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/summercamp
MUSEUM CAMPS
Focused experiences, lab work, and more opportunities to work with scientists for students entering Sixth - Eighth Grade in the fall of 2016.
Price and duration of camps vary. See individual listings.

Archeology 101
Have you ever wanted to explore the field of archaeology, learning the tools of the trade? Then this camp is for you! Spend the week with the Museum’s Assistant Curator of Archaeology, exploring Utah’s Native American past. You’ll practice excavation techniques and learn to identify and describe ceramics, stone tools, animal bone, and food fragments. Learn how to make the tools that people used thousands of years ago and how to shoot a bow and arrow at Salt Lake Archery. Use your new archaeology skills to excavate for two days at a Fremont Indian site with the Brigham Young University field school. Transportation to the site each day is included.

Week 1 June 6 – 10 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $300

Great Salt Lake Field School
Partner Camp with Great Salt Lake Institute at Westminster College
Ever wonder what it would be like to be a scientist at Great Salt Lake? Come help Great Salt Lake Institute faculty and college students study the lake’s unique environment. Use your incredible observation skills to see how this salty terminal lake serves as both hotel and restaurant to over five million birds each year. Investigate brine shrimp life cycles, the salinity and pH of Great Salt Lake, and maybe even search for spiders that birds feast on for lunch! We’ll gather samples on trips to the lake and study them in the labs at Westminster College’s Great Salt Lake Institute. The stand-up paddle boarding at the end of the week is not to be missed! Transportation to field trip locations is provided.

Week 2 June 13 – 17 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $300

Outdoor Expedition
Partner camp with Splore and Utah Society for Environmental Education
Rock climbing? Canoeing? Exploring ecosystems and environments? YES! Under the expert guidance of staff from Splore and USEE, students will learn the basics of rock climbing and canoeing including safety, equipment, problem solving, and team building. While exploring these canyons and river ways, students will also have the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how these environments function and why they are so important. Drop off and pick up take place at NHMU. Transportation to field trip locations and all equipment is provided.

Week 3 (Girls Only) June 20 – 24 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $300
Week 4 (Boys Only) June 27 – July 1 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $300

Extreme Naturalists
We’re putting together a team of extreme naturalists for a modern-day expedition of discovery. We’ll hike to locations along the Bonneville Shoreline Trail in the coolness of the morning and then find shady locations for our afternoon activities—macro and micro-invertebrate investigation, pH testing, plant and animal identification—we’ll do it all! And we’ll document our discoveries through drawing, writing and photography while creating our own field notebook. Drop off and pick up take place at NHMU.

Week 6 July 11 – 15 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $300

Adventure Camp
Partner Camp with Camp Kostopolous
It’s the best of both worlds! While at the Museum, we’ll unleash your inner geek as we experiment with dry ice, create chemical reactions, investigate owl pellets, launch rockets, and more. Afternoons will focus on your wild side as you spend time at Camp K participating in outdoor camp activities like hiking, rock climbing, swimming, horseback riding, field games, climbing ropes courses, and fishing. We are offering two sessions of this camp. Boys Only session starts at NHMU at 8:30 a.m. and ends at Camp K at 4:30 p.m. Girls Only session starts at Camp K at 8:30 a.m. and ends at NHMU at 4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites for each session is provided.

Week 7 (Boys Only) July 18 – 22 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $300
Week 7 (Girls Only) July 18 – 22 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $300

STEAM Powered Discovery
Partner Camp with Clever Octopus
Campers will have a blast exploring STEAM-based concepts using action-packed Maker-based projects and activities. Staff from Clever Octopus will provide students with a robust series of investigations about how things are built, move and work from auto-drawing robots to Rube Goldberg machines. Daily challenges will provide opportunities to take campers through the making, testing, evaluating and re-design process. Are you up for the challenge? Drop off and pick up take place at NHMU.

Week 8* July 26 – 29 (*T-F only) • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $240
The Genome Within Us

Offered in collaboration with
the Genetic Science Learning Center

Join us as we investigate genomics—the study of the complete set of genes present in an organism. Recent advances in this field of technology have given scientists the tools to sequence the DNA of every organism on the planet. With each new genome that is sequenced, scientists expand their understanding of biodiversity, the behavior of living things, and how species adapt to their environments and interact with each other. From DNA extraction and lab visits to exploring heredity and genetic variation—this camp has it all! Drop off and pick up take place at NHMU.

Week 9 August 1 – 5 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $300