

Natural History Museum of Utah Summer Camp 2022

Have you noticed that your child is a natural investigator?

The desire to explore and ask questions is a part of childhood and crucial to successful science exploration. Nurturing that natural investigator helps to create a lifelong learner and a powerful problem solver.

At NHMU, we are committed to cultivating lifelong skills in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) investigations that promote independence, nurture teamwork, and inspire resiliency and innovation while providing time to explore the natural world.

NHMU summer camp experiences at the Museum and at home deliver fantastic science- and nature-based experiences to your kids. Our programs take full advantage of the Museum's exhibits and collections as well as the incredible natural environments around our site.

At our camp, your child will:

- ▶ **Explore the natural world from new perspectives**
- ▶ **Put the scientific method into action**
- ▶ **Engage in authentic experiences with Museum staff**
- ▶ **Make new friends and have fun!**

The Basics

- ▶ Each program is designed to capture your child's attention and interest and is age appropriate for the grade they will enter in the fall of 2022.
- ▶ Kindergarten sessions are offered from 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Monday-Thursday.
- ▶ First grade sessions are offered from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday.
- ▶ Second through sixth grade sessions are offered from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday.
- ▶ We are not offering camps during the weeks of July 4 and July 25, due to holidays.
- ▶ Sessions vary in price, depending on grade and type of program. Check individual listings.
- ▶ Group sizes are limited, and each session will have designated staff.
- ▶ COVID-19 screening questions will take place each day before entering the facility.
- ▶ For full day sessions, snack and lunchtimes will be provided, but we will not provide food. During these times, groups will go outside

to eat. Participants should bring two substantial snacks and a non-refrigerated lunch from home, along with a reusable water bottle.

- ▶ Scheduled handwashing times will occur throughout the day; hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the Museum.
- ▶ Visit our Frequently Asked Questions page on our summer camp page or feel free to contact the Camp Director at programs@nhmu.utah.edu.

Cancellation: If you need to cancel your child's registration, email the Camp Director at programs@nhmu.utah.edu as soon as possible. If we can fill your spot, you will receive a full refund, less a \$15 admin fee. If we cannot fill your spot, you will receive 60% of your registration fee.

Summer Camp 2022 Schedule

Week 1..... June 6 - 9

Week 2 June 13 - 16

Week 3 June 20 - 23

Week 4 June 27 - 30

No Camp July 4 - 7

Week 5 July 11 - 14

Week 6 July 18 - 21

No Camp July 25 - 28

Week 7 August 1 - 4

Week 8 August 8 - 11

- ▶ Not all school districts begin summer break at the same time—check your school schedule before registering.

Members Receive a Discount, Plus Early Registration Opportunity!

- ▶ **Family Members** receive a 10% discount
- ▶ **Naturalist and Curator Members** receive a 15% discount
- ▶ **Copper Club Members** receive a 20% discount

Register Online nhmu.utah.edu/summercamp

4th & 5th Grade

NHMU fourth and fifth grade camp sessions are for students who will enter either of these grades in the fall of 2022. All sessions are offered in a full-day, Monday-Thursday format. We'll have a morning and an afternoon snack break, along with a midday lunch break. Two substantial snacks and a non-refrigerated lunch and drink will need to be brought from home. We are doing everything we can to stop the spread of COVID. We ask that all participants wear a mask during camp since we are not sure who has been vaccinated, it is challenging to keep physically distant, and we have campers from multiple households in our sessions. Be sure to familiarize yourself with our COVID-19 policies and procedures as well as our cancellation and refund information prior to registering for camp. Camp drop-off and pick-up take place at NHMU, unless otherwise noted. Please note that not all school districts begin and end summer break at the same time—check your school schedule before registering.

Great Salt Lake Discoveries

Partner Camp with FRIENDS of Great Salt Lake

The Great Salt Lake is ours to discover! With staff from FRIENDS of GSL, you'll investigate the cool and unique ecosystem at the Great Salt Lake, from brine shrimp to water bugs and everything in-between. We'll visit places like Antelope Island and Farmington Bay, conduct salty experiments, chew pickle weed, and watch birds through binoculars. We are investigators, adventurous, and love being outside. Drop off and pick up take place at NHMU. Transportation to field trip locations is provided. No camp on Friday.

