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

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.
Earth Systems
Partner Camp with Red Butte Garden
Earth system science seeks to integrate various disciplines to understand the Earth as a living organism. We’ll learn about all of these systems throughout the week and the many connections between them. For the first half of the day, we’ll explore the Museum and discover details of the atmosphere, hydrosphere, and lithosphere. In the afternoon at Red Butte Garden, we’ll connect each of these systems to the biosphere and uncover the details of food chains, predator/prey relationships, and decomposers to better understand how everything on Earth is truly connected. Drop camper off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at Red Butte Garden by 4:00 p.m. Campers will be walked between sites.

Week 4  June 22 – 26 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • $270

‘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 electricity through hands-on activities using switches and circuits to create robots and more. Afternoons will be spent re-engineering standard LEGO® vehicles into mechanized machines that can traverse challenging obstacles. Camper drop off and pick up take place at NHMU.

Week 4  June 22 – 26 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • $280

Things with Wings
Partner Camp with Tracy Aviary
Join us for a week exploring flight, from the man-made to all things natural. Campers will spend the mornings at NHMU investigating insects, bats, rockets, balloons and more through group projects and experiments. While at Tracy Aviary in the afternoon, campers will explore the world of birds from bone density, beaks and feet to flight patterns and habitats. Drop camper 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  June 29 – July 2* (M–Th) • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $224

ScienceArts
Partner Camp with Bad Dog Arts
This amazing hands-on camp builds upon the natural curiosity of students as they explore science and art concepts. Each morning at NHMU campers will dive into several different science topics from physics and chemistry to biology and geology. While at Bad Dog Arts each afternoon, campers will investigate the natural world through painting, sculpture, and printmaking. Drop camper off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at Bad Dog Arts by 4:00 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 5  June 29 – July 2* (M–Th) • 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • $224

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Express Waves

Partner Camp with Tanner Dance
Find your balance as you move your body and mind. Mornings at the Museum will be spent investigating the science of motion and other physics fundamentals like sound, heat, chemical reactions, and temperature through hands-on experiments. Each afternoon campers will become colliding particles, vibrating waves, and forces that push and pull as we explore physics through movement with Tanner Dance. The movement patterns we create will also 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, join us at NHMU from 4:15-4:30 p.m. for a short dance performance in our Canyon area. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 6 July 6 – 10 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $280

Environmental Minecraft

Partner Camp with Zaniac
Explore environmental systems while using a game kids love! Mornings will be spent at the Museum investigating biomes, ecosystems and habitats. Each afternoon at Zaniac, explore the world of MinecraftEdu through team challenges and critical thinking scenarios that analyze survival and sustainability. Drop camper off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at Zaniac by 4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 6 July 6 – 10 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $280

Bash ‘em ‘Bots

Partner Camp with Play—WELL TEKnologies at the Clark Planetarium
Spend the week learning about, designing and building ‘bots. Mornings will be spent investigating circuits and electricity as we build switches and gadgets. 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 the NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at Clark Planetarium by 4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 7 July 14 – 17* (T–F) • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $224

Archaeological Investigations

Partner Camp with Youth Theatre
Join us for a week of camp that will have students exploring artifacts and gathering evidence of past human environments. Each morning at the Museum campers will discover the differences between anthropology and archaeology, participate in a trading game and gain an understanding of Utah’s past cultures. We’ll also learn how to weave baskets while creating pots and rock art. Each afternoon at Youth Theatre, young actors will explore the wonder of ancient civilizations from the farm laborers of early Mesopotamia to Egyptian mummies and ancient Greeks, young actors will love discovering the archaeological mysteries of the past through musical theatre. Family is invited to a performance at NHMU on Friday. Drop camper off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at Youth Theatre by 4:30 p.m., M-Th. On Friday, join us at NHMU from 4:15-4:30 p.m. for a short performance in our Canyon area. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 10 August 3 – 7 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $280

Rocks and Ropes

Partner Camp with Splore
Get rockin’ at NHMU uncovering the fascinating world of geology. Identify and classify rocks, minerals, and crystals, discover how mountains, canyons and caves are formed, and visit the Geology Department and seismology lab on campus. Spend time with staff from Splore learning the basics of rock climbing, including safety, equipment, problem solving, and team building. 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 11 August 10 – 14 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $280

Development Lab

Partner Camp with Discovery Gateway
Calling all inventors! Join us as we explore the science, inventors and the inventions that have helped shape our world. Mornings at the Museum will be spent tinkering with ideas, building prototypes, and deconstructing gadgets and toys. We’ll use the leftover thingamabobs to construct new contraptions. While at Discovery Gateway, campers will explore a variety of messy science as they work with a wide range of materials that will be used to inspire design. Drop campers off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at Discovery Gateway by 4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 7 July 14 – 17* (T–F) • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • $224