



FAQs – Camp

Enrollments, Payments, and Registrations

How do I register?

You can register by calling 502-561-6100, ext. 6111 and speaking with one of our visitor services representatives, by coming in to the Louisville Science Center and signing up in person, or you can register online at www.LouisvilleScience.org/events.

When is my payment due?

Full payment for camp programs is due at the time of registration.

Will I receive confirmation of enrollment when I sign up for camp?

Yes! If you are registering online, confirmations are automatically generated and sent to the email address you entered at the time of registration. If you call to make a reservation, please be sure to give one of our Visitor Services Representatives your email address so that they may send you a confirmation.

What if my child would like to be placed with his/her friend?

We are happy to place campers with their friends if staff is notified before your scheduled week.

What camps are offered?

There are multiple topics for your camper to sign up for, each week of camp. All camps offer a “bridging” grade to increase the number of available topics for your camper. Details are posted at www.LouisvilleScience.org/events.

Can my camper attend a camp in an older or younger age group, even if he/she is not entering those grades?

For the safety of our campers and in the interest of age level appropriateness, age categories must be observed to ensure the best possible experience for all campers, we have found that children enjoy themselves more and have a better experience if they are with kids their own age.

If campers must enter a camp outside of their grade level, we encourage parents to choose a camp below their grade level. Campers may not be admitted into a camp above their grade level.

When Camp Begins:

How will my child spend his or her day?

All campers will participate in 4 hours of classroom time each day, spend 2 hours in other areas (exhibits, films, demonstrations), and will have ½ hour for both lunch and recess.

How can I find out what activities my child will be participating in during camp?

Check out our Peek at the Week section online! Peek at the Weeks offer snippets of what the campers will be doing in their camp each day. (Peek at the Weeks will be available online in mid-May).

What does my child need to wear?

Every camper will receive a camp T-shirt on his or her first day that should be worn each day of camp. This will help our staff recognize which children are part of the program at all times.

What should I do for lunch/snack each day?

Campers will eat lunch in our cafeteria each day so please pack a lunch and snack for your child. Remember, some campers may be suffering from food allergies so please be considerate when packing your child's lunch. Please note: the Louisville Science Center does not provide refrigeration so pack accordingly.

Drop Off and Pick up:

What do I need to do on my child's first day of camp?

On your first day of camp you'll need to bring your child inside to check in, in our lobby. Specific information will be provided to you in your registration packet after your reservation has been made.

How do I drop off / pick up Tuesday – Friday?

For the remainder of the week, you may drop off at our supervised drop-off between 8th St and River Road. Camp staff will be on site to take your camper(s) inside, however you may also choose to park and walk your child inside each day.

Every afternoon (Monday-Friday) caregivers are required to come inside and sign out their child. LSC will only release campers to those whose names appear on the camper's registration form and all those picking up MUST show ID each day.

How soon can I drop off my child? Is it OK to pick up early or drop off late?

Drop off begins at 8:00 a.m. and will continue until 9:00 a.m. when camp begins. If you arrive later than 9am Tues-Friday you MUST park and bring your child inside as we will end our curbside service promptly at 9am to begin our daily routine.

You are welcome to pick up your camper at any time during the day. Please stop at our admissions desk and let a staff person the name of your camper and the camp he or she is attending. They will radio camp staff, who will bring your camper to the front desk. Please note that you must have a picture ID to pick up.

There will be NO PICKUP between 3:30-4:00 p.m. as campers will be cleaning up their classrooms and wrapping up for the day. This ensures all campers will be ready to go at 4:00 p.m. when regular pick up begins.

What if I need to work late?

After care may be provided for an additional \$25 a week until 5:30 p.m. Due to the structured schedule of camp, after care gives campers time to unwind with a variety of options such as playing games, watching videos, and indoor activities.

Camp Staff and Class Sizes:

Who are your camp staff? Who will be my child's teacher?

The Summer Camp Management team is responsible for the day-to-day operation of camp. They are full time staff with the Louisville Science Center and are on site and available each day.

All Louisville Science Center summer camp teachers are certified teachers from the Louisville area, or are from our own Education staff. They all love science and are looking forward to working with the campers this summer. Check back for our staff/teacher bios (coming in June) for more details.

Who are your teaching assistants?

teaching assistants are college students who have a passion for working with children. Most are pursuing a teaching profession or have worked in a recreation environment.

How large are your classes?

1st -8th grade classes are limited to 25 campers. PreK & K-1 classes are limited to 20 campers. If a class is closed due to capacity, we may start a waiting list and open a new class.

What are your camper/teacher ratios?

All camp classes are limited to 20-25 students (depending on grade level) and each class will have a minimum of two adults per classroom at all times. Often, classes will also have a volunteer present in their room.

Can I stay with my child during camp?

Campers may have trepidation if this is their first camp experience. To help with this, parents may opt to walk their camper to class each day and are welcome to stay with their

campers during our drop off period (8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. for Half Day programs, and 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. for Full Day programs).

At the start of our day, we ask that parents leave their campers in the care of our camp staff. Please keep in mind that all camp staff have experience and an interest in working with children and will strive to make camp the best experience possible for your child.

Camp Management staff will also be available to work with your camper and will call if a concern should arise with your child.

Camp Policies:

What is your cancellation/refund policy?

The Louisville Science Center cannot offer refunds for Summer Camps. In the event of extreme circumstances that prevent your child from attending camp you may submit a request to withdraw. Camp fees from all days attended will be withheld in addition to a \$25.00 handling fee. The Louisville Science Center reserves the right to cancel sessions due to insufficient enrollment, in which case a full refund will be issued.

What if my child has special needs, or requires daily medication?

The Louisville Science Center is not authorized to give any medication. However, if your child requires an EPI pen, you may fill out an emergency action plan (provided on your first day of camp) so that we may administer it in a crisis situation.

Please note that the Louisville Science Center staff does not provide staff with the appropriate training to work with children with special needs and cannot provide one-on-one care. You may opt to provide your child with a caregiver during camp (at no cost) if you wish to have your child participate in camp.

What if my camper will be absent?

Please notify us by calling 502-561-6100 ext 6111. Our Visitor Services staff check messages daily and will notify our camp management team of your child's absence.

What is your policy in case of severe weather?

In case of severe weather, the Louisville Science Center will provide closing information on our phone system (available by calling 502-561-6100 ext 6111), on our website and on local television stations.