

Summer Camp Procedures & Information

Q. Who can I contact with questions?

A. Office 956.548.9300

We are available from 9 am – 5 pm Tuesday –Saturday, Monday from 1 pm -5 pm and Sunday 12 pm-4 pm to answer your questions!

Q. Who are the camp instructors?

A. Our camp instructors are museum employees with experience in hosting and teaching children educational curriculum. All of the camp instructors have been a museum employee for more than a year and up to five years. All have completed training in our curriculum and our philosophy of education.

In the majority of the summer camps, there will be a guest instructor visit for a day or more to discuss or demonstrate in detail about the theme related to the camp. Many of the instructors are professionals with years of experience in their field of work.

When choosing the guest instructor to take part in a camp experience for children, we look for people who have a deep respect and love of children, experience in the camp theme, and a deep knowledge of the topic and a passion to pass on their wonder and enthusiasm to others.

Q. Is Breakfast and Lunch Provided?

A. Yes, breakfast and lunch are provided. The meals we offer are provided by the Brownsville Independent School District, which follow strict nutrition guidelines to make sure that all meals are healthy, nutritious, and delicious. We will have breakfast served at 9 am – 9:30 am for the summer campers. Lunch will be provided from 12 pm – 12:30 pm.

If you wish to send your child with a lunch, please make sure that the lunch is a non-refrigerated lunch.

In addition, please notify museum staff if there is a specific food item that your child can not eat during their summer camp stay.

On the Summer Camp Registration form there is available space for you to place the specific food items that your child can not eat.

Q. How do I check-in my child?

A. Each day there will be a lead camp instructor in the museum lobby ready to check-in your child. Please note that there will be a parent signature required each morning and each afternoon.

Q. How do I pick my child up at the Museum?

A. Children will be dismissed from camp each day in the lobby at 1 pm (2:30 pm -Circus Camp on June 30) from the lead camp instructor.

If a person other than the parent of the child is picking up, please make sure that the person is listed on the registration form for verification purposes.

Q. Will my child have playtime in the museum?

A. Yes, your child may have one or two opportunities a day to have supervised museum playtime breaks within their summer camp stay.

Q. What does a typical day at Brite Summer Camp look like?

A. At 9 am, as everyone is arriving, check-in will be conducted by the lead camp instructor in the museum lobby. Shortly after 9 am, a healthy breakfast will begin for all campers. Between 9:25-9:30, clean up begins for campers to clear breakfast.

At 9:30 am, an ice breaker and an active group game will begin for the entire group to participate.

By 10 am campers will begin reviewing their lesson on the theme of the camp (i.e., science, wilderness, health, cooking, etc.). For the *1-2-3 Play with Me Camp*, the camp instructors will review basic content that the child can recognize. The focus for the 3-4 years old is cognitive and fine motor skill development during their camp stay.

By 10:30 am campers will be given a supervised museum playtime break.

By 11 am campers will return back into the classroom to conduct an early afternoon outdoor adventure, an experiment, engaging topic discussion or arts and craft with their group.

Campers will begin lunch around noon. Clean-up begins at 12:30 pm.

By 12:30 pm, campers will review all materials taught by camp instructor and have an opportunity to tell their favorite stories of the day, maybe get in a final game, and are ready to leave by 1 pm.

(Above schedule is subject to change due to special guest instructors conducting a workshop with different times as illustrated above.)

From 8:30 a.m. until campers arrive, our lead and volunteer staff are fine-tuning their plans for the day, and for their groups and individual campers. From 1-3 p.m. each day, the staff and director debrief their day and share ideas to create an even stronger and more nurturing experience for everyone involved.