

Eugene Science Center Fall/Winter 2020 Program Information

Thank you for registering for a Eugene Science Center program. We are so excited to engage your child in fun, hands-on science! Here's some information to get you ready for your program:

What to Wear: Kids should dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared to get messy. Wear shoes that are supportive for walks in the park. We will be spending time outside each day, so please ensure your child is prepared for cooler weather in the morning and warmer weather in the afternoon.

What to Bring:

Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on any items they bring. Things get lost and left behind - help us get your belongings back to you.

Refillable Water Bottle: Please bring a reusable water bottle to help stay hydrated. Our drinking fountains are closed so please ensure your child brings a drink bottle each day.

Sunscreen and/or bug spray (as needed): We will have sunscreen available on-site, but encourage you to apply any necessary sunscreen or insect repellent prior to drop-off.

Extra clothing: If your child tends to get extra messy, we recommend a change of clothing (this is never a bad idea). Please note: Staff cannot help children clean themselves if they have a bathroom accident. If the child has an accident and cannot handle cleanup, we will call you.

Medication: If your child needs to take medication during the program, you will complete a medication form during drop-off of your first day. Staff cannot directly administer medication (placing pills in mouths, giving injections aside from assisting with epi-pens), and there is no nurse on staff. All program staff are CPR/First Aid certified and can provide basic first aid and respond appropriately to emergencies. Aside from soap, water, ice packs, or bandaids, we will not apply any topical medications to scrapes and bumps.

Face Coverings: Effective July 24, 2020 - All children age 5 and up are required to wear a face mask or face shield while indoors and when not socially distanced by 6 ft outdoors. Please send your child with a face mask they are comfortable wearing for long periods of time. It's a good idea to pack an extra mask. Eugene Science Center can provide a plastic face shield.

Rain Jacket: If rain is in the forecast, please send a rain jacket or poncho with your child. We try not to let the rain keep us inside.

Snacks: The Oregon Health Authority recommends children bring snacks from home. However, snacks will be made available by ESC to those who need them - taking into account any food allergies or sensitivities listed at registration. Picky eaters are encouraged to bring extra snacks from home. Typical snacks are items like goldfish, fruit snacks, popcorn, granola bars, etc. A variety of snacks are also available for sale in the vending machine.

Other items: If your child needs to bring anything else from home, like a hand-fidget, electronic device, toy or book, they are responsible for keeping up with their belongings and putting them away when asked by their instructor. If items become a distraction, we will hold onto them until pick-up time.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up:

According to state regulations, **parents are not allowed in the building** during drop-off and pick up. Please wait outside for assistance.

Drop-Off: Adult caregivers should wear a mask whenever you are onsite at Eugene Science Center. Sign-in takes place outside of the front doors or external doors to classrooms whenever possible. Students must be signed in by whoever drops them off. If they are not signed in, we will call you and ask you to come back and sign them in. During drop-off, we can take care of any payments, membership renewals, and medication forms. We will be screening for fever during drop-off, using forehead temperature checks.

Pick-Up: Adult caregivers should wear a mask whenever you are onsite at Eugene Science Center. Sign out will take place outside whenever possible. Our staff reserve the right to check ID for anyone picking up a child from a program. If you need to make changes to your list of authorized adults for pick-up, please let us know.

Parents/Guardians may only enter the building with permission from a staff member and must wear a mask. Restrooms are not available for families or guests of children enrolled in programs.

If you are running late please give us a courtesy call at 541-682-7888 so we know when to expect you. You can also email me at education@eugenesciencecenter.org with this information.

Behavior Policy:

Please review the behavior policy with your child before they attend a program.

1. **Respect Yourself:** Children should not engage in activities that could potentially hurt themselves, such as running or rough housing. They should come ready to learn and have fun, as well as actively participate.
2. **Respect Others:** Children should be respectful and listen when others are talking. They should also be kind to everyone and not engage in behaviors that hurt someone else's feelings or person.
3. **Respect the Equipment and Environment:** Children should be careful with all materials and Science Center exhibits and not engage in any behaviors that could damage the equipment or environment. They should also respect all aspects of the grounds and Alton Baker Park by following "leave no trace" policies: clean up all trash, making no alterations to the natural environment, and respecting the homes of local wildlife and nesting birds.

Consequences for breaking rules:

Here is how our staff correct behavior. Breaking the same rule after being corrected leads to escalating consequences. These consequences are given compassionately and with the intent to help the child be successful.

1. Explain the Problem and Redirect Behavior
2. Warning
3. Cool down break
4. Talk with Education Director
5. Conference with Parents
6. Expulsion

A child who engages in physical violence or threatening language towards another individual or themselves will face immediate expulsion.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy

Policies may be added or changed as the situation in Eugene changes or as we see fit. We will be following the state guidelines for emergency child care operations.

Here are the major changes we are making for the safety of our staff, students, and community:

- Groups have been limited to 10 children, and individual groups will be isolated from other groups on site. Any shared items or surfaces will be sanitized before being used by a new group.
- Increased cleaning and sanitizing of the entire facility, including classrooms, restrooms, exhibit hall, planetarium, and outdoor benches and tables.
- Drop-off and pick-up will take place outdoors whenever possible.
- Activities will take place outdoors as much as possible, and we will be socially distanced in classrooms.
- Staff will screen for fever during drop-off. Kids with a temperature over 100.3° or other COVID-19 symptoms (unrelated to a pre-disclosed medical condition) such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fever; chills; muscle pain; sore throat; diarrhea; and new loss of taste or smell will not be allowed to stay.
- Children who consistently and deliberately refuse to follow health guidelines will be sent home.
- Effective July 24, 2020 all children ages 5+ are required to wear a face covering. Children will be responsible for their own masks brought from home and must be capable of independently taking masks on and off and properly wearing masks.
- We are providing child-size face shields for individual use, and using transparent sneeze guards for table work. Face shields are required when not wearing a mask.
- Staff are prepared to provide a safe environment using positive reinforcement, compassionate encouragement, and lots of fun!

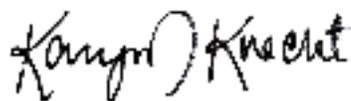
On your first day, you will review a health safety agreement with your child. Kids who accidentally break a health safety rule will not be punished, and we will give consistent reminders in a positive, mindful manner for preventing the spread of germs.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made at least one week prior to the start of a program are eligible for a full refund or credit, minus a \$10.00 cancellation fee. Cancellations after that are eligible for a 50% refund or credit. No refund or credit will be given if a cancellation is made on the day of the program or later.

If you have any questions or concerns, the quickest way to reach me is via email (education@eugenesciencecenter.org). If you need to immediately speak with an employee on the phone during business hours, please call the main line at 541-682-7888.

Sincerely,



Karyn Knecht
Education Director