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# THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES



## Welcome!

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Academy's exciting, new spring camp. In this guide, you will find information to help prepare you for beautiful spring days filled with discovery, adventure, and of course, fun!

If you have any questions please email or call me at [barattolo@ansp.org](mailto:barattolo@ansp.org) or 215-405-5061.

See you soon!

Hollie Barattolo

Coordinator, Youth and Family Programs

### Contact Information:

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**General**  
**Information**

[www.ansp.org](http://www.ansp.org)

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

**Please return all forms to:**

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

Or fax them to 215-299-1165

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

## Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

### Drop Off

**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 9:00 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 9:00, you will be charged a fee of \$10.

**You may not park for an extended period of time on 19th Street.** If you need to park for longer than a typical drop off or pick up, please find alternate parking. There are several parking options around the Academy. Please visit the Philadelphia Parking website at [www.philapark.org](http://www.philapark.org) for maps and directions.

### Pick Up

**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.** The first day of camp, when you drop your child off, 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](mailto:barattolo@ansp.org). Campers will not be permitted to bike, walk, or take public transportation before/after camp unless you have indicated permission on your registration form.

**Pick up is at 4:00 every afternoon.** Camp Staff will meet you at the 19th Street entrance and ask for proper photo identification. Campers that are not scheduled for After Care must be picked up before 4:15 or you will be charged a fee of \$10.

**Each day, we will do our best to make sure drop off and pick go as smoothly as possible. Your children are our top priority, so we ask for your cooperation and patience.**

## Before and After Care

### Before Care

**Campers registered for Before Care can be dropped off at the 19th Street Entrance between 8:00 and 9:00 every morning. Please escort your child into the building.** You must sign your child in every morning.

### After Care

**Campers registered for After Care can be picked up at the 19th Street Entrance between 4:45 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 your child out.**

If your child is not picked up by 5:30, you will be charged an additional fee of \$10.

## 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 with your child's name and "Academy Explorers Camp" clearly written on it

### 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" or wheeled shoes

## Lunch and Snack

### Lunch

**Campers must bring their own lunches** We ask that you not send money with your child for lunch or snacks.

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 Academy Explorers 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, Benedryl, etc.) unless provided by you.**

## Registration Policies

### Forms

Sign and return all forms:

- Registration Form
- Medical Form
- Permission and Release Form

Return all forms as soon as possible to:

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

**Or fax them to 215-299-1165**

Campers will not be permitted to attend Academy Explorers 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).

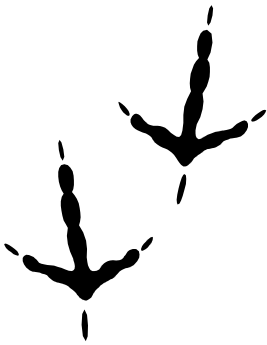
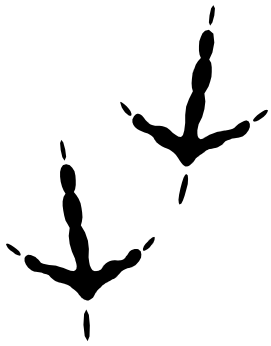
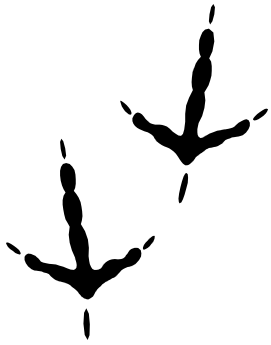
### Payment, Cancellation, and Refund Policies

All fees are due in full at time of reservation. Cancellations requested before March 8 will be refunded in their entirety. Cancellations made between March 8 and March 19 will be charged a \$15 fee per reservation. No refund will be given to cancellations occurring after March 19.

