Have you noticed that your child is a natural investigator?

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

At NHMU, we strive to inspire a sense of self that empowers authentic explorations, nurtures meaningful relationships, and connects innovative minds with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) investigations.

NHMU Summer Camp brings amazing science- and nature-based camp experiences to your kids. Camps take full advantage of the Museum’s exhibits, outdoor spaces, and the natural environment of the foothills. 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 and specimens
- Make new friends and have fun!

The Basics

- Each camp is designed to capture the attention and interest of your child and is targeted for the grade they will enter in the fall of 2016.
- NHMU Summer Camps run in week-long, half-day or full-day formats.
- Camp sessions vary in price, depending on grade, length of day, and duration of week. Check individual listings.
- Partner Camps for children entering 2nd-3rd grades begin at the partner location and end at NHMU, unless otherwise noted.
- Partner Camps for children entering 4th-5th grades begin at NHMU and end at the partner location, unless otherwise noted.
- Campers enrolled in full day sessions should bring their own non-refrigerated lunch from home along with a drink. We offer a supervised lunch hour that includes time to explore outside.
- Campers will receive a reusable water bottle and a camp shirt with their camp registration fee.
- Visit our Frequently Asked Questions page on our camp website or feel free to contact the Coordinator at programs@nhmu.utah.edu

Summer Camp 2016 Schedule

- Week 1........June 6 - 10
- Week 2........June 13 - 17
- Week 3........June 20 - 24
- Week 4........June 27 - July 1
- Week 5*.......July 5 - 8* (T-F Only)
- Week 6.......July 11 - 15
- Week 7.........July 18 - 22
- Week 8*.......July 26 - 29* (T-F Only)
- Week 9........August 1 - 5
- Week 10.......August 8 - 12

Camp Fees

Prices vary. See individual listings.

Members receive a Discount, plus Early Registration Opportunity!

- Family Members receive a 10% discount on all camps
- Naturalist and Curator Members receive a 15% discount on all camps
- Explorers & Copper Club Members receive a 20% discount on all camps

Camp Partners

We are pleased to work with several community partners to enrich your child’s learning experience this summer.

Visit our website for more information on these partner organizations including drop-off and pick-up locations.

Register Online Now www.nhmu.utah.edu/summer-camp
4th & 5th Grade
MUSEUM CAMPS

NHMU Fourth and Fifth Grade camp sessions are for students who will enter either of these grades in the fall of 2016. For Partner Camp listings, transportation is included.

Price and duration of camps vary. See individual listings.

Sci-Hi Adventures
Partner Camp with Camp Kostopulos
Let’s play! While at the Museum, we’ll unleash your inner mad scientist as we experiment with dry ice, create chemical reactions, investigate owl pellets, and launch rockets. Afternoons will be spent at Camp K participating in outdoor camp activities like hiking, swimming, horseback riding, field games, rock climbing, climbing ropes courses, and fishing. Drop camper off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at Camp Kostopulos by 4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

- Week 1 June 6 – 10 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $290
- Week 6 July 11 – 15 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $290

Science Adventure Class: Le Boom Boom
Join us as we investigate some seriously fun science from slime and quicksand to exploding gases, pH testing, and toilet paper cannons. Mentos geyser and film canister rockets will also be on the docket—of course!

- Week 1 June 6 – 10 • 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. • $150

Science Adventure Class: Paleo 101
Delve into the science of paleontology from the field to the lab. Discover how fossils are formed, where we find them, and meet some of the people who prepare and study fossils at the Museum.

- Week 2 June 13 – 17 • 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. • $150

Great Salt Lake Discoveries for Girls Only
Partner Camp with FRIENDS of Great Salt Lake
Ladies, 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 pickleweed, 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.

- Week 2 June 13 – 17 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $290

Science Adventure Class: Geocaching 101
The world is an amazing place. Join us as we explore the geography of place, space and environment. Campers will learn all about geocaching, from how to use a GPS unit to tracking and finding a cache. Students will also be creating their own travel bugs as they learn about geocaching etiquette.

