

Natural History Museum of Utah Summer Camp 2021

Two options, Summer@NHMU and Summer@Home, same great experience!

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 at the Museum and at home deliver fantastic science- and nature-based experiences to your kids. Our Summer@NHMU programs take full advantage of the Museum's exhibits and collections as well as the incredible natural environments around our site. Our Summer@Home lineup provides the supplies, the excitement, and the expert facilitation you expect of our programming, all in the comfort of your own home.

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**
- ▶ **Make new friends and have fun!**

The Basics

- ▶ Each program is designed to capture your child's attention and interest and is age appropriate for the grade they will enter in the fall of 2021.
- ▶ Programs run in a full-day, Monday-Thursday format.
- ▶ Sessions vary in price, depending on grade and type of program. Check individual listings.
- ▶ Group sizes are limited, and each class cohort will have designated staff.
- ▶ Screening questions and temperature checks will take place each day before entering the facility.
- ▶ Face coverings will be worn by staff and participants at all times, except when drinking or eating.
- ▶ Physical distance will be maintained at all times while inside and outside the building.
- ▶ Snack and lunchtimes will be provided, but NHMU will not offer food. During these times, cohorts will go outside, and students will maintain physical distancing requirements. Students will remove masks during meals. Participants should bring two substantial snacks and a non-refrigerated lunch from home, along with a reusable water bottle.
- ▶ Scheduled handwashing times will occur throughout the day; hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the Museum.

- ▶ Visit our Frequently Asked Questions page on our website or feel free to contact the Camp Director at programs@nhmu.utah.edu.

Cancellation: If you need to cancel your child's registration, email the Camp Director at programs@nhmu.utah.edu as soon as possible. If we can fill your spot, you will receive a full refund, less a \$15 admin fee. If we cannot fill your spot, you will receive 75% of your registration fee.

COVID-19 Related Refund Policy: If NHMU needs to cancel a program due to a COVID exposure, potential exposure, or contact tracing reasons, program participants will receive a pro-rated refund. For example, if a session is canceled due to a direct COVID exposure on Tuesday, participants will be refunded for Wednesday and Thursday.

Please note that if your child is registered in two back-to-back Summer@NHMU weeks, and a positive COVID exposure is verified and occurs in the first week, your child will not be allowed to attend camp the following week, and you will receive a full refund for this second week.

If camp is canceled due to federal, state, or local health measures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, full refunds will be issued.

Summer Camp 2021 Schedule

Week 1..... June 7 - 10

Week 2 June 14 - 17

Week 3 June 21 - 24

Week 4 June 28 - July 1

No Camp July 5 - 8

Week 5 July 12 - 15

No Camp July 19 - 22

Week 6 July 26 - 29

Week 7 August 2 - 5

Week 8 August 9 - 12

- ▶ 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 on all camps
- ▶ **Naturalist and Curator Members** receive a 15% discount on all camps
- ▶ **Copper Club Members** receive a 20% discount on all camps

Register Online nhmu.utah.edu/summercamp

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

MUSEUM CAMPS

NHMU Kindergarten and 1st grade camps are designed for children who will enter either of these grades in the fall of 2021. All sessions are offered in a full-day, Monday-Thursday format. We'll break mid-day and head outside to eat a lunch brought from home. Mornings and afternoons will have different themes in order to provide a more robust and exciting experience. Face coverings with two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric that cover the nose and mouth will be required by all staff and program participants. Be sure to familiarize yourself with our COVID-19 policies and procedures as well as our cancellation and refund information prior to registering for camp. Please note that not all school districts begin and end summer break at the same time—check your school schedule before registering.

Dinosaur ROCK / Artful Science

Each morning campers will investigate dinosaurs and their Mesozoic world. They'll explore the differences between meat and plant eating dinosaurs while learning about new dinosaur discoveries. We'll also explore the rocks, minerals, and processes that make up the Earth, and get tours of the Paleontology Lab and Past Worlds Gallery. Each afternoon we'll explore art and science concepts. Flower dissections and petal paintings, color scavenger hunts, as well as bubble and soil art are all on the docket.

Week 1 • June 7 – 10 • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. • \$280

Week 5 • July 12 – 15 • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. • \$280

Construction Zone / Bug-tacular

Mornings will be full of building bliss! Using a variety of materials and tools, we'll investigate size and design while discovering which shapes make the strongest structures. Gumdrop towers, paper bridges, and straw rockets, as well as roller coasters and marble mazes will fill our mornings. Afternoons will be spent discovering the amazing world of insects, snails, earthworms, and spiders! We'll study their amazing variety and importance while exploring their life cycles, habitats, and creating critter-inspired art.

Week 2 • June 14 – 17 • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. • \$280

Week 6 • July 26 – 29 • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. • \$280

SENSEsational Science / Space Cadet

Each morning campers will explore the natural world, observing and investigating with their senses. There will be a variety of hands-on discoveries—both inside and outside the Museum. The second half of the day will be spent putting our space skills to the test. 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 21 – 24 • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. • \$280

Week 7 • August 2 – 5 • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. • \$280

Science Kids / Weather Matters

Campers will begin their day exploring the states of matter, creating and launching rockets, investigating magnets and participating in many hands-on/minds-on activities as they learn about the world around them. Each afternoon we'll explore our ever-changing seasons, severe weather patterns, temperature, and more! Campers will create shadow and sun print art, build rain sticks and weather vanes, investigate how weather affects plant and animal growth, and track daily atmospheric phenomena.

Week 4 • June 28 – July 1 • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. • \$280

Week 8 • August 9 – 12 • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. • \$280