

Summer Camp 2023 Guide

Hello!

Welcome to Danville Science Center summer camp! We hope your camper is as excited as we are about all the experiences this summer will hold. This guide contains helpful information for your summer planning. Please read the provided information and keep it for future reference. It includes pick-up and drop-off procedures and more. It also includes several forms (medical and information) that need to be sent back to us before camp begins.

If you have any questions about this guide, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to seeing your camper at summer camp 2023!

How to contact us:
Danville Science Center
434.791.5160
dscgs@smv.org

Note: It may be difficult to reach us by telephone during camp hours as we will be in different parts of the Science Center with campers, but we do check our voicemail and email throughout the day.



Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Camp hours: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. or 1:30 – 4 p.m.*

Drop-off: 9:15 - 9:30 a.m. or 1:15 - 1:30 p.m.*

Pick-up: by 12:15 p.m. or 4:15 p.m. each day*

*Depends on which camp your camper is attending.

Procedures

Drop-Off

Campers must be walked into the Science Center lobby and signed in by camp staff each day by 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. depending on the camp your camper is attending.

Upon arrival on the first day, please sign your camper in with the staff member stationed at the admissions desk. We make every effort to make this process efficient, but we do ask for your patience as we verify all your paper work. Having all your Permission and Emergency Medical forms submitted ahead of time will expedite the first day check-in process.

Drop-off is from 9:15 - 9:30 a.m. or 1:15 to 1:30 p.m. depending on the camp your camper is attending.

Camp activities begin promptly at 9:30 a.m./1:30 p.m. every day, so it is important that campers arrive on time. Please park your car and walk your camper in. While we are waiting for all the campers to arrive, they will have time to explore one of our exhibitions in Science Central. If you are going to arrive late, please call 434.791.5160 and provide your camper's name and when you expect to arrive.

Pick-Up

On the first day of camp, we will ask you to confirm your registration forms and you will be asked to verify the adults who are authorized to pick up your camper. All campers must be signed out daily by an authorized adult and that adult must come inside to pick up the camper(s). Please let the camp staff know at drop-off if someone other than the parent/guardian will pick up your camper.

Campers must be picked up by 12:15 p.m. or 4:15 p.m. each day.

Camp staff will meet adults in the lobby of Science Central. If you know that you will need to pick up early, please let us know at the morning drop-off so we can have your camper ready to go when you arrive. If you unexpectedly need to drop off or pick up your camper outside of normal times, please go to the admissions desk in Science Central and ask staff to page summer camp staff. Please keep in mind that during camp hours we will be involved in activities and you may have to wait up to 15 minutes.



General Information

Daily Activities

A typical day will include a science-themed activity, demonstration, Dome show, snack and free play. Activities are modified to be developmentally appropriate for the particular age group.

Snack

We will provide a snack each day. The snacks are typically pretzels, granola bars and a variety of chips. If your camper will not want or can't eat this type of snack, please pack an alternative. Please make sure to address all allergy concerns and dietary restrictions on your Emergency Medical Form.

Clothing

Please have campers wear closed-toe shoes, and remember that science is messy, so dress accordingly!

Lost and Found

We keep lost and found items for the duration of camp. Please check with the camp staff directly for lost items. If your item is not with camp staff, we will refer you to the admissions desk to look in our general Science Center lost and found. To keep lost items at a minimum, please label all items with your camper's name.

Emergency and Medical Information

Please complete and return the attached Permission and Emergency Medical Forms as soon as possible. Send completed forms to dscgs@smv.org. Please complete a form for each camper attending summer camp. No camper will be permitted to attend camp without signed medical and emergency information.

If your camper needs to receive medication while at camp, please include any special instructions or necessary details on their medical form, and discuss the medication with the camp staff at drop-off. Please send only medicine that absolutely must be taken during camp hours. Required medication must be in a sealed bag clearly labeled with the camper's name and any special instructions. Staff will not have access to any medication (including Tylenol, Benadryl, etc.) unless it is provided by you. If needed, please apply sunscreen to your camper before they are dropped off for camp.

In the event of an emergency, contact our main line at 434.791.5160 and ask for the representative to contact summer camp staff.



Health and Safety Protocols

To help ensure the health and safety of our campers and staff, we will follow the below safety precautions and state guidelines.

Please note: These protocols may change based on [CDC guidelines](#) and state and local directives in the interest of maintaining the safest environment and experience for our staff and campers. We will provide updates as needed.

Daily Protocols

- Campers will not be required to wear masks while inside. Any camper wishing to wear a mask is welcome to do so.
- Classes will be held in large spaces and outside as weather allows.
- Campers will wash or sanitize their hands frequently throughout the day, especially before returning to the classroom after visiting exhibitions, bathroom trips, etc.

Coming To Camp

- Campers showing any signs or symptoms of illness, including but not limited to coughing, chills, headache, sore throat, diarrhea or a fever of 100.4 or above, should be kept home.
- Please do not send your camper to camp if they have had direct contact with a person with illness symptoms, with a confirmed illness diagnosis or who is awaiting an illness diagnosis.

Health Monitoring Protocols

- If a camper exhibits illness symptoms during the camp day, the camper and any other camper in that household attending camp will be sent home.
- While the camper is attending camp, if the camper tests positive for COVID-19, is exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or is showing symptoms, please notify the camp staff immediately so we can assess next steps. The Science Center will follow CDC guidelines related to monitoring, quarantining and notifications for COVID-19 exposure.
- If a camper is unable to attend camp due to illness, we will try to accommodate a transfer to another camp session or refund the money if preferred. If camp is already in session, we will hold back 50 percent of the registration fee to cover supplies.



Policies

Behavior

We want all campers to have a great experience, and to do this, campers need to respect their fellow campers, their camp staff and the Science Center. We ask that campers follow camp rules and are responsible for their actions to help us foster a fun and safe time for all. We will review our expectations every morning as a positive approach to the new day. Unsafe and disruptive behavior, hurtful language and violence will not be tolerated.

Behavior Guidelines

1. If a camper is unable to comply with the behavior expectations, a verbal warning will be given.
2. If the behavior continues, a time-out will be given. Camp staff will speak with the camper's parent/guardian if the behavior continues.
3. If the camper's behavior continues to be unsafe or disrespectful, the camper's parent/guardian will be contacted and the camper's enrollment may be terminated without refund.

Registration

Please sign and return all forms as soon as possible! The summer fun cannot begin until we have all signed forms.

- Permission Form
- Emergency Medical Form

You can email them to dscgs@smv.org or mail them to us at:

Summer Camp
Danville Science Center
677 Craghead Street
Danville, VA 24541

Refunds

Cancellations made more than two weeks in advance will receive a full refund. Cancellations made less than two weeks before camp starts will receive their registration cost less a \$25 non-refundable fee.

Scheduling Changes

If you would like to switch your child from one week of camp to another, we will do our best to accommodate you, but it may not always be possible. Refunds will not be given for single days missed.

Your Summer Camp Checklist

Forms to return:

Permission Form
Emergency Medical Form



Items to bring:

Extra snack (optional)
Hat
Closed-toe shoes
Jacket/sweatshirt
Water bottle

Please do not bring:

Cash/valuable items
Gum
Stuffed animals or other toys*
Electronic devices*



*Camp provides the opportunity for developing a community and building relationships. The use of electronic devices and other toys distracts from this process. Although they are not banned, camp staff reserves the right to confiscate and hold any items until the end of the camp day should they cause a problem.

