



2021 Summer Camp Parent Information

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

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.

Lunch: Bring a lunch that does not require refrigeration or heating. We stay active, so make sure your camper has enough to eat!

Snacks: This summer, OHA recommends campers bring snacks from home. However, snacks will be made available by Eugene Science Center to those who need them. Picky eaters are encouraged to bring extra snacks from home. Typical snacks are items like goldfish, fruit snacks, popcorn, granola bars, etc.

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

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 campers are prepared for cooler weather in the morning and warmer weather in the afternoon.**

Extra clothing: If your child tends to get extra messy, we recommend a change of clothing (this is never a bad idea). Our 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.

Face Covering: All children age 5 and up are required to wear a face mask while indoors and when not socially distanced by 6 ft outdoors. Please send your camper with a face mask they are comfortable wearing for long periods of time. We can provide disposable face masks as needed.

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.

Water Day: We typically host a water day on Friday afternoons (unless it's too cold). Kids should wear or bring with them a swimsuit or clothing they can get wet. Campers MUST wear shoes during water day, so please ensure your camper has shoes they can get wet or a change of shoes for water activities. Campers should also bring a towel. During the camp day, campers should still be covered up with regular clothing over their swimwear. Water day activities may include sprinklers on the lawn, wading in the canoe canal, or floating down the canoe canal based on age group. Participation in a canal float requires a separate signed permission form.

Camp Tees: Each camper will tie dye their own camp t-shirt this summer. To wash your shirt, first rinse it until the water runs clear. Then remove any rubber bands. Wash your shirt separately from all other clothing using hot water and a small amount of laundry detergent. Dry separately.

Medication: If your child needs to take medication during the program, you will complete a medication form during Monday drop-off. Our 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 camp 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 that occur at camp.

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:

Drop-Off: Takes place between 8:30 and 9:00am. Adult caregivers should wear a mask whenever you are onsite at Eugene Science Center. Sign-in takes place outside whenever possible. During drop-off, we can take care of any payments, membership renewals, and medication forms. We will be screening for fever and COVID symptoms/exposure during drop-off each day.

Pick-Up: Takes place between 4:00 and 4:30pm. Adult caregivers should wear a mask whenever you are onsite at Eugene Science Center. Please do not forget to sign your child out! 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 enter the building with permission from a staff member. You must wear a mask and socially distance yourself from others when onsite.

If you are running late please give us a courtesy call at 541-682-7895 so we know when to expect you. You can also email kknecht@eugencesciencecenter.org with this information. Late pick-up in the afternoon may result in a fee.

Gift Shop: The gift shop will be open on Thursday and Friday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 pm. If your camper wishes to purchase something from the gift shop, you can do so during pick-up.

Behavior Policy:

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

Eugene Science Center Rules:

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. They should also protect themselves from germs by frequent hand washing and properly wearing a face mask.

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. They should also take care to prevent the spread of germs by following all health safety rules.

3. Respect the Equipment and Environment: Children should be careful with all program 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 camper be successful during camp.

1. Explain the Problem and Redirect Behavior
2. Warning
3. Cool down break
4. Meeting with Camp Supervisor
5. Conference with Parents and Camp Supervisor
6. Expulsion

A camper who engages in intentional physical violence or threatening language towards another individual or themselves may face immediate expulsion.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy:

Policies may be added or changed as the situation in Oregon changes or as we see fit for camp operations. We will be following the state guidelines for summer camp operations.

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

- Group sizes have been limited based on square footage of our classrooms, and individual camp groups will be assigned their own classroom. Different camp groups may interact outdoors, in the exhibit hall, planetarium, or restrooms unless state camp guidelines are altered to require otherwise.
- Increased cleaning and sanitizing of the entire facility, including classrooms, restrooms, exhibit hall, planetarium, and outdoor benches and tables.
- We will have a drop-off window of 8:30am – 9:00am and a pick up window of 4:00pm – 4:30pm for all camps in order to space out the arrival of camp families.
- Drop-off and pick-up will take place outdoors whenever possible.

- Camp staff will check temperatures of campers during drop-off. Campers 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 attend camp.
- All campers are required to wear a face covering. Campers 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 can provide a disposable mask upon request.
- Camp staff are prepared to provide a safe environment using positive reinforcement, compassionate encouragement, and lots of fun!

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

(kknecht@eugenesciencecenter.org). If you need to immediately speak with an employee on the phone during business hours, please call the main line at 541-682-7895.

Sincerely,

Karyn Knecht



Education Director