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215-299-1060 reservations@ansp.org

General Information

www.ansp.org

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 email or call me at <u>barattolo@ansp.org</u> 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 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 Pick Up 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 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.

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.

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 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.

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 <u>not</u> 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 <u>not</u> 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:

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1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Or fax them to 215-405-1551

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

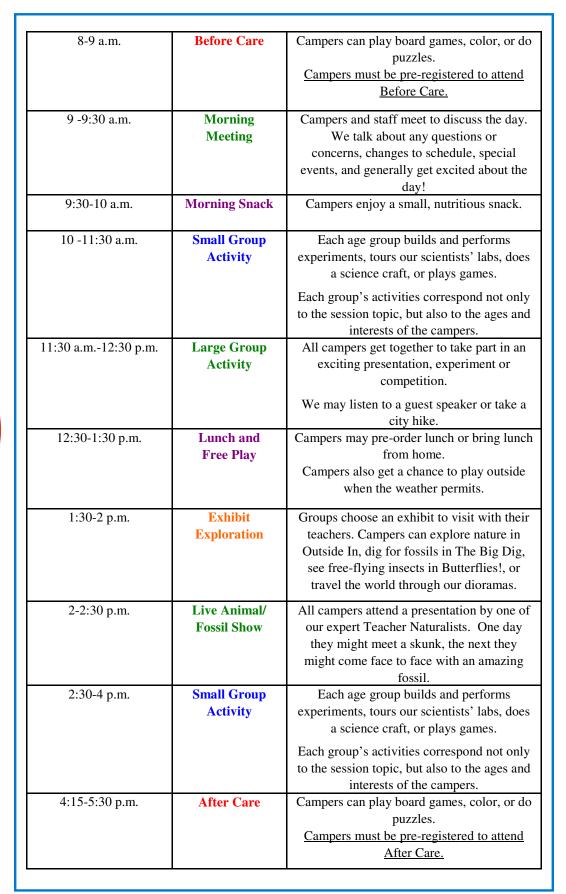
All fees are due in full at time of reservation. Cancellations requested before March 1 will be refunded in their entirety.

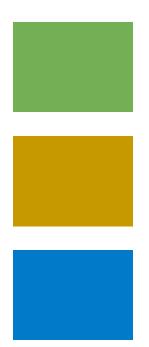
Cancellations made between March 1 and March 14 will be charged a \$15 fee per reservation. No refund will be given to cancellations occurring after March 14.

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.

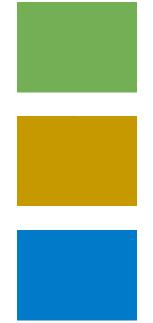
If Academy Explorers Camp deems it necessary to terminate the enrollment of any camper if it is in the best interest of the camp and its campers, we reserve the right to do so without refund.

Sample Schedule









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

Mark Your Calendars!

Summer 2012 Academy Explorers Camp

Summer Camp 2012

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.

All Academy Explorers Summer Camp families are also invited to a "campers-only" Safari Overnight on August 25 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 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 9-13 Pet Project

July 16-20 Dinosaur Detectives

> July 23-27 Diggin' Dirt

July 30-August 3 Animal Athletes



August 6-10 Fossil Frenzy

August 13-17 Bug Bonanza

August 20-24 Kitchen Creations

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.