

# Natural History Museum of Utah Summer Camp 2025

## 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 deliver award-winning 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 program, 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 designated to capture your child's attention and interest and is age appropriate for the grade they will enter in the fall of 2025.
- ▶ Most sessions are offered Monday-Thursday with no camp on Friday. There are three 3-day weeks (M-W) offered.
- ▶ Kindergarten sessions are offered in a half-day morning (9 a.m.-Noon) OR afternoon (1-4 p.m.) format. Morning and afternoon sessions are identical in content. Full day registration is not permitted.
- ▶ First grade sessions are offered from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- ▶ Second through eighth grade sessions run from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- ▶ Pick up and drop off will take place at NHMU, unless otherwise noted for partner camp sessions.
- ▶ Sessions vary in price, depending on duration, grade, and type of program. Check individual listings.
- ▶ Group sizes are limited, and each class cohort has designated staff.

- ▶ Time for snack and lunch will be provided, but NHMU and its partners will not provide food. Participants should bring substantial snacks, a non-refrigerated lunch, and a water bottle from home.
- ▶ Visit the FAQ page on our Summer Camp website or feel free to contact the Camp Director at [programs@nhmu.utah.edu](mailto:programs@nhmu.utah.edu).

**Cancellation:** If you need to cancel your child's registration, email the Camp Director at [programs@nhmu.utah.edu](mailto:programs@nhmu.utah.edu) as soon as possible. If we can fill your spot, you will receive a full refund, less a \$20 administration fee. If we cannot fill your spot, you will receive 60% of your registration fee.

## Summer 2025 Schedule\*

\*Week 1..... June 9 - 11 (\*M-W)

Week 2 ..... June 16 - 19

Week 3 ..... July 23 - 26

Week 4 ..... June 30 - July 3

Week 5 ..... July 7 - 10

Week 6 ..... July 14 - 17

\*Week 7 ..... July 21 - 23 (\*M-W)

Week 8 ..... July 28 - 31

Week 9 ..... August 4 - 7

\*Week 10 ..... August 11 - 13 (\*M-W)

\*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

Registration takes place online at [www.nhmu.utah.edu/SummerCamp](http://www.nhmu.utah.edu/SummerCamp)

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# 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 2025. Most sessions are offered in a full-day, Monday-Thursday format with no camp on Friday. There are three special 3-day weeks (M-W). We'll have a morning and an afternoon snack break, along with a midday lunch break. Two substantial snacks, a non-refrigerated lunch, and a water bottle will need to be brought from home each day. Camp sessions of the same name are the exact same camp, just offered at a different time so please don't register for both. Remember, Museum Members receive a discount! Become a Member today!

### Important Details:

- **Registration Limit:** Due to Utah childcare licensing exemptions for out-of-school programs, each camper may attend a maximum of five weeks of camp
- **Food and Drink:** For full-day sessions, pack two substantial snacks, a non-refrigerated lunch, and a water bottle daily. For half day session, a snack and a water bottle are needed.
- **Session Registration:** Camps with the same title are identical; register for only one session of each camp.
- **Drop-Off and Pick-Up:** Held at NHMU unless otherwise specified.
- **School Schedule:** Summer break start and end dates vary by school district, so please check your school's calendar before registering.

### Fossil & Artifact Investigations

Become a time detective and learn how to decode the imprints left behind by our ancestors and the animals that once roamed the earth to unlock the mysteries of our shared past! In this camp we will explore the sciences of paleoanthropology, archaeology, and paleontology to investigate the lives of humans, pre-humans and animals who lived long ago. From fossilized remains and to evolutionary traces, to ancient tools and pottery, you'll uncover how these remnants help scientists piece together the behavior, environment, and evolution of lifeforms.