- Week 3 June 20 – 24 • 9:00 a.m. – Noon • $150

Science Adventure Class: ScienceART
This amazing hands-on class builds upon a child’s natural curiosity as we explore science and art concepts. We’ll tie-dye, create print block art, and investigate a bit of 3D printing. We’ll also get creative with technology while working with LED lights, circuits, magnets and more!

- Week 3 June 20 – 24 • 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. • $150

Explorers Camp
Partner Camp with Red Butte Garden
Join us for a week of nature explorations! Campers will spend mornings at NHMU, investigating the animals and insects that call Utah home through excursions in the foothills around the Museum. Campers will also explore water and soil science through hands-on projects and experiments. In the afternoon campers will travel to Red Butte Garden and will explore the natural area and formal gardens as they learn the basics of botany and plant science. Drop off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at Red Butte Garden by 4:00 p.m. Campers will walk between sites.

- Week 4 June 27 – July 1 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • $270

Science Adventure Class: Advanced Gross-ology
That’s just GROSS! Join us as we explore all things icky from edible skin, egg eruptions and fake snot to dissections, body mites and chocolate covered insects. Your parents will be so glad you didn’t try these experiments at home!

- Week 4 June 27 – July 1 • 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. • $150

Scales to Feathers
Partner Camp with Tracy Aviary
Dinosaurs are still among us! Campers will delve into the science of paleontology—from the field to the lab—while at NHMU. Discover how fossils are formed, where we find them, and meet some of the people who prepare and study fossils at the Museum. Travel to Tracy Aviary each afternoon to explore the dinosaurs that live among us today – birds! Find out what makes a bird a bird and discover the adaptations that allow them to live in diverse environments across the globe. Drop campers off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick them up at Tracy Aviary by 4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

- Week 5* July 5 – 8 (*T–F Only) • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $232
STEAM Explorations

Partner Camp with Zaniac
Join us for a week of amazing hands-on science that focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Each morning at the Museum students will spend time exploring several science topics from physics and chemistry to geology and biology. We’ll create projects like LED light sabers, geysers and volcanoes, bridges, and connect art with science—all while working with Museum specimens and exploring collection areas. While at Zaniac, each afternoon, campers will explore tinkering with littleBits, Game-Based Learning with Minecraft, Zaniac Robotics using LEGO® systems, and program custom animations in MIT’s Scratch. Drop campers off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick them up at Zaniac by 4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 8* July 26 – 29 *(T–F Only) • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $290

Rocks and Ropes

Partner Camp with Splore
Spend your week uncovering the fascinating world of geology mixed with the adventure of rock climbing. Each morning, campers will identify and classify rocks, minerals, and crystals; investigate the rock cycle; discover how mountains, canyons and caves are formed; and visit the Geology Department and seismology lab on campus. Afternoons will find campers with staff from Splore, learning the basics of rock climbing including safety, equipment, problem solving, and team building. We’ll be climbing in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons as well as indoors at Momentum Gym. All equipment is provided and no experience necessary! Drop off and pick up take place at NHMU. Transportation to field trip sites is provided.

Week 6 July 11 – 15 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $290

Bio Blitz

Partner Camp with Tanner Dance
Here’s a camp that will keep the mind and body moving as we explore the foothills surrounding the Museum. Each morning will be spent at the Museum investigating birds, plants, animals and natural processes through hands-on experiments. Each afternoon while at Tanner Dance, campers will create movement and patterns inspired by the natural world. The movement patterns created will inspire visual art, music, and creative writing. Drop camper off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at Tanner Dance by 4:30 p.m., M-TH. On Friday, parents are invited to a performance at the Museum from 4–4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 7 July 18 – 22 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $290

‘Bot Girls

Partner Camp with Play-Well TEKnologies
For girls who love to build! This camp encourages the natural talents and interests that girls have in physics and engineering. Mornings will be spent with Museum educators, exploring circuits and electricity through hands-on activities. We’ll use LEDs, create paper circuits, make Bristlebots and more! Afternoons will be spent re-engineering standard LEGO® vehicles into mechanized machines that can traverse challenging obstacles, and battle against fellow ‘bots. Drop camper off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at the Clark Planetarium by 4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 10 August 8 – 12 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $290