

Eugene Science Center Summer Camp Program 2026

Parent Information

Please Read Before Your Program Date

Dear Families,

Thank you for registering your young scientist for the Eugene Science Center 2026 Summer Camp Program! As an educational summer camp, we are excited to welcome campers who are curious and eager to explore scientific topics through hands-on experiments, guided activities, and playful learning.

This program is best suited for students who are comfortable in a structured, classroom-like environment and can remain engaged during focused learning times. While we incorporate active play and outdoor breaks, the majority of our day is spent in small-group activities that require listening, participation, and cooperation.

We ask all families to carefully review the following information so parents/guardians and campers feel prepared and aware of all camp expectations. Please reach out to staff with any questions or clarifications. Contact information is listed at the end of this document.

Daily Camp Schedule

8:00 – 9:00 AM – Arrival / Exhibit Hall
9:00 – 9:30 AM – Classroom: Introductions, Expectations & Icebreaker
9:30 – 10:00 AM – Planetarium Show
10:00 – 10:30 AM – Snack & Recess
10:30 – 11:30 AM – Block One
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Lunch & Recess
12:30 – 1:30 PM – Block Two
1:30 – 2:00 PM – Snack & Recess
2:00 – 3:00 PM – Block Three
3:00 – 3:15 PM – Classroom & Activity Clean Up
3:15 – 3:30 PM – Pack Up & Closing Game
3:30 – 4:30 PM – Pick Up / Exhibit Hall

Personal Items

Belongings

Please clearly label all items your child brings to camp (jackets, lunchboxes, water bottles, etc.). Items are sometimes misplaced, and labels help us return belongings quickly.

Toys & Other Items

Campers should not bring toys from home, including stuffies, fidgets, or other personal items that may become distractions. If a child brings an item, they are responsible for storing it when asked. If an item becomes a distraction, staff will hold it until pick-up.

Snacks and Meals

Lunch

Please pack a lunch that does not require refrigeration or heating. Campers stay active and will need plenty of food.

Snacks

Snacks will be available for campers who do not bring one of their own (examples: granola bars, goldfish, fruit strips). If your child has dietary restrictions or preferences, please send preferred snacks from home.

Water Bottle

Please send a refillable water bottle to help campers stay hydrated throughout the day.

Camp Dress Code

What to Wear

Many activities involve art, crafts, and outdoor time. Please send campers in weather-appropriate clothing that can get messy and in supportive shoes suitable for walking in the park.

Extra Clothing

If your child tends to get messy, we recommend packing a change of clothes. Staff cannot assist with cleaning after bathroom accidents. If a child cannot independently manage cleanup, a parent/guardian will be contacted.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are optional and welcome if preferred by the family. Staff can remind children to wear masks but cannot enforce their use. Please keep your child home if they are feeling unwell to help keep everyone healthy.

Illness and Injury

Illness Policy

A parent/guardian will be called to pick up a child if they exhibit:

- Fever of 100.4°F (may return after 24 hours fever-free)
- Vomiting (may return 48 hours after last episode)
- Diarrhea
- Severe environmental allergy symptoms (e.g., swollen eyes, difficulty breathing)

Please keep children home if any of these symptoms are present before camp.

Injury

Camp staff (CPR/First Aid certified) will administer basic first aid as needed. In cases of significant injury, a parent/guardian will be contacted. If emergency services are required, 911 will be called first, followed by the parent/guardian. Aside from soap, water, ice packs, or bandages, staff will not apply topical medications.

Medication

If medication is needed during camp, a medication form must be completed at drop-off. Staff cannot directly administer medication (such as placing pills in mouths or giving injections, except assisting with EpiPens). All medication must be in its original container with the child's name and label.

Drop-Off, Pick-Up, and Late Fees

Drop-Off

- Time: 8:00 – 9:00 AM
- Location: Museum Lobby (Sign-In Required)
Please allow extra time on Mondays for paperwork, including emergency contacts, medical/behavioral information, and photo release forms.

Pick-Up

- Time: 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Staff will check ID for all authorized pick-up persons. Please remember to sign your child out each day.
Families may enter the building to communicate with guest relations and camp staff.
Admission or membership is required to explore the exhibit hall.

If you are running late, please call **541-682-7894** or email **education@eugencesciencecenter.org**.

For late drop-off (after 9:00 AM) or early pick-up (before 3:30 PM), please contact the Education Manager in advance.

Late Fees

Late pick-up will result in a fee of \$15 per 15-minute block:

- 4:31–4:45 PM = \$15
 - 4:46–5:00 PM = \$30
(and so on)
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Behavior Expectations

Please review these expectations with your child before camp.

Eugene Science Center Rules

1. Respect Yourself

Campers should avoid unsafe behaviors (running indoors, roughhousing), come ready to learn, participate, and practice good hygiene such as hand washing.

2. Respect Others

Campers should listen when others are speaking, be kind, and avoid behaviors that hurt others physically or emotionally. They should also follow all health and safety rules.

3. Respect Equipment and Environment

Campers should treat materials, exhibits, and outdoor spaces with care. We follow “Leave No Trace” practices in Alton Baker Park by cleaning up trash, not altering nature, and respecting wildlife habitats.

Process for Behavioral Misconduct

Our staff uses compassionate, step-by-step guidance to support camper success. Repeated behavior concerns may result in escalating consequences:

- Redirection and explanation

- Warning
- Cool-down break
- Meeting with Education Manager
- Parent/guardian discussion
- Expulsion

Intentional physical violence or threatening language toward others or self may result in immediate expulsion.

Cancellation Policy

- **4+ weeks before program:** 100% refund or credit (minus \$30 processing fee)
- **2 weeks before program:** 50% refund or credit
- **Less than 2 weeks:** No refund or credit

For questions, please email education@eugenesciencecenter.org or call **541-682-7888** during business hours. The Education Team can also be reached at **541-682-7894**.

Contacting Staff

For general questions or concerns:

 education@eugenesciencecenter.org

 Main Line: 541-682-7892

To contact the Education Manager, Alex Lombardi:

 541-682-7892

 alombardi@eugenesciencecenter.org

We look forward to a fun, safe, and science-filled summer with your camper!