friday of you Discovery Week

Thank you Notes



- Thank you cards for Discovery Week – one group member will be designated to pick up/distribute to the group in May.
- Write a note of thanks and give to individuals during the week who have shared their time and knowledge with you – hospital staff, physicians, inter-professional healthcare providers, volunteers.
- The importance of being grateful – protect time in the week to write your ‘thank yous’.

Travel & Accommodations

- Accommodations may be **shared room**, apartment or house, B&B, hotel or billet. No cost to students for accommodations
- Bring money for food/incidental expenses
- Students carpool to communities and during DW
- For those drivers only, reimbursement is available. Keep track of distances and locations
- Meals are not provided. Please plan ahead.
- Deadline to submit: June 15th email distributed.education@schulich.uwo.ca

Important Dates

The following information will be available on Elentra **March 17, 2025:**

- Student Placement (where and which week)
- Student Guide
- Community Coordinator contact sheet
- High School Presentation
- Panopto 'how-to' info to upload your video

Keep us Posted

Post pictures and make comments online...be appropriate

- @SchulichMedDent
- @victorng_md
- #DiscoveryWeek2024
- vkng@uwo.ca
- distributed.education@schulich.uwo.ca

You are an Ambassador



FAQs

- When will we know where we are going?
March 17
- Can I request my community?
No – they are randomly assigned
- Do we need a vehicle for Discovery Week?
No – but if you have one, we hope you will consider carpooling with others
- How are accommodations arranged?
Accommodations are secured and paid for by our office

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