



MOSI's Summer Science Camp 2019 Program Information

Thank you for joining us for a wonderful summer of enriching experiences and fun. To provide you and your child the best possible experience, please note the following information

- Read, sign, and return the enclosed "MOSI Summer Science Camp Information Form" and "Pick-Up Authorization Form" on your child's first day of camp. The "Pick-up Authorization Form" must be filled out each Monday that your child attends camp. It will be used to help ensure the safety and security of your child. A new form is required each week your child attends camp. Please do not mail the forms.
- Inform instructor about any health concerns or special needs. For special concerns or emergencies, call the Summer Science Camp office at 813-987-6117.

MOSI Parking

Drop off and pick up

- For safety of all campers, parents must park cars in the parking lot during drop off and pick up. Meet daily under the covered plaza for drop off and pick up in the Whitney Andrews Lang Center for Learning located on the east side of the MOSI Campus. Easy access is available from the school entrance gate on 50th Street.
- Escort your child to the covered plaza and initial the attendance sheet at drop off. A signature is required at pick up. Please sign-in & sign-out preschool and kindergarten campers directly in their classroom. Travel campers will meet at their vans. **You do not have to pay for parking.**

All individuals picking up campers will be asked to provide photo I.D at pick up. Please carry I.D.

- Campers may be signed in no earlier than 15 minutes before the start of camp and must be signed out no later than 15 minutes after camp.

Extended Care

- Extended care is available at an additional fee. Campers attending Extended Care must be pre-registered. Campers cannot be signed in before 7 a.m. and must be signed out by 6:00 p.m. A late fee of \$1 per minute will be charged.

Snacks and Lunch

- Parents please provide a non-refrigerated morning and/or afternoon snack with drink. Each day, short morning and afternoon breaks may be taken in all camps. Please label all food containers.
- Campers must bring a non-refrigerated lunch. Microwaves are **not** available to heat up lunches. MOSI does **not** have a cafeteria on site to purchase food. **All food must be brought from home.**

Travel Camps

- It is important to arrive on time for morning drop off to avoid delaying the travel camp's departure. Bring a lunch, two snacks, and plenty of beverages (preferably frozen); wear outdoor clothing and comfortable shoes; bring a hat and sunscreen. Wear a swimsuit under your clothes if called for, and bring a towel and extra sneakers that can get wet. Refer to the Summer Science Camp Catalog for additional information.

MOSI Exhibits

- Campers will not explore the museum on a daily basis. If an exhibit is appropriate for a specific camp theme, campers may visit a portion of the museum. Instructors visit exhibits only if it pertains to their camp theme.

Summer Science Camp T-shirts

- A t-shirt will be given to each camper on his/her first week of camp.





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Frequently Asked Questions

Will my child have the same instructor from week to week?

Not necessarily. Instructors are assigned to classes based on their strengths in a specific theme as well as their ability to work with specific age groups.

How will my child go from Extended Care to camp? From camp to lunch? From lunch to camp?

Whenever a child is changing programs, the camper is escorted by staff to the program where they are checked in. Campers are under constant supervision.

Do the MOSI Summer Science Camp staff go through a background check?

Yes, all Summer Science Camp staff members and volunteers go through an extensive background screening process.

I have to pick up my child early or arrive late for camp. What do I need to do?

Let your child's instructor know that he/she will need to be picked up early or that you will be arriving late to camp. This information will be passed on to the Summer Science Camp administrative staff. If the instructor has not been informed or if early pick up is unplanned, call the Summer Science Camp office at 813-987-6117. Please inform us of any changes in your schedule since the camps frequently do activities outside of their classroom and we want to minimize any delays. For the safety of our campers, no sign-outs will occur between 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

How do I know what is planned for my child's camp?

The instructor has planned a variety of age-appropriate activities designed to engage and keep campers actively learning. On the first day of camp, instructors provide letters for parents describing their program's plan for the week. You are free to speak to your child's instructor about any activity.