**Sessions with less than 7 campers registered may be cancelled. You will be notified two weeks before the session date and issued a full refund if your session is cancelled.**

**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.**

## Sample Schedule



8:00-9:00 am	<b>Before Care</b>	Campers can play board games, color, or do puzzles. <u>Campers must be pre-registered to attend Before Care.</u>
9:00 – 9:30 am	<b>Morning Meeting</b>	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!
9:30-10:00 am	<b>Morning Snack</b>	Campers enjoy a small, nutritious snack.
10:00 am - 11:30 pm	<b>Small Group Activity</b>	Each age group builds and performs experiments, goes on a city hike, 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 am -12:30 am	<b>Exhibit Exploration</b>	Groups choose an exhibit to visit with their counselors. 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.
12:30 -1:30 pm.	<b>Lunch and Free Play</b>	Campers bring lunch from home.
1:30- 2:00 pm	<b>Exhibit Exploration</b>	Groups choose an exhibit to visit with their counselors. 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.
2:00 - 2:30 pm	<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 – 4:00 pm	<b>Small Group Activity</b>	Each age group builds and performs experiments, goes on a city hike, 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.
4:00-5:30 pm	<b>After Care</b>	Campers can play board games, color, or do puzzles. <u>Campers must be pre-registered to attend After Care.</u>

## 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 “22<sup>nd</sup> St/Benjamin Franklin Parkway/Museum Area”. Turn right off the exit onto 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 & to the right of the main doors) on the corner of Logan Circle & 19<sup>th</sup> Street. You may unload passengers on 19<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 & to the right of the main doors) on the corner of Logan Circle & 19<sup>th</sup> Street. You may unload on 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

### ***PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:***

**SEPTA** (215) 580-7800 The Academy is conveniently located near Suburban station, 15<sup>th</sup> Street Subway Stop, and the 19<sup>th</sup> Street Trolley Stop. It can also be reached by the Route 32 & 33 buses.  
[www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org)

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

# Mark Your Calendars!

2010 Family Programming at the Academy of Natural Sciences

## Summer Camp 2010

Join us this summer where Real Science is Real Fun for kids ages 5-12.

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, and perform experiments and play games to explore the weekly theme. Each week also includes a field trip that ties to the weekly theme.

All Academy Explorers Summer Camp families are also invited to a "campers-only" Safari Overnight on August 28 where their families take over the museum for a whole night! Explore the museum after hours 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 and every day during their time at camp.

Each week-long camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with optional Before and After Care

**July 12-16**

**Airborne Animals**

**July 19-23**

**Prehistoric Beasts**

**July 26-30**

**Creatures of the Deep**

**August 2-6**

**Going Green**



**August 9-13**

**Fossils Rock**

**August 16-20**

**Natural Wonders**

**August 23-27**

**All About Animals**

### Family Workshops:

**January 30: Natural Dyes**

George Washington Carver was not only a great scientist and scholar, but also an accomplished sketch artist and painter whose unique works of art were created using simple things found in nature. He fashioned brushes from bunched up twigs, and mixed boiled bark and berries to design amazing colors. The entire family can work together to design and dye their own bandana using tools found in nature.

**May 22: Fun in the Sun**

The sun is essential for all living things, but too much sun can be harmful. In this hands-on workshop, meet live animals that gather energy from the sun in unique ways. Test the sun-blocking power of sunscreen, investigate UV light, and use the sun to create a unique work of art. Each family can admire professional sun prints- called cyanotypes- and take home their own masterpiece.

**June 13: Shells: Creatures and Collecting**

Dig out that box of old seashells and get ready for summer! Start your journey in the deep oceans with a visit to the Academy's exhibit, "Creatures of the Abyss," and then find out more about the animals that leave shells behind. Learn how to locate, identify and store shells so that you can create a family shell collection at home. Participants are encouraged to bring their personal shell collections to this workshop to receive expert help from Academy staff on how to organize their own treasures from the shore.

**September 11: Fossil Casting**

From the field to the museum, extreme care is always taken to make sure fossils arrive from their journeys safely. See how the paleontologists excavate, jacket, prepare and cast fossils, and then try your hands at the process of casting. Each family will experiment with the tools of paleontology and take home their own plaster cast of a natural specimen.

**November 14: Animal Detectives**

Animals are all around us- you just need to know where to look! Uncover the identities of animals as you act as detectives and examine each clue left behind. Discover more about some of the live animals you could encounter in your own backyard. Each family will take home a guide book to help them better track and identify local animals.

#### PRICE:

\$15/ member adult-child pair

\$25/ non-members adult child pair

Each additional adult or child is \$5

Admission to the Academy is included!

**The Academy of Natural Sciences**

**2010 Family Workshops**

**"Where Families Connect with Nature...and Each Other!"**

For more information about any of these programs, please see our website at [www.ansp.org](http://www.ansp.org)

or call Reservations at 215-299-1060.