

2024 Summer Camp FAQ's and Policies

REGISTRATION

- Registration closes one week prior to camp start date to allow us to prepare for the appropriate number of campers.
- Early registration is recommended as camps fill quickly.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Online registration is required and payable online only.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- Should you find that you are unable attend a pre-registered camp, please call 814-453-3743 or email ashley@eriechildrensmuseum.org ASAP.
- No refunds/transfers will be available for cancelations made less than one week before the start date of the scheduled camp, with the exception of approved medical or family emergencies.
- Due to low attendance, camps that have less than 10 registered participants may be canceled one week before the start date of the scheduled camp, and a refund will be issued.

PROGRAM LOCATION

- Drop of and pick up takes place at the ExpERIEnce Children's Museum at 420 French St. Erie, PA 16507.
- Campers will travel to designated walkable downtown sites within a one block radius – all locations will be noted in individual camp descriptions and will be disclosed to parents prior to the camp start date.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

- Full day camps run daily from 9:00am – 4:00pm.
- Half day camps run from 9:00am – 12:00pm OR 1:00pm – 4:00pm.
- Drop off is between the hours of 8:30am-9:00am for 9:00 start time and 12:30pm-1:00pm for 1:00 start time.
- Pick-up is between the hours of 12:00pm-12:30pm for 12:00 end time and 4:00pm-4:30pm for 4:00pm end time.
- Late arrivals and early pick-ups must be pre-arranged with museum staff as it can disrupt the flow of camp.
- Children must be both signed in and out daily by the designated pick up person(s) listed on the required Summer Camp Release Form.
- A valid photo-ID must be presented at the time of pick up – no exceptions.
- The ExpERIEnce Children's Museum reserves the right to assess a late pick-up of \$2 per minute beyond camp hours.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

- All campers are expected to practice safe, responsible, and respectful behaviors to not only themselves, but their peers and all camp staff as well. Disruptive behaviors will be addressed as follows:
 1. Verbal warning and discussion with student
 2. Parent/caregiver discussion
 3. Removal from camp

DRESS

- Camp appropriate clothing is suggested and should include:
 - Closed toed shoes
 - Play clothes
 - Pre-applied sunscreen

LUNCH AND SNACK TIMES

- Each camp day includes either a 30 minute lunch break and or 15 minute snack time.
- Snacks and lunch are *not* provided by the museum and should be brought daily.
- Water bottles are always permitted and encouraged.

CAMP STAFFING

- Each camp is led by a minimum of two paid staff.
- All staff and volunteers hold required clearances and attend training in preparation.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

- Each day consists of a routine schedule that includes but is not limited to story time, STEAM based activities, games, center exploration, and museum free play.

SPECIAL HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

- Our camps are all inclusive. If your child requires special attention due to a behavioral, cognitive or physical need, please include any pertinent information on the required Summer Camp Release Form so we can best accommodate. Therapeutic Support Staff, aides, and nurses are welcome.
- The museum is not authorized to distribute daily medications – appropriate arrangements must be made should your child require medication administration.

All camp attendees must fill out the online Summer Camp Release Form prior to attending their first camp day.