

Champions Science Adventures Science Summer Day Camp 2010

Welcome to Champions Science Adventures Summer Camp 2010! We are glad that you chose us and look forward to your participation this summer.

Champions Science Adventures is the nation's leading provider of fun and engaging science summer day camps, after school science clubs and classroom programs for school aged children. With over 30 years experience and over 1 million young scientists inspired, Champions Science Adventures' safe and innovative programs continue to amaze children across the country.

Programs are led by highly trained and screened educators that guide children on a journey of scientific discovery. All activities are hands-on, which means your child will conduct experiments and build science inventions while being introduced to scientific concepts.

Please review the following information to ensure an enjoyable camp experience.

Camp Overview

Arrival at Camp

Arrive between 8:50-9:00 a.m. Supervision is not provided prior to 8:50 a.m. Meet your child's instructor and sign them in each day. If you have not already requested your child to be in the same group as a friend or sibling call 1-888-458-1812 at least three weeks prior to camp start date. This request for group change cannot easily be accommodated at the camp site.

Picking Up Your Children

Arrive shortly before noon for half-day campers or 3:30 p.m. for full day campers. Meet the instructor and sign your children out each day. Please be on time.

Student Information Release Form

The safety of your child is our #1 concern. Please print and complete the Student Information Release Form and give it to the instructor upon arrival at the first day of camp. **DO NOT MAIL TO CHAMPIONS SCIENCE ADVENTURES.**

What to Bring to Camp

- Bring a printed copy of your confirmation email on the first day of camp.
- Please dress appropriately, wear sneakers or comfortable footwear and bring a light jacket.
- At outdoor sites, most of our time will be spent outdoors - **REMEMBER TO APPLY & BRING EXTRA SUNSCREEN!** Also bring a light jacket for cool mornings.
- Bring a morning snack and drink for half day campers.
- Bring a packed morning snack, lunch and drinks for full day campers.
- We recommend using insulated lunch boxes.
- We recommend that all lunches and personal belongings are labeled with your child's name & phone number. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Canteens/ water bottles and backpacks are optional.
- **NO CELL PHONE USE OR ELECTRONIC GAMES PLEASE!**



Sample Camp Schedule

8:50 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Camper Check-in
9:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.	Featured Project
10:10 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	Snack Time
10:20 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.	Science Games
10:40 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Morning Projects
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Check-out for Half Day Campers
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Afternoon Project
2:00 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.	Snack Time
2:20 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.	Science Challenges
3:20 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Check-out for Full Day Camper



Frequently Asked Questions

What are the camp days and times?

Camps last for one week and run Monday - Friday. The full-day schedule is 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The half-day schedule is 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

What is the difference between full-day and half-day camps?

Our curriculum has been developed for a full-day camp experience; however, we do offer half-day programs to accommodate parents and campers.

A full-day of camp runs from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm and a half-day camp runs from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. The full-day camper will participate in 20 plus hands-on activities. The half-day camper participates in 10+ hands-on activities. All campers who attend space & rocketry camp participate in the rocket launch and may stay full day.

What happens if I'm late to camp?

In most cases being late to camp isn't a problem if you are already registered. When you arrive at camp, seek out the Site Director.

What happens if I miss a day of camp?

In general, missing a day of camp is not a problem as most of the lessons are stand-alone, one-hour activities. Some lessons may require some catch up with our science instructor.

What do I do if I need to reschedule my child's camp week?

If you need to reschedule your child's camp week, please contact our call center at (888) 458-1812 for options.

What if I need to cancel my child's camp week?

Please be aware that Champions Science Adventures has a no refund policy for cancellations made within 30 days of the start of camp. Please contact our call center at (888) 458-1812 for details.

How are the campers grouped together?

Champions Science Adventures Camps are led in a group environment incorporating all campers. Within each camp, children are grouped by age allowing instructors to cover projects and experiments at an age appropriate level. Campers will be challenged by Champions Science Adventures' exciting programs regardless of their grade level or age.

What is the student teacher ratio?

There are usually 12 – 15 campers per group.

Can I request children to be grouped together?

Yes. We find that children enjoy camp even more when they are sharing the learning experiences with a friend. Simply contact our call center at least three weeks prior to the start of camp to make your request.

How do I decide what camp is appropriate for my child?

Our best advice is to consider your child's interests when choosing a camp. All Champions Science Adventures camps are designed to be equally appropriate for boys and girls.

Are any of your camps geared more specifically to older or younger children?

Our camps are exciting and filled with fun hands-on activities that are appropriate for all grade levels. Because we group children by grade level, our instructors present the material at an age appropriate level.

