



Amazeum Early Learner Camps Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What ages are allowed to attend Zing into Kindergarten with STEAM camp at the Scott Family Amazeum?

A: Children registered to attend Kindergarten in the Fall 2019. This camp is geared toward helping your soon to be Kindergartener gain confidence and experiences that will help them as they begin school

Q: My child wears diapers or is not fully potty trained. Can they still attend camp?

A: All campers must be potty trained and are able to manage the toilet independently.

Q: What will campers do during a Zing into Kindergarten with STEAM camp?

A: During Camp, children will engage in a variety of unique STEAM challenges and social play experiences. Each day's activities will combine focused mental and hands-on projects with kinesthetic learning and play. Children will have daily exploration time in the exhibit hall that will connect back to daily activities.

Q: Is there a discount for Amazeum members?

A: Yes! Amazeum members enjoy a discount on camp registration and early access to registration.

Q: How do I sign up for an Amazeum Camp?

A: You can sign up for the camp online through the Amazeum website. In the 'Camps' menu, follow the registration link to complete your registration and payment.

Q: Will I receive a confirmation of my registration?

A: Yes, the Amazeum will send you an email confirming your online registration. Please check your spam folder and inbox for the email confirmation.

Q: Do I need to sign in and out every day of camp?

A: Yes, we require that an adult must escort their camper in and out of camp each day. Only those who have been designated to sign out the camper may do so. Campers may not leave the studios until a designated adult signs them out and provides ID. Your child's safety is our top priority; therefore, Amazeum educators strictly enforce Amazeum sign-in and sign-out procedures. **Only adults identified on the registration form as authorized to pick up will be allowed to pick up your child.** Please contact the Director of Education if you need to add or change an adult name. **Adults picking up children will need to present photo identification.**

Q: How do you recommend children dress for Camp?

A: Dress for fun, physical and potentially messy play. Closed toed shoes are recommended.

Q: Should I pack a snack for my camper to enjoy during Camp?

A: Yes! Camp participants are encouraged to bring a snack, drink and/or water bottle, labeled with child's name each day. Please bring nut-free foods due to potential allergies. The Amazeum will not provide snacks. Microwave and vending machines are not available. A refrigerator is available as needed.

Q: Who are the educators of the Camp?

A: The Amazeum education team consists of highly qualified and trained educators. These Programs Educators work closely with our Early Learner Specialist to design and facilitate experiences that are engaging, unique, developmentally appropriate and fun for the campers. An Amazeum education team member will be actively present at all times during the camp.

Early Learner Specialist, Marie B. Vukin develops play and STEAM focused programs for young children and their families. Marie conducts professional development workshops for early childhood educators and facilitates the Parent Cafe program. She has M.Ed in Counseling and specialized training in Play Therapy from the University of North Texas. Marie has worked with children and families for 30 years through a variety of partnerships with libraries, pre-K programs, children's theatre, hospitalized children, military families, and an art museum.

Chris Schepers has been Programs Educator since the Amazeum opened, working with the Early Learner Program as well as camps and workshops with school age children. She holds a B.S. Degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education and has over 35 years working with 3-6 year olds, including PreK and Kindergarten. She is also a mom which has made her a much better educator!

Lindsay Lloyd joined the Amazeum team as a Programs Educator in January 2018. She has worked with infants, toddlers, elementary-aged children, and their families for seven years. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English with an emphasis in Creative Writing and believes in the power of stories and play to instill lifelong curiosity and love of learning. She is excited to meet and interact with your children and to help them get ready for kindergarten!

Q: We are early birds at our house. Is it okay if we arrive early for the camp?

A: Camp will begin promptly at the start time listed in the program description. Please arrive on time but no earlier than 10 minutes prior to the listed start time.

Q: Can I attend Camp with my child?

A: Camp is a child drop-off camp. In order to foster a cohesive experience camps are for registered participants only; therefore, adult guardians and non-registered siblings or friends cannot attend.

Q: Is it okay if we stay after the camp and play in the Amazeum?

A: Stay and play in the museum exhibit hall after camp! Campers get complimentary admission into the museum for the week of or day of their camp. Any accompanying adults or children must pay regular admission. Please check in at the admissions desk before heading into the galleries to play. Children must be accompanied by an adult 18 or over at all times.

Q: I need to cancel my registration. How do I cancel and can I get a refund?

A: Please contact the Director of Education at mporter@amazeum.org or 479-696-9280 ext. 206 to cancel your registration. At this time we are unable to offer refunds for cancelled registrations. Please plan your schedule accordingly so that you can attend your selected camp.

Q: Do Amazeum camps have a minimum enrollment requirement?

A: The minimum number of campers necessary to hold a camp is 5. Amazeum will inform parents as soon as possible should it appear that the camp will not reach its minimum enrollment. On these occasions, we will try to enroll your camper into an camp or provide a refund. Please contact the Director of Education at mporter@amazeum.org or 479-696-9280 ext. 206 for additional information on camp cancellations.

Q: Can I register for only part of the week, and if so, is there a discount?

A: Week long camps have each camp day structured to build upon the experiences of the previous camp day. Active participation and attendance of each camp day will ensure your child has a full camp experience. Partial registration is not available and a discount is not offered for children that cannot attend each camp day.

Q: I'd like more information about early learner programs. Where can I learn more and who should I contact?

A: You can learn more on our website in the 'Events and Programs' menu by selecting 'Early Learners' or please contact Marie Vukin, Early Learner Specialist, at mvukin@amazeum.org or 479-696-9280 ext. 210