SUMMER 2022 SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

SUMMER is Back
SUMMER CAMPS AT DISCOVERY PLACE

turn curious kids into happy Campers! Have your child join in the fun with hands-on learning that will keep them entertained and engaged this summer. From under the sea to outer space, there’s something for every imagination!

COVID-19 Safety

For over a year Discovery Place has hosted Summer Camps, School Camps and general Museum visitations across our four locations, and we have safety down to a science. Our team follows the latest guidance from federal, state and local health officials and has created a set of standards and procedures designed to keep our staff and your Campers happy and safe.
**Agents of the Ocean**
June 6–10 morning
August 15–19 afternoon
Dive deep into the ocean and explore the beauty of the world below. Campers will use their budding detective skills to uncover the mysteries of the sea and explore the vast wildlife that call the ocean their home.

**Project: Build**
June 6–10 morning
August 15–19 afternoon
Young imaginations get a crash course in architecture, design and construction. Using different materials and design elements, campers will work together to create a town. Hands-on construction projects include towers, buildings and more.

**Rainforest Expedition**
June 6–10 afternoon
August 15–19 morning
The rainforest is home to more than three million species! Explore this exciting world that is home to some of the most beautiful plants on earth, and learn about the diversity of animals inhabiting this vibrant ecosystem.

**Rocket into Space**
June 6–10 afternoon
August 15–19 morning
Calling all mini astronauts! Campers will participate in astronaut and building challenges and then rocket into outer space for out-of-this-world planetary exploration.

**Deep Sea Divers**
June 13–17 • August 1–5
Dive under the sea and meet some of the fascinating creatures living in our world below. Campers will learn about aquatic life and explore a range of habitats found in the ocean.

**Architects in Training**
June 20–24
Let your creativity soar to new heights! Campers will be immersed in the field of building and design—from blueprints to final construction. Hands-on projects include creating one-of-a-kind buildings and bridges.

**Blast Off**
June 27–July 1
Explore the wonders of outer space in this fun-fueled camp! From rocket launches to astronaut training, campers will immerse themselves in the final frontier while learning all about our solar system.

**Animal Survivors**
July 11–15
The world is full of amazing animals! Learn all about wildlife biology and how animals adapt to thrive in even the harshest environments. Campers will study animal survival strategies and explore their ecosystems.

**Junior Chemist**
July 18–22 • August 8–12
Fizz, bubbles and goo! Young chemists in action will conduct experiments and get whacky with hands-on science fun.

** Digging up Dinos**
July 25–29
Unearth amazing wonders hidden under the ground—from caves and worms to magma and dinosaurs. Campers will get their hands dirty with interactive activities and experiments.
Girls in STEM
June 13–17
Ignite a passion for the exciting world of science, technology, engineering and math in this camp designed for girls only. Campers will participate in age-appropriate activities including engineering, programming, electronics and physical and earth sciences to grow their inner-awesome.

Underwater Discoveries
June 20–24 • August 1–5
There’s a whole world waiting to be discovered beneath the waves. Explore marine environments and learn about the diversity of plants and animals that live in our oceans.

Uncovering Ancient Earth
June 27–July 1 • August 8–12
Young explorers will learn about the Earth’s history using archaeology, paleontology, and geology. Hands-on experiments range from dinosaur discoveries to examining past civilizations.

Space Quest
July 11–15
Calling all space lovers! Experience what it takes to become an astronaut and embark on the next era of space exploration. Trainees will test their engineering and problem-solving skills with design challenges, by building and launching rockets and designing their own Mars base.

Architecture Immersion
July 18–22
Jump into the exciting world of building and design! Campers will draw up blueprints, build bridges and compete in skyscraper challenges.

Meteorology Mania
July 25–29
Gear up for an indoor thunderstorm and play in the snow! Future meteorologists will build their own weather station, explore rainbows and experiment with the science behind wild weather.

