



# Summer Camp 2026 Guide

Welcome to summer camp at the Danville Science Center! We hope your camper is as excited as we are about all the experiences this summer will hold.

This guide contains important information for your summer planning. Please read the provided information and keep it for future reference. It also includes two forms that need to be sent back to us at least one week 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 soon!

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

Note: It may be difficult to reach us by phone 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.

## Schedule

### Camp Days

Tuesday–Friday

### Camp Hours

Morning session: 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Afternoon session: 1:30–4 p.m.

## Drop-Off

**Drop-off is from 9:15–9:30 a.m. for morning camp sessions or 1:15–1:30 p.m. for afternoon camp sessions. Campers must be walked into the Science Central Lobby and signed in by camp staff each day.**

Upon arrival on the first day, please see the staff member stationed at Guest Services. We make every effort to make this initial process efficient, but we do ask for your patience as we verify all your paperwork. Please fully complete and submit all required forms at least one week before your child's camp starts.

Camp activities begin promptly at 9:30 a.m./1:30 p.m. every day, so it is important that campers arrive on time. While we are waiting for everyone to arrive, campers 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

**Pick-up is from 12–12:15 p.m. for morning camp sessions or 4–4:15 p.m. for afternoon camp sessions.**

On the first day of camp, we will ask you to confirm your registration forms and you will be asked to verify all 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. Camp staff will meet adults in the Science Central Lobby.

If you know 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 Guest Services 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.

## Daily Activities

A typical day will include a science-themed activity, demo, film in The Dome, snack and free play. Activities are modified to be developmentally appropriate for the particular age group. All activities take place at the Science Center.

## Snack

We will provide a snack each day. The snacks are typically pretzels, granola bars or 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 medical form. Please send a water bottle with your camper each day. Campers are not permitted to chew gum during camp.

## Clothing

Please have your camper wear closed-toe shoes. Remember, science is messy, so dress accordingly!

## Lost and Found

We keep lost and found items for the duration of summer camp. Please check with the camp staff directly for lost items. If your item is not with camp staff, we will refer you to Guest Services 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.

Campers should leave all cash, valuable items, stuffed animals, toys and electronic devices at home. Camp staff reserves the right to confiscate and hold any items until the end of the camp day should they cause a problem.

## Photos and Videos

Science Center staff may take photographs, video and/or audio of campers. The Science Center uses the materials for promotional purposes, including but not limited to advertising, social media, media outreach, website placement or printed materials.

## Forms

Please complete and return the permission and medical forms at least one week before the start of camp.

Please complete a form for each camper attending summer camp. Campers will not be permitted to attend camp without both signed forms. If your camper is attending more than one week of camp, you only need to submit the forms once.

You can email them to [dscgs@smv.org](mailto:dscgs@smv.org) or mail them to us at:

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

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 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 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.

## 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 as summer camp spots often sell out. Refunds will not be given for single days missed.

## Health and Safety Protocols

To help ensure the health and safety of our campers and staff, please observe the protocols below.

- 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.
- Campers who have had direct contact with a person with illness symptoms, with a confirmed illness diagnosis or who is awaiting an illness diagnosis should be kept home.
- 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.

## Behavior

We want all campers to have a great experience, and to do this, campers need to respect their fellow campers, counselors, staff and Science Center property. Campers are expected to follow all camp rules, should behave in a kind manner and are responsible for their actions. Unsafe and disruptive behavior, hurtful language and violence will not be tolerated.

- Should any camper behave in a way that a counselor deems disruptive or harmful, the counselor will take corrective steps to alleviate the situation.
- Campers will initially be reminded and encouraged to exhibit acceptable behavior.
- If the behavior continues, the camper will be removed from the current activity and provided with a separate option away from the group, still under the supervision of camp staff.
- 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.