Can my child bring a cell phone, MP3 player, tablet or handheld game console?

Campers are **not** permitted to use cell phones including texting, listen to MP3 players, or play games during camp. Campers may use personal electronics during breaks. We recommend that all items are labeled. **MOSI is not responsible for lost or damaged items brought to camp.**

Does MOSI have a café for my child to purchase lunch and snacks at?

No, MOSI does not have any food available on site. Please provide a lunch and two snacks for your child each day of camp.

My child lost something; do you have a lost and found?

Summer Science Camp does maintain a lost and found. It is important to label personal articles with the child's name. MOSI is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

How should I dress my child for camp?

Because of the active nature of our camps, we suggest that comfortable clothing suitable for outdoors be worn. We especially advise against new or delicate clothing. The descriptions in the Summer Science Camp catalog will be especially helpful for campers participating in Travel Camps.

My child will need to take medication while at camp. Who should I contact?

Your child's instructor and/or member of the Summer Science Camp administrative staff will have medication instruction forms available. Once filled out, medications will be stored and dispensed by staff in the Summer Science Camp office. If your child is attending a Travel Camp or offsite experience, medication will be brought along with a copy of the medication instruction form. Please provide an original prescription bottle for storage and medication.

If you have additional questions or concerns please call 813-987-6000 or e-mail sciencecamp@mosi.org.

MOSI Summer Science Camp Information Form

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Grade Level _____

(Please use separate form for each child)

MOSI Program Policies

I/We, the undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) of the minor child named above, hereby grant permission for my/our child to participate in all activities in and around the Museum of Science & Industry as part of the MOSI Education Program. In addition, I/we hereby grant permission for my/our child to participate in activities, which may include walking through wooded areas and other activities, including, but not limited to those activities included in the program description. Further, I/we agree to assume all risks and liabilities associated with my/our child's participation in said program(s) and to hold the Museum of Science & Industry harmless from all claims which may arise as a result of such participation. In case of emergency, the Museum of Science & Industry has permission to take my child to the nearest hospital.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Behavior & Discipline:

To ensure the safety and comfort of all program participants, the MOSI program has established the following expectations: 1. Students will keep their hands and feet to themselves. 2. Students will listen and follow directions. 3. Students will respect MOSI staff, property, and fellow students.

It is the policy of MOSI that all students have an educational setting that is safe, secure and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. Bullying means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students. It includes any threatening, insulting or dehumanizing gesture that is severe enough to create an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment. It may involve, but is not limited to teasing, social exclusion, threats, intimidation, stalking, cyber-bullying, cyber-stalking, physical violence, theft or harassment.

If the above expectations are not followed: 1. Instructors will handle discipline problems using discussion and reason. Parents will be informed. 2. If necessary, the instructor will isolate the child from activities for a short time. 3. If the problem persists, the instructor will notify the Education Program Manager who will then talk to the child and notify the parent. 4. MOSI reserves the right to remove any child from a program with no refund or credit if the child's disruptive behavior persists. Please sign below to verify that you have read the expectations and discipline policy of the MOSI Education Program.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Emergency Contact Information

Parent / Guardian's Name _____

Day Phone () _____ Cell () _____ Email _____

Would you prefer that we text you if we need to contact you? YES, texting is fine. NO, please do not text.

Other parent/guardian: Name _____

Day Phone () _____ Cell () _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact (other than parent) _____

Relationship to child _____ Day Phone () _____ Email _____

Is your child diagnosed with Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)? Autism Asperger syndrome PDD-NOS

If your child has a condition that needs special attention, please advise (includes behavioral conditions, allergies, dietary restrictions or conditions, and medication):

Photo Release:

Participants in MOSI educational programs are sometimes photographed or video taped by the media, MOSI staff or professional photographers for promotional services. By signing this photo release, you give MOSI permission to photograph or film your child while your child is participating in a MOSI educational program possibly for promotional materials.

Parent /Guardian Signature

Date

Registration form kept on file; please notify MOSI staff of any changes.