RISING GRADES 1-2

Full Day (9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.)
$300 Member / $350 Non-Member
RISING GRADES 3–4

Almost Architects
June 13–17 • August 1–5
For young builders who have ever wondered how structures are designed and constructed. Campers will be immersed in architecture from project start to finish with hands-on experience drawing blueprints and designing and constructing towers, bridges and more.

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Ignite a passion for the exciting world of science, technology, engineering and math in this camp designed for girls only. Campers will participate in age-appropriate activities including engineering, programming, electronics and physical and earth sciences to grow their inner-awesome.

Oceanographers
June 27–July 1 • August 8–12
The ocean is an exciting and mysterious world all its own. Dive into the big blue sea and explore the ocean with hands-on experiments and activities highlighting the unique ecosystems found there.

Animal Adventures
July 11–15
An amazing world of animals awaits! Campers will travel the globe and explore different ecosystems then test out animal adaptations and survival techniques found in the wild.

Astronaut Academy
July 18–22
It’s an adventure that’s out-of-this world! Young scientists will explore the universe while training to become an astronaut. Hands-on experiments and design challenges will teach campers all about outer space.

Think it, Make it, Take it
July 25–29
What would you build to improve the world? Take part in unique design challenges and imagine what you can invent that will change the world.

Creative Chemistry
June 13–17 • August 1–5
Get hands-on with this exciting introduction to chemistry! Campers will conduct experiments and be a part of the action as colors change and bubbles fizz! Learn all about acids, bases and compounds.

Spy Games
June 20–24 • August 8–12
Unlock the science behind spying! Strategic thinkers will solve puzzles, break codes and work their way through the laser maze in this adventure-filled camp.

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Below the Tide
July 11–15
Take a deep dive and delve into the ocean’s habitats. Campers will explore one of the largest and most biodiverse places on Earth and discover adaptations and survival skills unique to this watery environment.

Innovators Academy
July 18–22
Join the maker movement and let your imagination soar! Thinking outside of the box, campers will find inspiration, tinker and create their own unique designs.

World of Engineering
July 25–29
In this engineering crash course, campers will use the engineering design process to complete various challenges. Throughout the week, different branches of engineering will be highlighted, including aerospace, electrical and civil.
**Surviving the Sea**
*June 20–24*
The Earth’s oceans are some of the most biodiverse places on the planet. In this camp, deep sea explorers will learn how to survive in a world of water and conduct experiments to uncover amazing adaptations of the plants and animals who live there.

**Summer Science Institute**
*July 18–22*
Get excited about science, technology, engineering and math! Dive into a world of exploration and engineering challenges, physical science, earth science, programming and electronics. Discover the fun behind science.

**Engineering for Space**
*August 8–12*
How do you send a human to outer space? Campers will tackle this question and more as they try their hand at sending the first humans into space. Learn about innovations being tested to sling shot humans around the Moon and explore the feats of engineering that make it all possible.
Wildlife Rainbow
June 6–10 morning
July 18–22 morning
Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet—nature is a rainbow! Campers will get outside and explore the world around them to discover and experiment with colors and nature.

Curious about Creatures
June 6–10 afternoon
July 25–29 morning
What do flipping fish, furry mammals and feathery birds have in common? Campers will explore different types of animals to see how they are similar and what makes them different.

Little Trailblazers
June 13–17 morning
August 1–5 morning
Take a walk on the wild side along the Paw Paw Nature Trail! Home to numerous animals, campers will unearth all the layers of the 100-year-old forest as they search for animal habitats and learn how to build one of their own.

From Burrows to Nests
June 20–24 morning
August 8–12 morning
From chipmunk burrows to bird nests, explore nature from the ground up! Campers will examine the natural world—starting in the soil and finishing in the trees—to discover the wonders of nature surrounding us.

Green Thumb Gardeners
June 27–July 1 morning
August 15–19 morning
Little gardeners will get hands-on in the dirt and have a green thumb in no time! Design a garden, plant a seed and unearth secrets from the garden habitat.

