



THE ACADEMY  
OF NATURAL SCIENCES  
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## Mark Your Calendars!

# Summer 2017 Academy Explorers Camp

*Join us this summer at the Academy,  
where real science is real fun for kids ages 5–12.*

**JULY 5–7**

Superhero Science

**JULY 10–14**

Digging Dinosaurs

**JULY 17–21**

Dinosaur Discovery

**JULY 24–28**

Animal Alive

**JULY 31–AUGUST 4**

Animal Antics

**AUGUST 7–11**

Dinosaur Detectives

**AUGUST 14–18**

Extraordinary Insects

**AUGUST 21–25**

Dino-rama

**AUGUST 28–SEPTEMBER 1**

Outdoor Adventures

Academy Explorers Summer Camp is an exciting day camp opportunity for kids ages 5 to 12. Each week, campers go behind the scenes of the Academy, meet live animals, explore the museum, perform experiments, and play games to delve into the weekly theme. Each week also includes a field trip that ties to the weekly theme.

Each week-long camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with optional before- and after-care.

For more information about this or any other Academy program, please visit [ansp.org](http://ansp.org) or call reservations at 215-299-1060.

**CAMPERS-ONLY EXCLUSIVES**

Come and explore the museum and special exhibits, meet some of our live animal ambassadors up close, go behind the scenes with scientists, play games, create crafts, and make new friends!



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## Welcome to Summer Camp!

Dear Families,  
Welcome to Academy Explorers Summer Camp! In this guide, you will find information to help prepare you for beautiful summer days filled with discovery, adventure, and, of course, fun!

If you have any questions, please let us know.  
See you soon!

Christine Danowsky  
Youth & Family Program Coordinator  
215-299-3798  
cad364@drexel.edu

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### Please return all forms to:

Academy Explorers Camp  
The Academy of Natural Sciences  
of Drexel University  
1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Fax: 215-405-1551

NO CHILD WILL BE PERMITTED AT  
CAMP WITHOUT A SIGNED MEDICAL  
FORM AND PERMISSION & RELEASE  
FORM.

### Contact Information:

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215-299-3798  
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Reservations Office  
215-299-1060  
reservations@ansp.org

General Information  
ansp.org

**In the event of an emergency during camp hours,  
please call 215-299-1019 and  
ask to contact Academy Explorers Camp.**



# General Information

## Drop-off and Pickup Procedures

### Drop-Off

(Before-Care drop-off information below.)

Campers must be dropped off each morning at the 19th Street Entrance.

Camp staff will be waiting for campers on the sidewalk at this entrance only. You must sign your child in and out at this location every day.

**Drop-off is from 9 to 9:30 every morning.**

Camp activities begin promptly at 9:30 every day, so it is important that campers arrive on time. If you know ahead of time a camper is going to be late, please call 215-299-3798 and leave a message with your child's name and the expected time of arrival. Late campers should be escorted into the Academy at the 19th Street Entrance. *If campers who are not scheduled for Before-Care are dropped off before 9 a.m., you will be charged a fee of \$15.*

You may not park and leave your car on 19th Street. From 9–9:30 each day, you will not need to leave your car unattended. However, if you need to park and leave your car, please find alternate parking.

The Academy is not responsible for any parking fees or penalties incurred and is not affiliated with any parking facility. Please contact them directly with questions or complaints. We cannot resolve disputes.

### Pickup

(After-Care drop-off procedures are below.)

**Campers must be picked up each afternoon at the 19th Street Entrance. Campers will be permitted to leave only with authorized adults who show proper photo ID.**

On the first day of camp, when you drop off your child, you will be asked to verify the authorized adults from your registration form. Please let the camp staff know at drop-off if someone other than the parent/guardian will be picking up your child. If you need to make any changes to the list of people that may pick up your child, please call 215-299-3798 or email [cad364@drexel.edu](mailto:cad364@drexel.edu). Campers will not be permitted to bike, walk, or take public transportation alone after camp unless you have indicated permission on the camper's permission and release form.

Pickup is at 4 every afternoon. Camp staff will meet you outside at the 19th Street Entrance and ask for proper photo identification. From 4 to 4:30 p.m. each day, you will not need to leave your car unattended, but if you need to park and leave your car, please find alternate parking. *Campers who are not scheduled for After-Care must be picked up before 4:30 p.m. or you will be charged a fee of \$15.*

## Before- and After-Care

### Before-Care

Campers registered for Before-Care can enter at the 19th Street Entrance between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Camp staff will meet you at this entrance. You must sign your child in every morning.

### After-Care

Parents with campers registered for After-Care can enter at the 19th Street Entrance between 4:30 and 5:30 every afternoon. **Campers will be permitted to leave only with authorized adults who show proper photo ID.**

Please enter the building at this entrance to sign out your child. If your child is not picked up by 5:30 p.m., you will be charged an additional fee of \$15. The Academy is not responsible for any parking fees or penalties incurred and is not affiliated with any parking facility.

## What to Bring to Camp

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#### Comfortable clothing and shoes

The Academy is air-conditioned and some parts of the building can be quite chilly.

#### Water bottle labeled with your child's name and "Academy Explorers Camp"

#### Camp T-shirt

(on field trip days, provided your child's first day of camp)

### What Not to Bring

Knives or weapons of any kind

Money

Gum

Valuables (i.e. iPods, electronic games)

The Academy is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

"Heelys"/wheeled shoes or flip-flops

## Lunch and Snack

### Lunch

Campers may bring their own lunches or may purchase box lunches from the Academy's food service provider, **12th Street Catering**. These pre-ordered lunches must be ordered and paid for at least two weeks before the beginning of the specified session. Campers may not purchase food from the Academy Café during camp hours. Please see the attached **Lunch Order Form** and Sample Menu for more information. We will not be able to heat or provide refrigeration for campers' lunches.

