



2023 Summer Camp Procedures and Policies

The Sandbox Children's Museum offers 9 weeks of a summer camp program for children ages 4 -12 years. Through the guise of play and exploration we offer children enrolled an opportunity to explore a variety of themes that integrate hands-on learning with S.T.E.A.M. activities as well as time for supervised play with the museum exhibits.

REGISTRATION

All attendees must register and make a deposit either through our online system or over the phone by calling the location where they want to enroll. **All required paperwork (Registration/medical form, liability waiver) must be completed prior to attending.**

Full day children must be at least 5 years old.

Enrollment is limited and must be completed at least 7 days in advance of the start date. This included registration form, payment, and liability waiver. Limited scholarships are available. Please indicate when registering if you would like an application.

A non-refundable deposit of \$50/ child is required at the time of registration to hold the spot for each week and full payment is due 7 days prior to the start date to ensure a spot for that week. No deposit is necessary for scholarship applicants.

Cancellation Policy

The \$50 deposit is non-refundable. Only refunds for amounts prepaid and cancelled at least two weeks in advance will be refunded. Please understand that as a non-profit we have staffed our program and purchased supplies based on current registrations.

Restroom Policy

Children must be fully toilet trained and independent in the bathroom. This includes being able to manipulate clothing (buttons, snaps, etc.) and wash hands. Staff cannot assist children in the restroom.

What to Bring

Clothing

- Please dress your child in comfortable clothing. Please remember they will be engaging in activities using a variety of art mediums and substances. You may send a change of clothes in a labeled Ziploc bag.

Snack

- The Sandbox will provide a healthy mid morning snack. Examples include goldfish, fruit, pretzels, cheese sticks, and vegetable sticks with water or lemonade.
- Children may bring a labeled water bottle to have throughout the day.

Lunch

- Children who are enrolled as full-day should bring a healthy NUT **FREE** lunch. Soy butter or Sunbutter are good substitutions. Those children enrolled just for a morning session should not bring a lunch.
- Please do not send foods high in sugar such as candy, sugary snacks or soda.
- **Friday Pizza Day** – Each Friday afternoon full-day attendees will be treated to a pizza lunch. Each child will be given two slices of cheese pizza, fruit, drink and a fruit ice pop.

Drop Off & Dismissal

Half-day (9:00am-12:00pm) & Full-day (9:00am-3:00pm)

Please walk your camper to the museum door each morning and sign them in with a staff member.

Please check in with the front desk upon arriving for pick up. Children will be dismissed to you as they complete the last activity.

ALL CHILDREN must be picked up at the designated time. A five minute window is given before a \$1/minute per child fee will be incurred. **If an emergency arises delaying your arrival you must call the museum to notify staff.**

Please make sure that anyone who is allowed to pick up your child is listed on your registration form. Children will not be released to those not on the form or those with out identification. This includes parents/guardians we have not yet met.

Child Behavior Expectations

Each child is expected to be able to follow directions from museum staff and respond in a polite and respectful manner. Our goal is to create an environment for children to learn through exploration and play. We ask children to use walking feet indoors, quiet voices, gentle hands, and kind words. Our staff understands that each child develops at their own pace and some need more support and guidance than

others in accomplishing these goals. Staff will use positive reinforcement and natural consequences when asking children to comply with the rules.

Acceptable Behavior Policy

In order to ensure a safe and fun environment for all children enrolled, each child is expected to behave in an acceptable manner and use appropriate language at all times, as well as respond to requests from Museum staff. It is important to remember that there are **no refunds** given if a child is asked to leave camp due to unacceptable behavior.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

1. Families are expected to complete a daily health assessment each morning.
2. Upon entering all children will use hand sanitizer and/or then wash with soap and water once they have entered.
3. Hands will be washed in-between activities, after using the restroom, before and after eating, after using a tissue or coughing.
4. Two groups of Multi-age groups may be created with a maximum of 10 children per group.
5. Exhibits and small pieces associated with the exhibits are cleaned during lunch, and are deep cleaned at the end of the day.
6. Bathrooms are cleaned throughout the day on a schedule.
7. Children are not required to wear masks but may choose to and will be supported in this choice.

*All cleaning supplies used, cleaning schedule, and wellness procedures are based on best practices suggested by CDC Guidelines for schools and museums.

Children who have had a contagious illness or symptoms of a contagious illness, which includes but is not limited to fever, diarrhea, rash, vomiting, excessive coughing or sneezing or diagnosed illness in the past 24 hours may not attend. Children must be symptom free for 24hrs without the assistance of medication to attend camp.

Should a child exhibit any symptoms of contagious illness while in attendance, will be isolated and museum staff will contact the parent/guardian to pick up the child. There are no refunds for children who must leave due to illness.

All families are asked to complete the child self-health screening on a daily basis.

Screening procedures:

1. Temperature checked. Temperature must be below 100.4 to attend.
2. Children will be screened for the following symptoms; repeated coughing, fever, excess sneezing, running nose, rash, or other symptoms associated with COVID19. Any of the following with or without fever:
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - New or worsening cough

If these symptoms are explainable by an underlying condition (such as shortness of breath for an individual with asthma) exclusion may not be necessary. All parents agree to inform the program if your child has exhibited any COVID symptoms, tests positive for COVID or has been in the presence of someone with symptoms or who has tested positive.

Positive COVID19 protocol

The museum will follow the guidance of SC DHEC should there be any positive cases of children or staff or immediate family members to include closure and cleaning, as well as exclusion of that person for the recommended time. Should a child exhibit any symptoms of contagious illness while in attendance, museum staff will contact the parent/guardian to pick up the child. There are **no refunds** for children who must leave camp due to illness. Any child who has been sick may not return until they have met criteria for return.

- Children or staff excluded for symptoms should not return until they have either tested negative for COVID-19 or a medical evaluation determines that their symptoms were more likely due to another cause (e.g. sore throat due to strep throat). In this later case, the individual can return when they meet criteria for that condition.
- Children or staff that require testing for COVID-19 will require a negative PCR (mouth or throat swab) test or, if not tested, must complete the current isolation criteria for COVID-19 to return.

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