Wonder Bugs
July 11–15 morning
August 15–19 afternoon
Campers will walk the Paw Paw Nature Trail and explore the pond to meet an exciting world of tiny creatures. From bugs to creepy crawlers, this camp is full of hands-on fun for littles!

Wild by Nature
June 13–17 · July 25–29
It’s a wild world out there! Explore the wonders of nature surrounding us—from mushrooms to flowers to creepy crawlers. Campers will conduct hands-on experiments and experience the thrill of the wild.

Magnificent Mud
June 20–24 · August 1–5
What better way to explore the great outdoors than by getting hands-on with the earth? Campers will dig in the dirt and meet some slippery, slimy animals along the way. Get ready to get messy with magnificently muddy activities!

Backyard Buddies
June 27–July 1 · August 8–12
Who are the creatures in your neighborhood? Explore your backyard like never before and meet the amazing critters of all shapes and sizes that share your space. Campers will also test ways to make their backyard a home to native plants and animals.

Underwater Wonders
July 11–15
Investigate the water habitats in and around Discovery Place Nature, including Little Sugar Creek and Freedom Park. Campers learn about animals that live in water while hunting for tadpoles and searching for fish.

Fantastic Fliers
July 18–22
Is it a bird...a bat...a bug? Discover the amazing creatures that can be found flying high in the North Carolina skies! Campers will learn all about these aerodynamic animals and design their own forest flier.

PRE K (AGES 3–4)
Half Day (9:00 A.M.–noon or 1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.)
$160 Member / $180 Non-Member

RISING K
Full Day (9:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M.)
$300 Member / $350 Non-Member
Astronomers in Training
June 13–17 • August 1–5
Calling all star gazers! From constellations to comets, investigate the solar system and beyond to learn how our universe works. Campers will enjoy hands-on activities and exploration in the Discovery Place Nature Planetarium.

Outdoor Ed
June 20–24 • August 8–12
Campers immerse themselves in everything outdoors, learning the tricks of the trade that keep animals and humans alive in the wild. Young outdoor enthusiasts will practice survival skills by building shelters, navigating through the woods and observing animals in their natural habitats.

CSI: Critter Scene Investigation
June 27–July 1
Nature’s mysteries abound! In this camp, young nature sleuths will learn what it takes to track critters along the Paw Paw Nature Trail. Using scientific tools and tracking techniques, campers will work together to solve nature’s puzzles.

Wild, Wild Woods
July 11–15
The woods are wild and full of life! Campers will be immersed in the wild and discover native North Carolina wildlife through close encounters and nature treks. Explore the woods these animals call home.

Animal Architects
July 18–22
Ever wonder how animals build their homes? This camp will examine natural structures to see how animal architects build their complex shelters. Campers will then try their own hands at building creative habitats out of natural materials.

Bug Lab
July 25–29
It’s a bug’s world! Grab a bug net and get ready to explore the fascinating world of invertebrates. Young adventurers will build roly-poly traps, look at the differences between moths and butterflies and more.
Pollinator Prep School  
June 13–17 • July 25–29
It’s not only for the bees... everyone can take part in the magic of pollination! In this pollination master class, young scholars will explore the natural world and discover how butterflies, birds and bees help humans put food on the table. During this fun-filled scientific journey campers will become pollinators and participate in interactive games, bug hunts, honeybee explorations and more.

Science of Survival  
June 20–24 • August 1–5
Campers put their survival skills to the test. Trekking along the Paw Paw Nature Trail, they will learn basic survival skills. When the lessons are over, young survivors will design and build their own shelter, make tools out of natural materials and compare human techniques to how animals survive.

Super (Human) Senses  
June 27–July 1 • August 8–12
How do human senses measure up to animal senses? Can you taste like a fly or hear like a deer? Using all five senses, campers will investigate the natural world around us and discover extraordinary animals with a sixth sense.

Queen City Critters  
July 11–15
The city is home to just more than buildings and traffic! Explore urban wildlife and the unique survival habits of the animals and plants that make the Queen City their home.

