

# Middle School Academy



## About SML Good Neighbors

SML Good Neighbors, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) organization that works with children who are rising 1st through 9th graders from eleven elementary schools and two middle schools in Bedford and Franklin Counties. These children are from families with limited resources.

SML Good Neighbors, Inc. was started by members of our community in 2006 with deep concerns about children in our rural Virginia community.

We provide summer and school-year enrichment programs at no cost to families. There is an emphasis on reading, writing and enhancement of communication skills. Additionally, enrichment programs provided include: Nature Education, Peace Education, Cultural Diversity and Global Education as well as enrichment in the arts. We also provide nutritious breakfasts, lunches and snacks for the children in addition to weekend backpacks during the summer.

Many of our members have identified a need for additional academic support and enrichment to not only enable but also empower students in our community to be successful in their high school careers and beyond. Thus, we have developed our Middle School Academy to address these needs, allowing students to become scholars who are confident and motivated in their studies.

## The Middle School Academy Program

The academy is a rigorous program for rising 6th through rising 9th graders. The program is beginning summer of 2016 and will only accept rising 6th and 7th graders for the first summer. Academy scholars will spend 250 - 350 hours each year learning advanced curriculum that will be both aligned with state curriculum as well as focused on meeting the individual needs of each scholar. **This is a 3-4 year commitment** to the academy that scholars make in addition to their regular school education. In addition to the 4-week summer program, after-school support and enrichment is being developed to help keep scholars on track throughout the school year. Scholars are held to high expectations and provided with the support necessary to help them succeed.

## Cost

There is no cost to families for any of SML Good Neighbors' programs. All costs associated with our programs are covered by the generosity of numerous donors in our community.

[www.smlgoodneighbors.org](http://www.smlgoodneighbors.org)



## Summer

Bedford County; SRMS, for rising 6th - 9th graders

May 30th—June 23rd

Monday—Friday; 8:00am—3pm

Franklin County; Rocky Mount

June 26th—July 25th

Monday—Friday; 8:00am—3pm

## School Year

August - May; after-school

## How to Apply

- Must be willing to commit to 250—350 hours each year for 3-4 years
- Be a rising 6th grader for school year, 7th -9th for summer
- Be motivated and committed to the academy

After carefully reviewing our program and application and also understanding the commitment and expectations involved, you may complete the application available online through our website or through your local public school. All applicants will be interviewed before a decision is made regarding their acceptance into the program.