

STEAM EXPLORERS (SPRING 2021)

PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY

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

HOW TO REGISTER (All parts required)

- Review the program options and session days, and decide which is appropriate for your child based on their age and school schedule. STEAM Explorers runs for 23 weeks from January 4, 2021 through the week of June 21 in two age brackets: ages 4-7 and ages 8-12.
- Complete the online registration and payment form, providing information and consenting to program procedures and policies.
- **Submit up-to-date immunization records for your child by email (estewart@most.org) or fax (315-425-9072).**
- Complete and return *Student Schoolwork Form* within first week of program to ensure student attendance.

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

HOW TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP

To ensure proper distancing, STEAM Explorers should be dropped off and picked up through the Camp Entrance (wrought-iron gates to the right of the MOST main entrance). Drop off window is 9:00 – 9:30 AM.

Please be prepared to escort your child to check-in. Guardians will need to sign waivers and check their child in each day. Thermal temperature checks of each student will be conducted upon arrival each day by MOST staff.

All persons authorized to pick up your child should be entered in the registration form. Please be prepared to show photo identification at pick-up time. Pick-up window is 2:30-3:00 PM. Aftercare from 3:00 – 5:00 PM is available for an additional fee, with pickup from 4:30 – 5:00 PM.

WHAT TO BRING

- Bag lunch that does not require heating or refrigeration
- At least (2) face masks that cover the child's nose and mouth – 1 to wear, and 1 as a backup.
- A device (laptop, tablet, etc.) to complete schoolwork. If your child does not have a device to bring with them, please let us know and we will arrange for them to have access to one during the program.
- Reusable water bottle labeled with child's name.
- Any necessary medications that the child can self-administer, and/or EpiPen in the case of allergies (See medication policies & procedures in registration form).
- While not required, your child may also like to have a sweater or light jacket.

HOW COVID-19 AFFECTS THE STEAM EXPLORER EXPERIENCE

The health and safety of your child is ensured by a schedule which allows for the regular cleaning and disinfecting of classroom spaces and frequent hand-washing breaks/hand sanitizer stops, as well as mask wearing by staff and students.

Small groups of up to 10 students at individual, distanced work stations may seem different to those children who enjoy social play or who are familiar with MOST programs in the past. We understand these feelings, but believe that the small

class sizes are the safest way to conduct programs in our current climate. A small student-to-educator ratio also presents a unique opportunity for highly engaging STEM learning and guided individual investigation.

Your child may express discomfort from wearing a mask for long periods of time, or seem frustrated or “bored” by social distancing practices. They may tire of washing/sanitizing their hands so frequently, or seem disappointed that they cannot engage with certain exhibits under 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.