

# Summer Camp 2021 Guide

Hello!

The Danville Science Center is excited to officially welcome you to our summer camp adventures! Inside this guide, you will find information that will be helpful for your summer planning. We hope your camper is as excited as we are about all the experiences this summer will hold. 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 call or email us [dscgs@smv.org](mailto:dscgs@smv.org). We look forward to seeing your camper at summer camp 2021!

How to contact us:

Brian Buchanan  
Camp Coordinator  
434.791.5160 Ext. 201  
[bbuchanan@smv.org](mailto:bbuchanan@smv.org)

Science Center line and reservations:

434.791.5160 Ext. 203

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 am – noon or 1:30 – 4 pm\* by**

**Drop-off: 9 – 9:30 am or 1 – 1:30 pm\***

**Pick-up: by 12:15 pm or 4:15 pm each day\***

*\*Depends on which camp your camper is attending.*

## Procedures

### Drop-Off

**Campers must be walked into the Science Center lobby every day and checked and signed into camp by camp staff each day by 9:30 am or 1:30 pm 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 – 9:30 am or 1 – 1:30 pm depending on the camp your camper is attending.**

Camp activities begin promptly at 9:30 am/1:30 pm every day of the camp, 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 galleries 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 that are authorized to pick up your camper. All campers must be signed out daily by an authorized adult. Please let the camp staff know at drop-off if someone other than the parent/guardian will be pickup your camper.

**Campers must be picked up by 12:15 pm or 4:15 pm 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 and email them to [dscgs@smv.org](mailto: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.

In the event of an emergency, contact our main line at 434,791.5160 and ask for the representative to call summer camp staff over the radio.



# COVID-19 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

- All staff and campers will wear masks over nose and mouth while indoors. There will be occasional mask breaks outside and while snacks are eaten.
- We will practice social distancing.
- Classes will be held in large spaces and outside as weather allows.
- Each camper will get their own set of activity materials (markers, scissors, etc.).
- Sanitizing of surfaces and handles in classrooms will occur twice daily.
- Campers will wash or sanitize their hands frequently throughout the day, especially before returning to the classroom from exhibit hall tours, bathroom trips, etc.
- Groups will be limited to no more than 10 campers.

## Coming To Camp

- No camper who is ill should be sent to camp. Please keep them at home!
- We ask that you please take your camper's temperature before the start of each camp day. If they exhibit a fever of 100.4 or above, please do not send them to camp.
- While we are not requiring a 14-day quarantine prior to arrival at camp, we ask that to the extent possible campers and their families take extra steps to minimize their potential exposure to COVID-19 in the two weeks leading up to camp.
- Please do not send your camper to camp if they: 1) Have any symptoms associated with COVID-19 as listed on the CDC's website, such as coughing, shortness of breath, chills, headache, fever (above 100.4), sore throat, loss of taste or smell, or diarrhea within the last 14 days; 2) a confirmed case of COVID-19; or 3) a suspected case of COVID-19.
- Please do not send your camper to camp if they have had any **contact** with a person 1) with symptoms associated with COVID-19; 2) with a confirmed case of COVID-19; or 3) who is currently awaiting COVID-19 test results.

## Health Monitoring Protocols

- If a camper becomes ill with symptoms associated with the COVID-19 infection during the camp day, the Science Center will contact their parent or guardian and the camper and any other camper in that household will be sent home with their parent or guardian.
- If a camper is sent home with symptoms associated with the COVID-19 infection whether or not the child is tested for COVID-19, the camper is assumed to have COVID-19 and the camper and any other campers in the household cannot return to camp until they have met all of the following criteria: at least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever above 100.4 without the use of fever-reducing medications); the camper has improvement in symptoms; and at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- While the camper is attending camp, if the camper or anyone in their immediate household tests positive for COVID-19, please keep the camper at home and notify the Camp Coordinator immediately so we can notify other families of possible exposure. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times.
- If we are notified that a camper or staff member has a confirmed case of COVID-19, the Camp Coordinator will notify families that day via email.
- If a session of camp has already concluded when we receive news of a positive test, the Science Center will contact all campers from the previous week of camp.
- In the event of potential exposure during a camp session, camper families will be given the option to pick up their camper or permit them to participate for the remainder of the week.
- 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 for a processing and supply fee and then prorate the balance.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever, cough, chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headaches, and new loss of taste or smell.



# Policies

## Behavior

We want all campers to have a great experience, and to do this, campers need to respect their fellow campers, their camp counselors 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. The Camp Coordinator 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](mailto: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  
Sunscreen  
Closed-toe shoes  
Jacket/sweatshirt  
Mask (2)

### 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.*

