

# Natural History Museum of Utah SUMMER CAMP 2015

## 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 2015.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ It is highly recommended that parents new to our camp program attend a Parent Orientation meeting. Check our website for dates and registration.
- ▶ Visit our Frequently Asked Questions page on our website or feel free to contact the Coordinator at [programs@nhmu.utah.edu](mailto:programs@nhmu.utah.edu)

## Summer Camp 2015 Schedule

Week 1.....	June 1 - 5
Week 2 .....	June 8 - 12
Week 3 .....	June 15 - 19
Week 4 .....	June 22 - 26
Week 5 .....	June 29 - July 2* (M-Th)
Week 6 .....	July 6 - 10
Week 7 .....	July 14 - 17* (T-F)
Week 8 .....	July 20 - 23* (M-Th)
Week 9 .....	July 27 - 31
Week 10.....	Aug 3 - 7
Week 11.....	Aug 10 - 14

## 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](http://www.nhmu.utah.edu/summer-camp)

## MUSEUM CAMPS

NHMU First Grade camps are for children who will enter the first grade this fall. Register for a morning or an afternoon session. Or, register for both sessions, making it a full day experience! Time between morning and afternoon sessions will be spent eating a lunch brought from home and exploring outside with Museum staff.

Museum Members receive discounted pricing.  
Become a Member today and save 10-20%.

### Building Ideas with LEGO®

#### Partner Camp with Play-Well TEKnologies

Join us for a week of building bliss! Campers will tinker with toys, learn about simple machines, explore with roller coasters, and build Bristlebots and marble mazes! Afternoons will be spent developing engineering skills utilizing thousands of LEGO® components. Campers will build projects such as boats, bridges, mazes, and motorized cars. Camper drop off and pick up take place at NHMU.

**Week 2 June 8 – 12 • 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • \$270**

**Week 8 July 20 – 23\* (M–Th) • 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • \$216**

### Dinos in My Backyard

The Natural History Museum of Utah is world famous for our dinosaur research! Come investigate dinosaurs and their Mesozoic world with us. Explore the differences between meat and plant eating dinosaurs, make dino tracks, learn about new dinosaur discoveries, and get a tour of our Paleontology Lab. This camp is sure to excite the dinosaur lover in the family!

**Week 3 June 15 – 19 • 9:00 a.m. – Noon • \$140**

**Week 6 July 6 – 10 • 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. • \$140**

### Space Camp

Put your scientific skills to the test as you launch into outer space and beyond! We'll investigate the solar system, make and launch rockets, create models of the planets, explore stars and constellations, and enjoy other spaced-out projects and activities.

**Week 3 June 15 – 19 • 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. • \$140**

**Week 9 July 27 – 31 • 9:00 a.m. – Noon • \$140**

### Jr. Naturalists

#### Partner Camp with Red Butte Garden

There are many different ways to look at the world and each method gives us a unique perspective of a place. Spend the first part of the day at Red Butte looking at the Garden up close and personal. We'll get on our hands and knees and explore the Garden from a new perspective each day, whether from that of an ant or raccoon. While at NHMU each afternoon, we'll investigate the natural processes that surround us from the changing of the seasons and the rock cycle to the growth of plants and the water cycle. Drop camper off at Red Butte Garden by 9:00 a.m. and pick up at NHMU by 4:00 p.m. Campers will be escorted from one location to the other during the lunch hour.

**Week 4 June 22 – 26 • 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • \$260**

### Curious Kids

Kids have an innate sense of curiosity. Join us as we explore several topics from the science of color and magnetism to physics and chemistry investigations. We'll also study the natural world including snails, worms, and plants while creating bubble art. The Mentos geyser activity towards the end of the week is not to be missed!

**Week 5 June 29 – July 2\* (M–Th) • 9:00 a.m. – Noon • \$112**

**Week 9 July 27 – 31 • 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. • \$140**

### Rhythm Makers

#### Partner Camp with Tanner Dance

The pulse of a heartbeat, the tempo of raindrops, the cadence of galloping horses; all are natural rhythms that vibrate and encourage us to move and explore. Join us as we investigate the many and varied patterns and rhythms of our surroundings. Tanner Dance staff will join us each day, adding music and movement to our daily experience. Family is invited to join us at the Museum on the last day of camp for a short performance from 3:45-4:00 p.m.

**Week 5 June 29 – July 2\* (M–Th) • 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. • \$120**

**Week 10 August 3 – 7 • 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. • \$150**

### Artful Science

Art and science go hand in hand in this week of exploration. We'll explore soil science as we create works of art, investigate plants while creating flower paintings, and go on a color scavenger hunt. Campers will also investigate water beads, make magic milk and use shaving cream—all for the art of it!

**Week 6 June 6 – 10 • 9:00 a.m. – Noon • \$140**

**Week 11 August 10 – 14 • 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. • \$140**

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## Science of Seuss

Oh, the Places You'll Go during this week of Seuss-filled fun! You'll explore environments with the Lorax and Yertle the Turtle, create oobleck with Bartholomew, explore similarities and differences with the Sneeches, and study animals—both real and imaginary—with Horton and Gerald McGrew.

**Week 7 July 14 – 17\* (T-F) • 9:00 a.m. – Noon • \$112**

## Rock Hounds

Polish your geology knowledge with a landslide of activities and experiments! You'll learn how to identify, classify, and sort rocks and minerals as we hunt for rocks throughout the Museum and around our site.

**Week 7 July 14 – 17\* (T-F) • 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. • \$112**

**Week 10 August 3 – 7 • 9:00 a.m. – Noon • \$140**

## The Natural World

The natural world is amazing! Join us as we investigate the processes that surround us from the changing of the seasons and the rock cycle to the growth of plants and animal lifecycles.

**Week 11 August 10 – 14 • 9:00 a.m. – Noon • \$140**