**Week 1\*** • June 9-11 (\*M-W) • 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • \$273.75

**Week 7\*** • July 21-23 (\*M-W) • 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • \$273.75

### Expedition Wildlife

#### Partner Camp with Camp Kostopulos

Let's explore! Monday and Tuesday while at Camp K, participants will explore the Utah foothills in Emigration Canyon Emigration Canyon as they discover the significance of living and non-living components in the ecosystem like plants, animals, soil, water, temperature, and sunlight. Campers will enjoy science experiments, create nature-inspired art, hike beautiful trails, go fishing, enjoy time with the horses, and so much more! Wednesday and Thursday will be spent at the Museum, learning about Citizen Science and wildlife conservation. We'll utilize iNaturalist, an app that serves a global community for nature observation and identification and get up close and personal with several of our education animals while also learning about problems and solutions to animal endangerment and protection. *Drop off and pick up on Monday and Tuesday take place at Camp K. Wednesday and Thursday will be at NHMU. No camp on Friday.*

**Week 3** • June 23-26 • 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • \$365

**Week 6** • July 14-17 • 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • \$365

### Ancient Ecosystems

Journey back in time as we explore Earth's most extreme environments—from ice age events to vast deserts, ancient seaways, and tropical rainforests. Campers will discover how life adapted to these changing environments, from giant bugs with wingspans the size of birds, to animals with specialized fur and evolutionary shells that helped them survive. Through hands-on activities, exciting experiments, and visits to NHMU's new Ice Ages exhibit, we'll uncover the secrets of ancient ecosystems and how they shaped the world we live in today. Get ready for an adventure that spans millions of years—where you'll discover, explore, and evolve just like Earth's ancient creatures!

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### Behind the Scenes

Join us to find out what it takes to run a world class Museum. As Utah's state natural history museum, NHMU introduces the amazing variety of Utah's geology, flora, and fauna—both ancient and modern. With over 5,000 artifacts on display, and many more behind the scenes, campers will experience a wide variety of hands-on exploration from touring collections, labs, and exhibits to learning from curators and staff. Campers will also have an opportunity to curate their own display of the "Museum of Me."

**Week 4** • June 30-July 3 • 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • \$365

## Dynamic Universe

### Partner Camp with Clark Planetarium

Explore the wonders of Earth and space in this exciting week-long adventure! While at Clark Planetarium on Monday and Tuesday, campers will discover spectroscopy and other techniques for studying our universe by participating in exciting art and science projects. At NHMU on Wednesday and Thursday, campers will investigate the forces that shape our planet, from weathering and the water cycle to soil science, rocks, and natural disasters. By the end of the week, campers will have a deeper understanding of the dynamic processes that connect Earth and our solar system. *Drop off and pick up on Monday and Tuesday takes place at Clark Planetarium. Wednesday and Thursday will be at NHMU. No camp on Friday.*

**Week 5** • July 7-10 • 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. • \$365

## Geology 101

Calling all rockhounds! Get ready for an unforgettable adventure as we dive into the dynamic world of Earth science. Throughout the week, campers will embark on an exciting journey to uncover the mysteries of our planet's past and present. From understanding rocks and minerals to exploring the forces that shape our landscapes, this camp will ignite your curiosity about geology, fossils, and Earth's ever-changing systems. Campers will explore topics like the age of Earth, volcanoes, geysers, and the wonders of luminescence. Campers will engage in hands-on activities, go on a field trip to the University Campus, and start a rock collection—don't miss out on the chance to uncover the secrets of the Earth!

**Week 6** • July 14-17 • 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. • \$365

## Nature of Color

### Partner Camp with Visual Art Institute

Join us as we explore the intersection of art and science. Monday and Tuesday will have campers at the Visual Arts Institute engaging in diverse art forms like sculpture, printmaking, drawing, and painting. Campers will make their own modeling clay, understand sculpting tools, experiment with cyanotype photography, discover color combinations in printmaking, and even create creatures by studying animal skeletal structures. Wednesday and Thursday will be spent at NHMU exploring color through the lens of biology, chemistry, and physics. From learning about eyesight and understanding camouflage to finding out what colors absorb more heat, and why the sky turns red at sunset and sunrise—these are just a few of the questions we'll investigate. *Drop off and pick up takes place at VIA on Monday and Tuesday and at the NHMU on Wednesday and Thursday. No camp on Friday.*

**Week 9** • August 4-7 • 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. • \$365

## Architects & Engineers

Gear up to level up your engineering skills with exciting daily challenges and hands-on projects! Throughout this 3-day week, campers will tackle real-world problems by designing creative solutions using common household materials. They'll dive into robotics with VEX IQ Robots, explore the wonders of electrical circuits, and build impressive LEGO creations while discovering essential engineering concepts. Whether you're a first-time builder or an experienced innovator, this camp is the ultimate way to unleash your creativity, problem-solving skills, and engineering potential!

**Week 10\*** • August 11-13 (\*M-W) • 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. \$273.75