



STEM Camps ages 7–12

Discovery Center Summer camps are designed for ages 7–12 (students entering grades 2–6) and include science investigations, art activities, outdoor time, and active play.

June 21–25

AM Plant Powered Production

Investigate the power of plants! Explore where our food and clothing comes from, churn your own butter, and explore some of the smallest helpers in this "growing" job.

PM Farming of the Future

Have you ever imagined a farm... in space?! Learn about new and inventive ways people are trying to farm their crops! Farms in the sky, farms underground, farms using fish! Build some new farming inventions of your own and explore the future of farming.



June 28–July 2

AM Exploring Electricity

Create an electromagnet, light up a bulb and design your own circuitry picture as we explore the charged-up world of electricity and electrical engineering.

PM Energy Camp

Energy is everywhere! Come explore the many different types of energy by constructing an engineering marvel, cooking up some fun, and making some illuminating discoveries.

Registration:

Advance registration required. Registration closes on Mondays, the week prior to class.

Online: discoverycentermuseum.org

Call: 815-963-6769

Cancellation Policy: refunds (less 10%) are available for camps when cancelled at least 10 days in advance.

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Fees:

½-Day Morning or Afternoon:
\$105 Members, \$115 General Public

All-Day: \$210 Members, \$230 General Public
No discounts for partial attendance

Before Care: \$5/day 7:45–8:45 a.m.

Aftercare: \$5/day, 4:15–5:15 p.m.

July 12–16

AM Creepy Crawlies

Calling all Young Scientists who enjoy things that wiggle, crawl and fly. Discover the Jaw-dropping weirdness of nature! From insects and spiders to worms and crabs, we'll take a live look at some of these cool creatures! Discover how these creatures are different from us and what makes us similar! Learn how these little critters make a huge impact on our ecosystem!

PM Aquatic Animals

Let's take a deep dive under the sea and learn about some awesome aquatic animals. Explore swamps, rivers, coral reefs and the deep ocean and learn about the animals who live there! Dissect a real squid, touch coral, and learn all about aquatic life.



July 19–23

AM Mythbusters: Feats of Flight

What does it take to defy gravity? Use curiosity, ingenuity, science and math to test flight-related myths and determine if they are confirmed or busted in this wild and wacky week of camp. You'll get hands-on as you build flying contraptions and measure how far they'll fly before crash landing in the drop zone!



PM CSI: Forensics and Fun

Solve a mystery by studying footprints, fingerprints, decoding messages and using real forensic science! Study some strange science, polish your observation skills, and use the scientific method to prove what's true. Learn hands-on about Crime Scene Investigation and what it takes to catch a criminal!

August 2–6

AM Movie Magic Science

Boldly go to a galaxy far, far away in this exciting camp full of animating adventures. Explore how movie makers trick your eyes, fool your ears, and play with your sense of scale. Then try to fool your own senses with fun, hands-on activities.

PM Fantastic Beasts

Want to explore a world of fantastic beasts? Luckily we know right where to find them! Check out amazing creatures who live in the most dangerous places on the planet! Learn about the remarkably cool ways these animals hunt and defend themselves! From shapeshifting to freezing to flying at super-fast speeds, we can take a look at some of the most unusual creature adaptations, and then try them out through hands-on activities.

August 9–13

AM Star Voyagers

Let your imagination take you to the stars! Explore the planets and constellations in our solar system, take a close up look at our moon! Train like an astronaut, design a habitat with all that's needed for living on Mars, and work with teammates to complete a mission.



PM Space Explorers

Explore the solar system and beyond! Use UV light to examine ice worlds, Peak inside a star and hop across the galaxy in the planetarium as we imagine traveling to the Moon and Mars. Delve into interplanetary travel, learn how robots are helping us get to outer space! We'll also practice rocketry and navigation skills as we learn about NASA's Artemis Program.

Minimum: 6 Participants/Session

Maximum: 10 Participants/Session (may increase as mitigations change)

Each session is held Monday through Friday.