Week 1 • June 6 – 9 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$315

Nature of Science & Color

Partner Camp with Clever Octopus

Monday and Tuesday will have campers at the Museum, exploring color through the lens of biology, chemistry, and physics. From learning about sight and understanding camouflage and cryptic coloration to surface color and its effect on temperature—we've got it all. Plus, get a tour of our Nature of Color exhibit! Wednesday and Thursday will be spent at Clever Octopus, Utah's only creative reuse center, investigating mixed media and color. Participants will be creating optical 3D art inspired by artists like the grandfather of the Op Art movement, Victor Vasarely, as well as London-based street installation artist Slinkachu. Drop off and pick up on Monday and Tuesday take place at NHMU and on Wednesday and Thursday at Clever Octopus. No camp on Friday.

Week 2 • June 13 – 16 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$310

Science Adventures

Partner Camp with Camp Kostopulos

Let's explore! Monday and Tuesday will be at the Museum, investigating forensic science—from analyzing handwriting and finger-, lip- and footprints to extracting DNA, examining microbes, and identifying unknown chemicals. Wednesday and Thursday will be spent at Camp K, participating in exciting science experiments along with outdoor experiences like rock climbing, fishing, swimming, and spending time with the horses. Drop off and pick up take place at NHMU on Monday and Tuesday and at Camp K on Wednesday and Thursday. No camp on Friday.

Week 3 • June 20 – 23 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$310

Week 6 • July 18 – 21 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$310

Explorers Camp

Partner Camp with Red Butte Garden

Join us for a week of nature explorations! On Monday and Tuesday, campers will be at the Museum investigating the animals and insects that call Utah home through excursions in the foothills. We'll also spend time learning to use the iNaturalist app, becoming Citizen Scientists! While at Red Butte Garden on Wednesdays and Tuesday, campers will be exploring food chains and trophic levels as they create exploding photosynthesis art, plant their own pots, identify scat, and more. Drop off and pick up take place at NHMU on Monday and Tuesday and at Red Butte Garden on Wednesday and Thursday. No camp on Friday.

Week 4 • June 27 – 30 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$310

Scales to Feathers

Partner Camp with Tracy Aviary

Dinosaurs are still among us! On Monday and Tuesday while at NHMU, campers will delve into the science of paleontology—from the field to the lab. They'll discover how fossils are formed, where we find them, and meet some of the people who prepare and study fossils at the Museum. On Wednesday and Thursday at Tracy Aviary, campers will explore the dinosaurs that live among us today – birds! They'll find out what makes a bird a bird and discover the adaptations that allow them to live in diverse environments across the globe. Drop off and pick up take place at NHMU on Monday and Tuesday and at Tracy Aviary on Wednesday and Thursday. No camp on Friday.

Week 5 • July 11 – 14 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$310

Engineering Challenge with LEGO®

Partner Camp with Play-Well TEKologies

Power up your engineering skills! Monday and Tuesday will be spent with Museum staff exploring robotics and machines. Campers will participate in building projects like Draw Bots and Mechanical Claws as well as become familiar with VEX IQ robotic components. Wednesday and Thursday will find campers with Play-Well staff inventing, designing, and building with over 100,000 pieces of LEGO® as they apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering and architecture through engineer-design projects like tow trucks, bowlers,

and the ever-popular Battletanks! Drop off and pick up take place at NHMU. No camp on Friday.

Week 5 • July 11 – 14 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$310

Week 8 • August 8 – 11 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$310

Dynamic Universe

Partner Camp with the Clark Planetarium

Journey through the galaxy and explore the mysteries of Earth and space. While at NHMU on Monday and Tuesday, campers will investigate the powerful processes that sculpt our Earth from weathering to the water cycle. We'll also explore rocks and minerals, and create volcanoes and earthquakes. On Wednesday and Thursday, while at the Clark Planetarium, campers will learn about the planets and constellations while enjoying other spaced-out projects and activities including an IMAX, Dome, and Science on a Sphere show. Drop off and pick up take place at NHMU on Monday and Tuesday and at Clark Planetarium on Wednesday and Thursday. No camp on Friday.

Week 7 • August 1 – 4 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$310