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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 by clicking the “Sign In” button on the top right corner. If you have forgotten your password, you can select the forgot password option. If you are 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 7 days a week from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

If you are not a member, you can set up your online account and password by registering HERE.

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, 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.

How do I access my membership benefits/discounts when registering for camps? 
To receive your MOSAC Membership Discounts 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.

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 9am to 4pm Monday-Friday.

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 are entering in Fall 2023. 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.
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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 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 complete the Cancellation and Rescheduling Form. A hard copy can be found here and sent to camps@visitmosac.org. An electronic submission option can be found here. Please note that rescheduling is based on availability.

Where is Camp Curiosity located?
Camp is located at the SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity (MOSAC) at 400 Jibboom Street. Camp activities will be held in many areas within MOSAC, including classrooms, exhibits, outdoor spaces, the Multiverse Theater, and Design Lab.

What does a normal day at Camp Curiosity look like?
Each camp day is well balanced with time to be active, and time to explore and discover. All camps will have hands-on activities, active play, creative time, and snack times. 1st – 6th grade campers will have a 30-minute lunch break each day, while Kindergarten campers will just have time for snack. Every camper will experience one show in the UC Davis Multiverse theater and get some time to explore the museum’s exhibit areas. Actual schedules may vary based on weather, preferences of camp groups, and other factors.

- We know that kids need to move and play throughout the day. Active play activities at camp include group games, gross motor activities, and time to walk around and explore the museum.
- Hands-on activities include building and engineering challenges and experimentation, hands-on science, exploring natural phenomena through play (such as testing gravity with toy cars) and more. Camp groups will also learn through demos by their Leaders or other museum staff.
- Creative time will include arts and crafts, as well as thinking creatively when working on engineering challenges or projects.

How does camp drop-off and pick-up work?
- Drop-off for camp will occur from 8:40–9:05am 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 9:05am.
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- **Pick-Up** will work in the same manner as drop-off. Pick-up for Kindergarten campers will occur from 12:00-12:15pm and pick-up for 1st – 6th grade campers will occur from 3:45-4:05pm each afternoon. We will ask parents to park in the MOSAC lot and visit the check-in/out table manned by staff. We will ask for Photo ID and a signature to sign out your camper. Once a camper has been signed out by an approved adult, they will leave their group for the day. If a camper is picked up late and is not signed up for aftercare, there will be a $1 per minute charge.

**What if I need to drop my child off late or pick them up early?**
If you need to bring your camper late or pick them up early, we will ask that you park in our parking lot and visit Guest Services at the front desk for assistance. They will radio our camp staff and bring sign-in/sign-out forms for you to sign. If you are picking up early to get somewhere on time, please arrive 10 minutes before you need to leave the museum to allow time for your camper to gather their things and get outside to you. If you know ahead of time that late drop-off or early pick-up will be needed, please notify camp staff so we can plan ahead to the best of our ability.

**Is aftercare offered?**
Aftercare is offered for campers in 1st – 6th grade. Kindergarten campers cannot attend aftercare. Aftercare can be purchased at a rate of $80 per camper per week for care until 5:00pm and must be purchased separately for the correct camp week (can be used for any to all days of the week). Cost after 5:00pm will be billed at $1 per minute.

**Will there be food and snacks provided for my child?**
No, each day campers must bring lunch and any snacks they need. Kindergarten campers will get a snack time each day to eat if they choose. Each day 1st – 6th grade campers will get a 30-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. Campers will not be able to buy food onsite, 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. Please see the section on allergies for more information regarding our allergy safe procedures around mealtimes.*

**What should my child bring to camp?**
Campers should bring food, a water bottle, and weather appropriate clothing with them each day. 1st – 6th grade campers should bring a lunch and snacks each day. Kindergarten campers should bring a snack each day. We recommend labeling all belongings with the camper’s full name. We ask that campers do not bring any other personal items. Children
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should not bring cell phones or other technology to camp. MOSAC is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal items.

Each day kindergarten campers should bring:

• Snacks
  o We will have 1 snack time per day.
  o We cannot provide refrigeration or heat up food.
  o Campers will not have the opportunity to purchase food onsite.
  o Please do not send peanuts or peanut products.
• A reusable water bottle labeled with their full name
• Weather appropriate clothing in addition to wearing the Camp Curiosity T-shirt each day (handed out Monday Morning)
• Sunscreen
• A backpack to keep belongings organized!
• Campers may bring a facemask, hand sanitizer, and any other safety items they would like to bring
• We recommend all items (backpack, lunchbox, water bottle, jackets, etc.) are labeled with camper’s full name

Each day 1st – 6th grade campers should bring:

• A bag lunch labeled with their name
  o We cannot provide refrigeration or heat up food.
  o Campers will not have the opportunity to purchase food onsite.
  o Please do not send peanuts or peanut products.
• Snacks
  o We will have 2 snack times per day.
• A reusable water bottle labeled with their full name
• Weather appropriate clothing in addition to wearing the Camp Curiosity T-shirt each day (handed out Monday Morning)
• Sunscreen
• A backpack to keep belongings organized!
• Campers may bring a facemask, hand sanitizer, and any other safety items they would like to bring
• We recommend all items (backpack, lunchbox, water bottle, jackets, etc.) are labeled with camper’s full name

How should I prepare for camp?
We want everyone to have a fantastic week at camp. We are so excited to play, learn, and explore together! To make sure your camper has a smooth first day, please submit all waivers ahead of time. Campers will not be admitted without paperwork on file. Paperwork can be submitted electronically here. If you prefer a hard copy, paperwork can be found on our website and can be sent to camps@visitmosac.org.
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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 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.

What if my child requires specific accommodations?
Camp Curiosity is an inclusive environment. We want all campers to be successful at camp. We welcome all information regarding your child, including accessibility, behavior, and sensory needs. Please add relevant details and information on the registration form or email us at camps@visitmosac.org with further information.

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!

What if my child has allergies or requires medication onsite?
Please note allergies of any kind during registration so our staff are aware. Because the museum is home to more than just camp, we cannot always guarantee an allergy-free environment. We try our best to offer allergy-safe procedures at all times, especially during mealtimes. Please let our staff know if there are any specific accommodations we can offer for your camper.

If your child carries an epi-pen or other allergy medication, please make sure to review our medication policy, fill out our medication form, and note it in your registration.

What are MOSAC’s Covid-19 Guidelines?
We follow all policies reflected in county and state ordinances. We will encourage the best health and safety practices for all participants.