All-Day session times: 9:00 am–4:00 pm (includes supervised lunch and playtime)

½-Day Morning session times: 9:00 am–Noon (12:00 pm)

½-Day Afternoon session times: 1:00 pm–4:00 pm

½ Day Campers bring their own snack and water bottle

All-Day Campers bring their own snacks, lunch, and water bottle

COVID-19 Protocols: In accordance with state and local health guidelines, all students and staff will be required to wear face coverings (over nose and mouth). Temperatures of all participants will be checked prior to entry into classroom.





Summer Tot Spot Mini Camps ages 3–6

Tot Spot mini camps offer learning-based play and facilitate group interaction. So let's play, learn, and have fun!



Slither, Jump & Swim

Snakes, frogs and turtles – are they reptiles or amphibians? We will learn all about them...how they move, what they eat, and how they keep warm. We will have fun moving like these animals and enjoy lots of music, art and stories during this mini-camp.

Session 1: Tuesday–Thursday June 22, 23, 24; 10:00–11:30 am

Session 2: Tuesday–Thursday June 22, 23, 24; 1:00–2:30 pm

Saturday Mini Camp (2 hour session):

Session 3: Saturday June 26; 9:30–11:30 am

Sand Between Your Toes

Get some sand between your toes as you use different tools to dig in our classroom and outdoor park. We will look at different kinds of sand, think about uses for sand, hunt for buried treasure and even go on a dinosaur dig! Don't forget your sunscreen.

Session 1: Tuesday–Thursday June 29, 30, July 1; 10:00–11:30 am

Session 2: Tuesday–Thursday June 29, 30, July 1; 1:00–2:30 pm

Saturday Mini Camp (2 hour session):

Session 3: Saturday July 3; 9:30–11:30 am

Incredible Super Heroes

Whether you are Spider Man or Wonder Woman, you will have a blast at this camp! Create your cape or disguise and discover your own super powers!

Session 1: Tuesday–Thursday July 13, 14, 15; 10:00–11:30 am

Session 2: Tuesday–Thursday July 13, 14, 15; 1:00–2:30 pm

Saturday Mini Camp (2 hour session):

Session 3: Saturday July 17; 9:30–11:30 am



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How Does Your Garden Grow?

Calling all gardeners! Discover how to care for your own little garden. We will plant a small garden to take home as well as learning where and how our food is grown. While you are here, learn about the world of nature's engineers – worms – and their role in making the soil for our gardens even better.

Session 1: Tuesday–Thursday July 20, 21, 22; 10:00–11:30 am

Session 2: Tuesday–Thursday July 20, 21, 22; 1:00–2:30 pm

Saturday Mini Camp (2 hour session):

Session 3: Saturday July 24; 9:30–11:30 am

Under the Sea

Dive in and have a whale of a time as you explore sea shells, hermit crabs, sea turtles, dolphins and many more in this special summer mini-camp. There will be plenty of music, movement, art and fun as we learn about the wonderful and mysterious creatures under the sea.

Session 1: Tuesday–Thursday, August 3, 4, 5; 10:00–11:30 am

Session 2: Tuesday–Thursday August 3, 4, 5; 1:00–2:30 pm

Saturday Mini Camp (2 hour session):

Session 3: Saturday August 7; 9:30–11:30 am

Eager Engineers

Discover the world of engineering and how many kinds of engineers we need in our world. We will be building bridges, coding, and creating structures with recycled materials. Be a junior engineer as you create and build with many kinds of materials during this mini-camp.

Session 1: Tuesday–Thursday August 10, 11, 12; 10:00–11:30 am

Session 2: Tuesday–Thursday August 10, 11, 12; 1:00–2:30 pm

Saturday Mini Camp (2 hour session):

Session 3: Saturday August 14; 9:30–11:30 am



3-day camps run Tuesday–Thursday either from 10–11:30 a.m. OR 1–2:30 p.m.

All Saturday camps are 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Price for 3-day camp: \$42 members / \$48 General Public

Price for Saturday Camp: \$20 members / \$25 General Public

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