### Snacks

Campers will be provided one small snack during the course of a camp day. Snack is typically crackers, fruit, or pretzels. If your child has special dietary needs, please feel free to pack a special snack.

## Safety and Medical Information

Please complete and return the attached Medical Form as soon as possible. Please fill out a form for each camper attending summer camp. **No camper will be permitted to attend camp without a signed Medical Form.**

**If your camper needs to receive medication while at camp, please include any special instructions or necessary details on your Medical Form and discuss the medication with camp staff at drop-off.** Place medication in a clear plastic bag. Clearly label the medication with the child's name, include special instructions as to dosage and frequency, and give to camp staff at the beginning of each session.

Camp staff will not be permitted to give any medication to your child without a signed Medical Form. **Staff will also not have access to any medication (Tylenol, Benadryl, etc.) unless provided by you.**

## Field Trip Information

**Each session, campers will go on a field trip that corresponds to the theme.** At the start of each session, you will be made aware of the date, time, and location of any field trips. If there is any change in the details of a field trip, camp staff will inform you ahead of time.

On field trip mornings, we cannot hold buses for late campers. *If your child arrives after the buses have already left for the day, your child will not be permitted to stay unaccompanied at the Academy.*

Parents are not typically permitted to meet campers at field trip locations. You will be informed ahead of time if the trip allows for additional chaperones.



# Sample Schedule

8–9 a.m.	<b>Before-Care</b>	Campers can play board games, color, or do puzzles. <i>Campers must be pre-registered to attend before-care.</i>
9–9:30 a.m.	<b>Morning Meeting Get-to-Know-You Games</b>	Campers and staff meet to discuss the day. We talk about any questions or concerns, changes to the schedule, special events, and generally get excited about the day!
9:30–10 a.m.	<b>Morning Snack</b>	Campers enjoy a small, nutritious snack.
10–11:30 a.m.	<b>Small Group Activity</b>	Each age group builds and performs experiments, tours our scientists' labs, does a science craft, or plays games. Each group's activities correspond not only to the session topic, but also to the ages and interests of the campers.
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<b>Large Group Activity</b>	All campers get together to take part in an exciting presentation, experiment, or competition. We may listen to a guest speaker or take a city hike.
12:30–1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch and Free Play</b>	Campers may pre-order lunch or bring lunch from home. Campers also get a chance to play outside when the weather permits.
1:30–2 p.m.	<b>Exhibit Exploration</b>	Groups choose an exhibit to visit with their teachers. Campers can explore nature in <i>Outside In</i> , dig for fossils in <i>The Big Dig</i> , see free-flying insects in <i>Butterflies!</i> , or travel the world through our dioramas.
2–2:30 p.m.	<b>Live Animal/Fossil Show</b>	All campers attend a presentation by one of our expert Teacher Naturalists. One day they might meet a skunk, the next they might come face-to-face with an amazing fossil.
2:30–4 p.m.	<b>Small Group Activity</b>	Each age group builds and performs experiments, tours our scientists' labs, does a science craft, or plays games. Each group's activities correspond not only to the session topic, but also to the ages and interests of the campers.
4:15–5:30 p.m.	<b>After-Care</b>	Campers can play board games, color, or do puzzles. <i>Campers must be pre-registered to attend after-care.</i>



# Behavior Policy

## Academy Explorers Camp Behavior Expectation Policy

To keep camp a fun-filled experience for everyone, Academy Explorers Camp has basic rules of behavior, including respecting fellow campers, museum exhibits, camp materials, and staff. Our expectations are reviewed with our campers at the beginning of each camp day. Unsafe behavior, hurtful language, and violence will not be tolerated. **If Academy Explorers Camp deems it necessary to terminate the enrollment of any camper if it is in the best interest of the camp and its campers, we reserve the right to do so without refund.**

## Behavior Policy Guidelines

1. If a camper is unable to comply with the behavior expectations, a time-out will be given. The number of minutes of time-out will not exceed the camper's age in years. Time-outs are always supervised by camp staff.
2. If the behavior continues, a five-minute conference will be held by the Camp Coordinator (Miss Chris) with the camper. 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 Policies

## Forms

### Sign and return all forms:

- Registration Form
- Medical Form
- Permission and Release Form
- Lunch Order Form (if applicable)
- Academy Shop Grab Bag Form (optional)

### Return all forms no later than June 23, 2017 to:

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of Drexel University  
1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Or fax them to 215-405-1551

*Campers will not be permitted to attend summer camp if we have not received all signed forms.*

If you have any questions about registration, please call the Reservation Office at 215-299-1060 or email [reservations@ansp.org](mailto:reservations@ansp.org).

## Payment, Cancellation, and Refund Policies

**All balances are due June 16, 2017.** If you do not pay your balance in full by June 16, 2017 you may lose your reservation and your child's place at camp may be filled from our waiting list. If you register after June 16, 2017 you must pay all camp fees in full.

### Cancellations/Refunds:

Deposits are non-refundable. If cancellations are made before June 16, 2017, the tuition minus the \$100 deposit will be refunded. There will be no refunds given for cancellations occurring after June 16, 2017.

### Scheduling Changes

Summer Camp at the Academy will, to the best of our ability, try to accommodate schedule changes. However, some sessions may be full and therefore changes from one session to another may not always be possible. We can only switch entire week-long sessions. If a camper is unable for any reason to attend single day(s) of camp, we are unable to reschedule those days. Refunds will not be given for single days missed. Please let us know as soon as possible of any potential scheduling conflicts.

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