Amateur Astronomers  
July 18–22
How does the universe work? Campers become amateur astronomers and explore the wonders of space. Investigate stars, planets, galaxies and more by participating in planetarium shows, scientific experiments and outdoor observations.

Lunch bunch add on
* Lunch Bunch Care is available for half-day Camps from noon–1:00 p.m. for $25 per week. (Campers must bring their own lunch.)
LEGO Adventures  
June 6–10  
It’s time to start building! Campers will create their own blueprints, participate in LEGO challenges and work together on group projects to expand their STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) knowledge.

Superhero Training Academy  
June 13–17 • August 1–5  
Calling all superheroes! This training camp is designed to help you uncover your secret powers. Develop your superhero name and costume, learn to spot a villain and test your superpowers. Throughout the week, campers will have the opportunity to save the day.

Messy Madness  
June 20–24 • July 18–22  
Warning: Not for those who like clean hands! Campers will spend the week investigating and experimenting with all things ooey, gooey and ewwy. From a plethora of paint to oodles of oobleck, have a blast getting messy and learning about science!

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Little Hands, Big Projects  
June 27–July 1 • August 15–19  
Campers explore materials, design projects and build creativity with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math). Spend the week tinkering with tools, problem solving and creating new items to take home.

Destination Dinos  
July 11–15 • August 1–5  
Young paleontologists-in-training will learn special characteristics of dinosaurs and their environments through stories, art projects, science experiments and more as they travel back in time to the dinosaur age.

Sensational Scientists  
July 18–22  
Young minds explore the world of “why” in this camp. Budding scientists are encouraged to ask questions and explore the world around them using all five senses.

Astronaut Academy  
July 11–15  
Campers embark on a week-long training program preparing them for a mission to outer space. Jam-packed with adventures that are out of this world, the week covers everything from learning about the solar system to how to eat in space.

I CAN Move  
July 25–29  
Get your move on! From cars and boats to trains and planes, campers will use STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) to design and build things that race.

Sensational Scientists  
August 8–12  
It’s easy to think like a scientist—just ask questions! In this camp, inquisitive young minds will study the world around us by asking questions, making hypotheses and coming to conclusions.

Girls in STEAM  
June 27–July 1  
This is the camp for girls who like to ask questions! All questions, theories and hypotheses are welcome during this week of wonder. Campers will explore a variety of science myths, conduct experiments and investigate the world with fun, hands-on projects.
Behind-the-Scenes Science
June 6–10 • July 18–22
Campers go behind the scenes and take a deep dive into the science shows presented at Discovery Place Kids. Throughout the week, young scientists will learn the ins and outs of putting on a real science show and become a pro!

The ART of Science
June 13–17 • July 25–29
Explore various art forms and gain new skills in hands-on and messy art projects. Campers will create with printmaking, sculpture and painting, all while experimenting with a variety of different tools and techniques.

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Flight School
June 27–July 1 • August 8–12
Prepare for take-off! Campers will get crafty making their own flying creations and learn all about flight—from airplanes to rocket ships. Uncover the principles that allow for flight and learn about what it takes to be a pilot or astronaut.

Wizarding School
July 11–15
Uncover the science of magic! Young wizards-in-training will concoct potions, participate in friendly tournaments and investigate the lives of fantastic beasts. Learn all about the history of wizards and become an expert in scientific wizardry.

Spy Academy
August 1–5
Attention future spies: it’s time to start preparing for your mission! Each day, campers will be given a top-secret briefing and participate in activities that put their spy skills to the test.

Lunch bunch included in Rising 1-2 full day camp
* Lunchtime supervision is offered free of charge from noon-1:00 p.m. when booking a full-day Camp or one morning and one afternoon Camp during the same week.

Lunch bunch add on
* Lunch Bunch Care is available for half-day Camps from noon-1:00 p.m. for $25 per week. (Campers must bring their own lunch.)

