

SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity: Summer Camp Curiosity FAQs

What can I do to prepare to register?

If you are a member, make sure that you have an online account and password set up. To test your password you can try signing in HERE (hyperlink:

<https://72342.blackbaudhosting.com/72342/page.aspx?pid=218>) by clicking the "Sign In" button.

If you have forgotten your password, you can select the forgot password option. If you are a member who has never set up an online password or a member who selected forgot password and did not receive a password reset email, please call 916-674-5000 for assistance during office hours M-F 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

If you are not a member, you can set up your online account and password by registering HERE: (hyperlink: <https://72342.blackbaudhosting.com/72342/page.aspx?pid=218>).

During the registration you will also need the information for two emergency contacts (including the parent or guardian registering the child) and contact information for adults who will be authorized to pick up your child from camp.

You should also be prepared to answer questions regarding your child's shirt size, medical or allergy needs and any medication they carry with them, as well as any behavior or sensory needs your child has.

Do members receive any benefits at camp?

Yes, members receive a \$20 discount per camp week. Make sure to sign into your online member account before registering to receive your discount. Note: this discount applies to Family Duo memberships and above only.

How do I access my membership benefits/discounts when registering for camps?

To receive your MOSAC Membership Discount at check out, make sure you are logged in as a member when you are in the cart. To log in, select the "Sign In" button in the upper right corner of your screen or click the three parallel lines if you are on a smart phone. If you are a member and have not yet set up your online account/password you can register HERE: (hyperlink: <https://72342.blackbaudhosting.com/72342/page.aspx?pid=218>).

Please make sure you use the SAME exact email, name, address, and phone number used when your membership was purchased. If you have forgotten your password, you can select the 'forgot password' option when signing in. If you do not receive a password reset email within 5 minutes or need assistance setting up your online account, please call 916-674-5000 during office hours. If you login and your member discounts do not get automatically applied on the billing page, please call 916-674-5000 during office hours 8:30 am to 4:00 pm M-F.

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Who do I contact with a camp question?

If you have a question regarding a registration, cancellation, or to reschedule a camp, please email us at camps@visitmosac.org. We will respond within 72 hours. If you have a question during the registration process, please review our registration guide or contact us at camps@visitmosac.org. We will also be available by phone at (916)674-5000 ext. 104 from 9am-4pm Monday-Friday.

What happens if I need to reschedule or cancel?

If you need to cancel or reschedule, please fill out the Cancellation and Rescheduling Form on our website's Camps page and send to Camps@visitmosac.org (please note that rescheduling is based on availability).

What does a normal day at Camp Curiosity look like?

Every day at camp is different, and camp schedules will vary based on age level, theme, and the needs of each group. Every day will include a mix of hands-on science activities, active games, creative time, and museum exploration, as well as two snack breaks and a lunch. In addition, each group will attend a show in the dome theater once during their camp week.

Sample Schedule:

Check in/free play: 8:40-9:00

Full-camp Welcome & Songs: 9:00-9:30

Group Welcome & Active Games: 9:30-10:00

Snack/break: 10:00-10:30

Hands on science lab/experiment: 10:30-11:30

Craft: 11:30-12:00

Lunch & Free play: 12:00-1:00

Engineering Challenge: 1:00-2:00

Snack/break: 2:00-2:30

Museum Exploration: 2:30-3:30

Group wrap-up: 3:30-3:45

Goodbye & Sign out: 3:45-4:00

How does camp drop off and pick up work?

- Drop off for summer camp will occur from 8:40-9:00 each day. We will ask parents to park in our lot and walk their camper to our check-in/check-out area at the back of the historic building on the edge of the parking lot. Once campers are signed in by a parent or guardian they will play until camp begins at 9:00am.
- Pick up will work in the same manner as drop off and will occur from 3:45-4:05 each afternoon. We will ask parents to park in the MOSAC lot and visit the check-in/checkout table manned by staff. Once a camper has been signed out by an approved adult, they will leave their group for the day.

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Will there be food and snacks provided for my child?

No. Each day campers must bring lunch and any snacks they need. Each day campers will get a 30-60 minute lunch to eat and play as well as two snack/break times between more structured activities. Campers will not have access to a refrigerator or microwave for their lunches or snacks. There is no food available to purchase on site. Please do not send your child with money to camp.

We ask that all families send peanut free lunches and snacks for the safety of others. Since the museum is home to more than just camp, we cannot guarantee a peanut free environment.

Acts of Mother Nature

Over the past few years Sacramento has experienced a wide range of natural disasters, most specifically wildfires in nearby counties. Throughout camp sessions, if air quality monitors nearest air monitoring sites read "Unhealthy" or worse, or if our site conditions are deemed unsafe for staff and campers, we will reach out to all families, first via email then via phone call, by 8:00AM to cancel camp for the day.

Does Camp Curiosity Offer Aftercare?

Yes, MOSAC offers aftercare daily until 5:30 pm! During registration, you can sign up for aftercare for the week your camper is with us. Please note that if your camper is with us for multiple weeks, you must sign up for each week separately that you would like aftercare. Aftercare is \$80 per camper per week and can be used for as many days within the week that you need. Please let us know at check-in if your child will be staying for aftercare.

Aftercare will include open ended play, puzzles, games, and time with peers, but will not include any pre-planned activities or curriculum.

Can I register my child for a group that is older or younger than they are?

No. We ask that you only register your child in their correct group based on the grade level they will be entering in the fall of 2022. We plan all camp activities to be age and grade level appropriate. Being in the correct group will also help your child make friends and have a more engaging experience.

Can I request for my child to be grouped with a friend?

Your child will be in a group with a friend if they are signed up for the same theme and same grade grouping. Campers in different groups will be able to see each other at lunch and before and after camp, as much as COVID restrictions allow.

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What should my child bring to camp?

Campers should bring a lunch, snacks, water bottle, a mask, and weather appropriate clothing with them each day. We do not recommend your child bring other personal items. Children should not bring cell phones or other technology to camp. MOSAC is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal items.

Each day Campers should bring:

- A lunch and at least one snack
- A reusable water bottle labeled with their name
- Face mask
- Weather-appropriate clothing in addition to wearing the Camp Curiosity t-shirt (handed out on the first day of camp)
- Sunscreen
- Some children may choose to bring their own hand sanitizer, but we have lots on hand
- A backpack to keep belongings organized

What if my child has behavioral or sensory needs?

We welcome all information regarding your child's behavior or sensory needs, or any other information that will help to ensure your child has a successful week. Please add relevant details and information on the registration form or email us at camps@visitmosac.org with further information.

Camp Curiosity is an inclusive environment. If your child benefits from sensory aids such as noise-cancelling headphones, items to fidget/focus, etc., they are welcome to bring them to camp. Please let staff know if your child has these items and when they might be useful. Staff will assist children in reminding them of when these items may be helpful.

If your child benefits from a 1 on 1 aide at school, and you would like to send them with an aide to camp, please contact us to make accommodations. Our staff will work with each child to meet their specific needs, but we do not have enough staff and volunteers to provide 1 on 1 support for each child throughout the day. MOSAC Camp Curiosity staff will work throughout the week to create an environment in which every child can succeed!