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THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES of DREXEL UNIVERSITY



Welcome!

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Academy Explorers 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 let us know!

See you soon!

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**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
of Drexel University
1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Or fax them to 215-405-1551

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

Drop-Off and Pickup Procedures

Drop-Off (Before-care drop-off procedures are 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 that 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 9–9:30 a.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. 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 cannot resolve disputes.

Before- and After-Care

Before-Care

Campers registered for Before-Care can enter at the 19th Street Entrance between 8 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 cannot resolve disputes.

Pick-Up (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 215-405-5061 or email 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.

Pick up 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 4:15 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.

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 do 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 all forms:

- ☐ Registration Form
- ☐ Medical Form
- ☐ Permission and Release Form

Return all forms as soon as possible to:

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of Drexel University
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Philadelphia, PA 19103**

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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.

Payment, Cancellation, and Refund Policies

All fees are due in full at time of reservation.

Cancellations requested before March 2 will be refunded in their entirety.

Cancellations made between March 2 and March 14 will be charged a \$15 fee per reservation.

No refund will be given to cancellations occurring after March 14.

Sessions with fewer 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



8–9 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 the 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 <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.	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>

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 to 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ 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

Mark Your Calendars!

Summer 2015 Academy Explorers Camp

Academy Explorers Summer Camp 2015

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, perform experiments, and play games to explore 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.

July 6–10
Animal Inventions

July 13–17
Inside-Out Week

July 20–24
The World of *T. rex*

July 27– July 31
Slimy Science Week



August 3–7
Dino-lympics

August 10–14
Bugstravaganza

August 17–21
Behind-the-Scenes
Week

August 24–28
Animal Grossology
Week

For more information about this or any other Academy program, please see our website at www.ansp.org
or call Reservations at 215-299-1060.