

2020 MOST SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY

NEW POLICIES ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL CAMPERS AND STAFF

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CAMPER (All parts required)

- Review the camp options and session weeks, and decide which camp is appropriate for your camper based on their age.
- Complete the online registration form, providing camper information and consenting to camp procedures and policies.
- Submit a copy/photo of your camper's up-to-date immunization records via email to estewart@most.org, or ask your physician's office to fax them directly to the MOST at (315) 425-9072, Attn: Emily Stewart.

NOTE: If EITHER your camper or someone who has been in close contact with your camper is diagnosed with COVID-19, please notify the museum as soon as possible. For the safety of our campers and staff, campers who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be unable to participate in camp. To notify us of a confirmed COVID-19 case, contact Guest Services at 315-425-9068.

HOW TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP YOUR CAMPER

To ensure proper distancing, each camp group will have its own entrance with markers to maintain adequate distance in line. Please be sure to use the appropriate location for check-in and pick-up:

- Junior Scientist Camp: Street-Level Door (wrought-iron gates to the right of the MOST main entrance)
- Be the Scientist Camp: Main Entrance (Front Door)
- Engineer Academy: Exhibit Loading Door (Bus loop to left of main entrance)

Please be prepared to escort your camper to check-in. Guardians will need to sign waivers and check their camper in on each day of camp. This also helps ensure that campers remain socially distant in line.

All persons authorized to pick up your camper should be entered in the registration form. Please be prepared to show photo identification when picking up your camper.

AT CHECK IN EACH DAY, CAMPERS SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING:

- Bag lunch that does not require heating or refrigeration
- At least (2) face masks that cover the camper's nose and mouth – 1 to wear, and 1 to keep at the museum as a backup – both labeled with camper name
- Reusable water bottle labeled with camper name
- Any necessary medications that the camper can self-administer, and/or EpiPen in the case of allergies (See medication policies & procedures in registration form)
- Thermal temperature check upon arrival (conducted by MOST staff)

While not required, your camper may also like to have a sweater or light jacket (classrooms are air-conditioned). You may also prefer that they wear gloves.

Your camper *should not bring* toys, books, stuffed animals, or other objects from home. While normally we would encourage sharing toys and independent learning during camp down-time, our priority this summer is on limiting exposure.

HOW COVID-19 MAY AFFECT THE CAMPER EXPERIENCE

The health and safety of your camper will be ensured by a camp schedule which allows for the regular cleaning and disinfecting of camp spaces and frequent hand-washing breaks.

Small groups of up to 10 campers at individual, distanced work stations may seem different to those campers who enjoy social, hands-on play or who are familiar with MOST camps in past summers. We understand these feelings, but believe that the small class sizes are the safest way to conduct summer camps in our current climate. A small staff-to-camper ratio also presents a unique opportunity for highly engaging STEM learning and individually-driven investigation.

Your camper may express discomfort from wearing a mask for long periods of time, or seem frustrated or “bored” by the social distancing practices at camp. They may tire of washing their hands so frequently, or seem disappointed that they cannot engage with certain exhibits under the current conditions. (We wish they could go in the playhouse, too!) We hope you will join us in encouraging them to think of these inconveniences as important ways to do their part to keep themselves, and everyone else in their community, healthy.