



Amazeum Summer Camps Frequently Asked Questions

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

A: The ages allowed for each camp are listed in the camp descriptions. Generally, camps are for ages 6-11. Camps are designed for 6 year olds who have completed their first year of school.

Q: What will campers do during a Summer Camp?

A: During Summer 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. We design our camps to include structured activities, and unstructured free-play, taking advantage of both indoor and outdoor spaces to accommodate different learning styles and energy levels. The lunch break will occur in the middle of every camp day and children will have daily exploration time in the exhibit hall that will connect back to daily activities.

Q. What should my child bring to camp?

A. Please label and send your child with the following items: morning and afternoon snack, sack lunch, water bottle, and extra change of clothes. Please bring **nut-free foods** due to potential allergies. If your child is enrolled in extended care, please bring an additional snack and a few non-tech items such as books, sketch pads or card games.

Q. What is your policy on electronics?

A. We ask that all electronics including video game consoles, tablets, eReaders, and cell phones be left at home. If you wish to send your child to camp with a cell phone, please contact the Youth Engagement Manager, kseals@amazeum.org to discuss options.

Q. What precautions are you taking this summer for COVID-19 safety?

A. Health and safety are a top priority for the Amazeum! All COVID protocols are subject to change based on CDC and health professionals' recommendations. We will update our summer camp page and email registered families should changes in policy occur. Our current protocols are...

- Campers will be visiting exhibits both indoors and outdoors throughout the week. Our educators will encourage campers to respect guests' space and maintain safe physical distancing.
- High traffic and shared areas in camp will be sanitized daily
- Masks will be worn by campers and educators indoors except when actively eating or drinking. Weather permitting, meals will be taken outside.
- In order to encourage physical distancing, the capacity is reduced in all camps.

Q: Will there be any health screenings i.e. temperature checks, pre-entrance questionnaires, etc.?

A: The Amazeum will not be checking the temperature of students and adults entering the museum. During check in for the camp, all guests will be asked to confirm that no one in their group is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms – fever, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat or loss of taste or smell or have knowingly been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days. Campers will be prompted again upon arrival to the Amazeum and anyone experiencing symptoms will be asked to not attend that camp day.

Q: Will face coverings be required for camps?

A: Yes! Due to the longer duration and camp setting, face coverings are required for all participants over the age of 2. Amazeum educators are also required to wear face coverings. Face coverings must be worn at all times and cover the nose and mouth.

Q: What if I don't have a face covering or mask?

A: Campers without face coverings will be provided a disposable face mask free of charge.

Q. Are you requiring campers who are eligible to be vaccinated?

A. We encourage all people who are eligible to be vaccinated to do so. This is the best way to protect yourself and the community from the most severe symptoms of COVID-19. At this time, campers are not required to show proof of vaccination to participate in camp.

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 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. If you are experiencing trouble with registration or do not have access to a computer, please call our Operations Assistant at 479-696-9280 opt. 5. or email reservations@amazeum.org.

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 camp 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 Educational Programs Manager, abailey@amazeum.org, 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 Summer Camp?

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

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

A: Yes! Camp participants are encouraged to bring, sack lunch, drink and/or water bottle, labeled with the child's name. Camp participants are also encouraged to bring a morning snack and afternoon snack. Snack breaks are important throughout the camp day! Please bring **nut-free foods** due to potential allergies. The Amazeum will not provide lunch or snacks. Microwave and vending machines are not available. A refrigerator is available as needed.

Q. Are you able to accommodate my child with medical allergies and/or special needs?

A.

ALLERGIES: Amazeum encourages all campers to provide their own snacks, food and drinks due to food allergies. While the Amazeum educators are unable to guarantee that a camper doesn't bring an allergen into the camp space, the educators closely monitors the materials we use during activities. In the case of severe food allergies, please contact the Youth Engagement Manager, kseals@amazeum.org, to discuss your child's allergy and options to create a safe environment for your child.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Amazeum is committed to full and equal opportunity for children to enjoy the camp experience, and reasonable modifications will be considered. Please contact the Youth Engagement Manager, kseals@amazeum.org, to discuss your child's individual needs and modification options.

Q: Who are the educators of the Summer Camp?

A: Our Summer Camp team come from a variety of backgrounds, but all are experienced in working with kids. All Programs Educators and Interns undergo training ahead of each summer camp season on topics including basic first aid, positive behavior management techniques, community building, and critical and scientific thinking. A Summer Camp team member will be actively present at all times during camp and extended care.

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. Do you offer extended care options?

A. Yes, extended care is offered before and after most Amazeum camps for families who need to drop off early or pick up late. Caregivers have the flexibility to drop off or pick up within the window of the times listed. Extended care is an opportunity for your child to have supervised but unstructured play time participating in activities of their choice. Your child can play outside (weather permitting), participate in games, stories and other indoor activity choices. Your child is also encouraged to bring their own non-tech items such as books, sketch pads or card games. Extended care in the afternoon will also include exploring Amazeum exhibits. An Amazeum summer camp team member will be actively present at all times during extended care.

Q. What is the cost of extended care?

A. Extended care prices are per week. Partial registration is not available and a discount is not offered for children that cannot attend each day of extended care.

Morning only (8:00-8:50am): \$25

Afternoon only (3:00-5:30pm): \$45

Morning and Afternoon Bundle: \$55

Q. Is extended care available for all camps?

A. Extended care options are not available in the Zing into Kindergarten camps or offsite camps.

Q: Can I attend Summer 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 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 Educational Programs Manager at abailey@amazeum.org or 479-696-9280 ext. 211. At this time we are unable to offer refunds for canceled 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 or each day of extended care.

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 Kristina Seals, Youth Engagement Manager at kseals@amazeum.org