



Amazeum Virtual Summer Camps Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why is the Amazeum offering camps virtually instead of in person?

A: Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, we are concerned about the health and safety of everyone in our extended community. The Amazeum has shifted June and July camps to a virtual format in order to support efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. All in-person camps during June and July are now virtual camps. Regardless of the format, all Summer Camps will be a fun way to explore, discover, learn, play and interact with science, technology, engineering, art and math in novel ways.

Q: What will campers do during a virtual Summer Camp?

A: During a virtual Summer Camp, children will engage in a variety of unique, hands-on STEAM challenges and experiences from their homes. Virtual Summer Camps will be a mix of video calls and independent time to explore hands-on (non-screen time) activities. Your camper may not need the full two hours for the activity. After the camper finishes the activity, they are free to step away until the next call. Materials for activities will be provided in camp kits. Kits will be delivered a week prior to your camp. Camps will have a morning and midday activity facilitated by an Amazeum educator via a video call. During these huddles, an Amazeum educator will get the campers started on an activity. Campers can finish the activities on their own using the guides and supplies provided to them. Office hours are available at certain times for campers to connect with an Amazeum educator to get extra assistance or guidance.

Sample Layout of the Day (subject to change)

9-9:30am	Morning Huddle Video Call - Welcome and Introduction to Activity 1
9:30-11:45am	Activity 1 Campers explore activity on their own at their own pace
10-11am	Office Hours Video Call (optional)
11:45am-12pm	Clean up your space!
12-1:00pm	Lunch and Break Time on their own
1-1:30pm	Mid-day Huddle Video Call- Game and Intro to Activity 2
1:30-2:30pm	Activity 2 - Campers finish activity on their own at their own pace
2:00-2:30pm	Office Hours Video Call (optional)
2:30-3:00pm	Afternoon Huddle Video Call - Share out of the day's activities

Q: What ages are allowed to attend the virtual Summer Camps at the Scott Family Amazeum?

A: The ages allowed for each camp are listed in the camp descriptions. Generally, camps are for ages 6-12.

Q: What are the hours of a virtual Summer Camp?

A: In-person camps at the Amazeum are typically 9am-3pm. For this virtual experience, we are keeping close to those same times; however, that does not mean campers will be sitting in front of a screen that entire time. Each camp will have huddle times that will be video calls in the morning, midday and afternoon for campers and Amazeum educators to chat about the activities of the day. Amazeum educators will also have 'office hours' for campers. 'Office hours' are optional times when campers can join a video call to receive extra help, ask questions, or dive deeper into an experience.

Q: Will campers need to purchase supplies to participate in camp from home?

A: The week prior to camp, Amazeum team members will deliver packages to the homes of each camper filled with supplies and written guides for each activity. Each box will contain labeled activity kits to help guide the camper through each day. These supplies are included in the registration fee for camp. The Amazeum team will deliver packages to campers up to 25 miles from the Amazeum. If you are outside of this mileage, the Amazeum team will contact you about arranging a pick up location to drop off the supplies. Campers will need the following supplies that will **not** be included in the camp kit: computer or tablet capable of video calls, internet connection, scissors, markers, tape, writing utensils, and irons.

Q: Does an adult need to be actively present during the entire virtual Summer Camp day?

A: As you can see from the sample layout of the camp day, Amazeum educators will facilitate activities, answer questions and help troubleshoot problems through video chats. The camp day is structured to allow your camper to independently participate in camp. However, an adult will likely need to assist the camper with connecting to video calls and during the lunch break. Based upon your camper's learning style and personality, your camper may need more support during the camp day.

Q: Are virtual camps suitable for a 6 year old?

A: Some camps are designed for campers ages 6 to 12. The activities in these camps are age appropriate for 6 year olds. We recognize the virtual format of camp may be difficult for 6 year olds. You know your camper best, but some 6 year olds may require additional adult support navigating the virtual platform and activities.

Q: Is there a discount for Amazeum members?

A: Yes! Amazeum members enjoy a discount on camp registration.

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

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

Each camp will have two registration links to divide the campers into 2 squads of 10 campers. Each squad will be doing the same activities just in smaller virtual groups. We encourage siblings and friends to register through the same link so you will be grouped together for the video calls.

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: When does registration close for virtual Summer Camps?

A: Registration will close 7 days prior to the start of camp so Amazeum educators can deliver the kits to each camper. Registration deadlines are listed in each camp description.

Q: How do you recommend children dress for virtual Summer Camp?

A: Dress for fun and potentially messy play. Don't forget we will have cameras on during video calls so please dress appropriately.

Q: Who are the educators of the Summer Camp?

A: The Amazeum education team consists of highly qualified and trained Programs Educators. These Programs Educators work closely with our Educational Programs Manager and Camp Coordinator to design and facilitate experiences that are engaging, unique, developmentally appropriate and fun for the campers.

Just as with physical camp on site, the safety of campers participating in our virtual camp is a top priority. All our video calls will be conducted through Zoom. You will receive a private invitation for the camp huddles a few days prior to the start of camp. For each Zoom call, two Amazeum educators will always be present to ensure online safety.

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

A: Please contact the Educational Programs Manager at abailey@amazeum.org or 479-696-9280 ext. 211. 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: 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 future camps and programs. Where can I learn more and who should I contact?

A: You can learn more on our website in the 'Programs' menu by selecting 'Camps' or please contact Megan Benedetti Camp Coordinator, at mbenedetti@amazeum.org