# 2022 CAMPS AT-A-GLANCE
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ALL CAMPS FULL DAY (9:00–4:00) EXCEPT WHERE NOTED
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Dates
◆ Registration for Members begins February 1.
◆ Registration for General Public begins February 8.

Registration Process
◆ Register online or by calling 704.372.6261 x300.
◆ Full payment must be made at the time of registration.
◆ Emergency medical and release forms must be completed online, no later than one week prior to the start of Camp.
◆ Campers must be entering the grade level that is designated for the Camp.
◆ All Campers must be potty trained and able to use the restroom unassisted by the start of Camp.

Refunds and Cancellations
◆ Programs with low enrollment are subject to cancellation. Discovery Place will make this determination 3 weeks prior to the start of session.
◆ If a Camp is cancelled due to low enrollment, you will be notified and given the opportunity to select another Camp or receive a refund.
◆ If you wish to cancel a registration, you must give 3 weeks’ notice prior to the start of Camp for a full refund, less cancellation fee ($50 for full-day Camps, $35 for half-day Camps).
◆ Any cancellations less than 3 weeks prior to the start of Camp will not be refunded.
◆ Camp registrations may be rescheduled up to 2 times and will be charged a $20 fee per transfer.
◆ Refunds will not be offered for missed days and cannot be applied to future dates.

Lunch
◆ Lunchtime supervision is offered free of charge from noon-1:00 p.m. when booking a full-day Camp.
◆ Lunch Bunch Care is available, provided minimum enrollment is met, for half-day Camps from noon-1:00 p.m. for $25 per week.
◆ You may register for the program now and will be notified in May if we are unable to offer Lunch Bunch Care during your Camp week.

Extended Care
◆ Extended Care is available, provided minimum enrollment is met, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 4:00-5:15 p.m. for full-day Camps for $75 per week.
◆ You may register now and will be notified in May if we are unable to offer Extended Care during your Camp week.
◆ During Extended Care, children will participate in board games, simple crafts, watch movies or other activities as planned by the Extended Care Team.

Pick Up Policy
◆ All Campers must be picked up on time.*
  ➞ Half-day: 11:45 a.m. - noon
  ➞ Lunch Bunch: 1:00 p.m.
  ➞ Full-day: 3:45 - 4:00 p.m.
  ➞ Extended care: 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.
* Late pick-ups (any time after the designated time slot) are subject to a $50 late fee. Consistent late pick-ups are grounds for dismissal from the program.

COVID-19 SAFETY

As leaders in science education, the team at Discovery Place follows guidance and recommendations from public health officials when determining Covid-19 safety measures for our Summer Camp programs. Below is a list of measures that we have used in the past to ensure the safety of our campers and staff. Please note that we may adhere to any and all of these guidelines at any time during the 2022 Summer Camp programs. Updated information will be provided following enrollment and as we get closer to the start of Summer Camps.

Masks or Cloth Face Coverings Are Required
Campers age 2 and older are required to wear a face mask or cloth face covering that covers the nose and mouth while at Camp. No exceptions, medical or otherwise. Staff members will also be wearing masks.

Social Distancing
Each Camp will have its own dedicated space and contact with those outside of Camp will be minimized.

Hand Washing and Hand Sanitizers
Each Camp room includes a hand-washing station and Campers are required to wash their hands throughout the day.

Rigorous Cleaning
Several new cleaning protocols have been put into place at our Museums to limit the spread of germs.

Essential Functions of a Summer Camp Participant
◆ A child must have the following capabilities to participate in Summer Camp at Discovery Place:
  ➞ Be able to move independently from one location to another
  ➞ Take care of their own personal needs
  ➞ Have effective interactions in a group-based environment (including pair work, group projects, etc.)
  ➞ Abide by the code of conduct and behavior guidelines
Ensure a summer of fun and learning for 2022!

- Registration opens Tuesday, February 8
- Members receive early access to registration—become a Member today and register one week before the general public
- Camps have limited capacity—register early for best availability