



## Early Learner Workshops Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What ages are allowed to attend an Early Learner program at the Scott Family Amazeum?**

**A:** There are three programs for specific age groups including Baby Buds (6 to 17 months old), Discovery Tots (18 to 36 months), and Great Pretenders (3 to 5 year-olds).

**Q: Why does an adult have to attend the workshop with my child?**

**A:** All early childhood workshop experiences are designed as an adult/child exploration driven by the child's natural interest in learning about the world around her or him. This partnership in play is beneficial for both the child and the adult. The richest play can occur when an adult takes an active role as play opens doors for sharing of values, increases communication, allows for teachable moments and assists in problem solving. Playing together also sets the stage for children's ability to play with peers. For this reason, an adult (age 18 and up) must attend the workshop with the registered child. One adult to one child ratio is recommended.

**Q: What will we do during the workshop?**

**A:** During workshops, adults and children can expect to engage in a variety of play-based activities. Upon your arrival, an invitation to play activity will be available for adult and child to explore together. This will introduce the workshop's theme and provoke thought, discussions, and questions. The workshop continues with all child/adult pairs coming together for guided play activities and experiments as a group. Child/adult pairs will then have the opportunity to explore the workshop's theme on a deeper level at stations. All Early Learner workshops feature hands-on activities that include active play and creative movement for both the child and adult.

**Q: What child to adult ratio do you recommend?**

**A:** The adult enhances and extends the child's play with their knowledge of the individual child. The structure of Early Learner workshops allows for the adult caregiver to have many opportunities to support the child-driven play process. In order to create an environment that encourages children's learning and development, we recommend one adult for one child.

**Q: Can I bring my other child with me to the program?**

**A:** Workshops are designed for specific age groups and for adult and child pairings. This allows for an ideal learning experience. When adults set aside playtime such as these workshops, they take on roles such as initiators, directors, and partners in play. This serves to support young children's abilities because the play is structured, more sustained and sophisticated than the child would be able to achieve alone or with peers. For this reason, enrollment is limited and workshops are for registered participants only. Children under 18 are not allowed in the gallery without an adult.

**Q: Will there be more than one of each type of Early Learner program?**

**A:** Monthly themes provide the inspiration for learning activities which are designed for each specific age group. Workshops contain developmental explorations that meet and challenge your child. As your child grows, she or he will be able to move to the next age-specific group. Transitions can be smooth as there is a consistency of format that provides familiarity and structure.

**Q: Why is there a fee for this program?**

**A:** The minimal registration fee is for the adult and child pair. The program has supplies, equipment, and instructor time that goes above and beyond a regular family visit to the Amazeum. The registration fee allows us to provide quality programming for you and your family.



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**Q: Is there a discount for Amazeum members?**

**A:** Yes! Amazeum members enjoy a discount on Early Learner programs. For each program description, there is an Amazeum member fee and non-member fee provided.

**Q: How do I sign up for an Early Learner workshop?**

**A:** You can sign up for an Early Learner workshop online through the Amazeum website. Follow the registration link on the Early Learner page in order to complete your registration.

**Q: Will I receive a confirmation of my registration?**

**A:** Yes, an email will be sent from the Scott Family Amazeum confirming your online registration. Please check your spam folder and inbox for the email confirmation.

**Q: How do you recommend we dress for this type of workshop?**

**A:** Dress for fun and play! Expect to engage in play activities while sitting on floor mats or at play stations that could include hands-on explorations that can get a bit messy. Close toed shoes that are sturdy and comfortable are recommended.

**Q: Who is the educator of these programs?**

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

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

**A:** Workshop participants are welcome to stay and play after the workshop is over. Please check in at the admissions desk to show your membership card or to purchase admission into the exhibit galleries. Workshop registration fees do not include admission into the exhibit galleries.

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

**A:** Early Learner workshops will begin promptly at the start time listed in the program description. Please arrive on time but no earlier than 5 minutes prior to the listed start time.

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

**A:** At this time we are unable to offer refunds for cancelled registrations. Please plan your schedule accordingly so that you can attend your selected programs.

**Q: I'd like more information about Early Learner programs. Who should I contact?**

**A:** Please contact Mindy Porter, Director of Education, at [mporter@amazeum.org](mailto:mporter@amazeum.org) or 479-696-9280 x 206.