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THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES *of DREXEL UNIVERSITY*



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www.ansp.org

Dear Families,

Get ready to meet live animals, dig up some fun, perform wacky experiments, and much more this summer at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University! In this guide, you will find information to prepare you for summer days filled with discovery, adventure, and fun!

If you have any questions please contact me at barattolo@ansp.org or 215-405-5061.

See you soon!

Hollie Barattolo

Coordinator, Youth and Family Programs

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

Please return all forms to:

Academy Explorers Camp
The Academy of Natural Sciences
of Drexel University
1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Or fax them to 215-405-1551

**No child will be permitted at Academy Explorers Camp without a signed
Medical Form and Permission & Release Form.**

Drop-Off and Pick-Up 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 215-405-5061 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 that 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 a.m.-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. Please visit the Philadelphia Parking website at www.philapark.org for maps and directions.

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 can not resolve disputes.

Pick-Up (After Care drop off information 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 215-405-5061 or email barattolo@ansp.org.

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.

Pick up is at 4:00 every afternoon. Camp staff will meet you outside at the 19th Street Entrance and ask for proper photo identification. From 4 to 4:15 p.m. 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. Campers that are not scheduled for After Care must be picked up before 4:15 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. Please escort your child into the building. 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 4:15 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. Please contact them directly with questions or complaints. We can not resolve disputes.

What to Bring to Camp

- 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)

What Not to Bring

- Knives or weapons of any kind
- Money
You will be informed by camp staff ahead of time when campers will be permitted to bring money.
- Valuables (i.e. iPods, electronic games)
The Academy is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.
- Gum
- "Heelys" or wheeled shoes

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's Ecology 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.

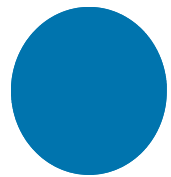
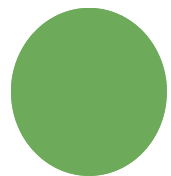
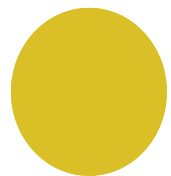
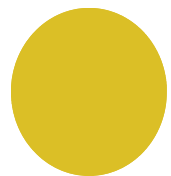
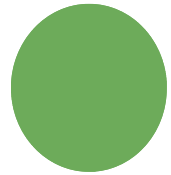
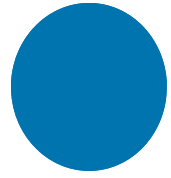
Camp staff will not be permitted to give any medication to your child without a signed Medical Form. **Staff will also not have access to any medication (Tylenol, Benadryl, etc.) unless provided by you.**

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 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.	Before Care	Campers can play board games, color, or do puzzles. <u>Campers must be pre-registered to attend Before Care.</u>
9 -9:30 a.m.	Morning Meeting	Campers and staff meet to discuss the day. We talk about any questions or concerns, changes to schedule, special events, and generally get excited about the day!
9:30-10 a.m.	Morning Snack	Campers enjoy a small, nutritious snack.
10 -11:30 a.m.	Small Group Activity	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.	Large Group Activity	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.	Lunch and Free Play	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.	Exhibit Exploration	Groups choose an exhibit to visit with their teachers. Campers can explore nature in Outside In, dig for fossils in The Big Dig, see free-flying insects in Butterflies!, or travel the world through our dioramas.
2-2:30 p.m.	Live Animal/ Fossil Show	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.	Small Group Activity	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.	After Care	Campers can play board games, color, or do puzzles. <u>Campers must be pre-registered to attend After Care.</u>

“Campers only” Safari Overnight - Saturday, August 25, 2012

All camper families are invited to a special Safari Overnight at the Academy on Saturday, August 25. The campers-and their families- take over the museum for a whole night. Explore the museum after hours, play games, meet some of the residents of the Live Animal Center, and sleep next to lions, bears, or even *Tyrannosaurus rex*! Campers will get the opportunity to share with their families the discoveries they made each day during their time at camp.

The Campers-only Overnight will begin at 7:00 pm. We will provide a light snack, and there will have activities for our campers and their families until 11:00pm. You are then invited to spend the night at the museum. Breakfast is provided the following morning.

Please RSVP for this very special night by returning the attached form. Each family can have up to four guests (including the camper) attend the overnight, and we require that each family group have at least one adult over 18. Upon receiving your signed form, you will receive a packet of information about the night.

If you have any questions please contact Hollie Barattolo at barattolo@ansp.org or 215-405-5061.

Please RSVP for the Safari Overnight by August 10, 2010.

Registration Policies

Forms

Sign and return all forms:

- Medical Form
- Permission and Release Form
- Lunch Order Form (if applicable)
- Safari Overnight Form

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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.

Payment, Cancellation, and Refund Policies

All balances are due June 22, 2012. If you do not pay your balance in full by June 22, 2012, you may lose your reservation and your child's place at camp may be filled from our waiting list. If you register after June 22, you must pay all camp fees in full.

Cancellations/Refunds:

Deposits are non-refundable. If cancellations are made before June 22, 2012, the tuition minus the \$100 deposit will be refunded. There will be no refunds given for cancellations occurring after June 22, 2012.

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.

If Academy Explorers Camp deems it necessary to terminate the enrollment of any camper if it is in the best interest of Academy Explorers Camp and its campers, we reserve the right to do so without refund.

Directions to the Academy

FROM I-95 SOUTH:

Take the Central Philadelphia/Callowhill exit. Stay to the left side of the ramp to take the Central Philadelphia exit which becomes I-676 West.

FROM I-95 NORTH (NORTH OF THE AIRPORT):

Take the I-676 West exit (exit is on left).

FROM THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE:

Take exit 4 (Philadelphia/Camden, Route 73 North/West). Continue about one mile and exit onto Route 38 West (follow signs to Camden/Ben Franklin Bridge). Route 38 merges into Route 30 West (follow signs for Philadelphia/Ben Franklin Bridge).

FROM THE BEN FRANKLIN BRIDGE:

Upon crossing the bridge stay in the middle lane to exit onto I-676 West.

FROM I-676 WEST:

Take the second exit on the right 22nd St/Benjamin Franklin Parkway/Museum Area. Turn right off the exit onto 22nd Street. Make a right at the first light onto Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Continue down the Parkway and ¼ of the way around Logan Circle. The Academy is the red brick building (dinosaur statue in front and to the right of the main doors) on the corner of Logan Circle and 19th Street.

FROM I-76 EAST:

Take the exit for I-676 E/Central Philadelphia (exit on left).

FROM I-95 NORTH (SOUTH OF THE AIRPORT) OR FROM NEW JERSEY VIA THE WALT WHITMAN BRIDGE):

Follow signs to I-76 West (Schuylkill Expressway).

FROM I-76 WEST:

On I-76 West, take the Central Philadelphia exit for I-676 E/30 (exit is on right).

FROM 676 EAST:

Stay to the right to exit onto the first exit (Ben Franklin Parkway and 23rd Street). At the bottom of the ramp continue straight on Ben Franklin Parkway and around ¼ of Logan Circle. The Academy is the red brick building (dinosaur statue in front and to the right of the main doors) on the corner of Logan Circle and 19th Street.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:

SEPTA 215-580-7800 The Academy is conveniently located near Suburban station, 15th Street subway stop, and the 19th Street trolley stop. It can also be reached by the Route 32 and 33 buses.
www.septa.org

NJ TRANSIT 215-569-3752 **PATCO** in PA 215-922-4600, in NJ 609-772-6900, or 1-800-582-5946