Do you provide transportation?

We do not provide transportation to and from camp.

Are snacks or meals provided?

We request that each child bring a snack or two along with their lunch, a beverage and plenty of water.

Who teaches the camps?

Over 60% of our instructors are credentialed teachers. Others are graduate or college students in the education field. All instructors have experience in working with groups of kids and an enthusiasm for hands-on learning.

How is the camp staff selected?

First, we place employment packets with schools in the community. We include public and private elementary schools, colleges and universities. Then, we put our potential instructors through a two-step screening process. Some of our requirements are: experience with k-6th grade children, a love of teaching, leadership skills and enthusiasm for hands on learning. In addition, once individuals are background and reference checked, Champions Science Adventures instructors are required to attend 30 – 40 hours of training that covers the curriculum, classroom management skills, group leadership and teaching methods.

Is the camp staff trained in first aid?

All of our Site Directors are first aid and CPR certified. We also encourage all of our instructors to become certified in basic first aid.

Do the children ever leave the campsite?

Safety is our number one concern. For this reason, children do not leave the campsite.

Who designs the science curriculum?

Our curriculum is developed by our program development department who specializes in a variety of science disciplines.

Do you offer other programs?

Currently Champions Science Adventures offers after school clubs, classroom visits, science classroom kits, as well as our camp programs.

What does my child need to bring to camp?

We suggest a hat, plenty of sunscreen and a lot of water since at some locations the majority of time is spent outdoors. Also bring a lightweight jacket to camp sites primarily held outdoors. Half-day campers should at least bring a morning snack and drink. Full-day campers should bring a morning snack and drink and a packed lunch with a drink.

Do I need to bring anything special on the first day of camp?

Yes. Please bring the completed medical release form. If your child is taking medication, fill out a medication form, and bring the medication in the original container. Bring the confirmation e-mail especially if you registered on the weekend prior to the first day of camp.

May I stay with my child?

Parents are always welcome. However, we have found that giving your child enough space to allow them to interact with other kids will make for a better camp experience.

Do I need to report my child's absence?

No. If your child misses a day of camp let the instructors know the next day and they will help your child catch up with the home project.

How are bathroom breaks conducted?

All children are escorted to the restrooms by our staff. Bathroom buddies are not allowed. They must be accompanied by an adult.

When do I receive my confirmation e-mail?

You should receive your confirmation e-mail within 24 hours of enrolling in camp.

Can I sign my child up the first day of camp?

You may be able to register onsite through the call center if the Site Director still has space available for that week of camp. We recommend you visit our web site or call our call center to enroll prior to the first day of camp.

What should my child wear?

It is important that they are comfortable especially if it is an outdoor camp. We recommend casual clothes such as jeans, shorts, t-shirts, closed toe shoes, caps, etc.

What if my child gets injured or ill while at camp?

The Site Director will document any situation that results in an injury and will contact the parent as needed or in an emergency contact 911 in addition to the parent.

Will I be able to contact my child if there is an emergency?

If there is an emergency situation and the parent must contact their child at camp they can call our call center at (888) 458-1812.

What does a typical day look like at camp?

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Where can I get directions to the camp location?

Visit the locations pages of our website: <http://www.discoverchampions.com/main/do/Locations> for directions and information on your camp site.



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STUDENT INFORMATION RELEASE FORM

PARENTS, please complete this form & bring it to the site on MONDAY.
1.888.458.1812 www.discoverchampions.com

Please print.

Site Location _____ Student's Name _____ Site Start Date(s) _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Best # to Reach me _____ Alternate # _____ Email Address _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Alternate Contact Person _____ Contact # _____

Alternate Pick-Up Authorization

Please list names of individuals besides yourself who are authorized to pick up your child from camp.

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone # _____

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My child has permission to walk home. no yes

I understand that the program ends at **12:00 noon (half-day)** or **3:30 pm (full-day)** and agree that I will pick up my child/children at this time. Should extended hours be available please verify with the Champions Science Adventures Lead Instructor correct pick-up time. Times vary by site location.

Please provide the Champions Science Adventures™ Lead Instructor with any information needed to meet your child's individual needs. If additional forms were provided during the enrollment process (Medication Authorization Form); the completed forms must be provided to the Champions Science Adventures™ Lead Instructor on the first day of the program.

Authorization of Consent to Treatment of a Minor

Completion of this section enables parents to authorize emergency treatment for their children.

****If your child has severe allergies, you will need to complete an additional form.****

I, the undersigned, parent/guardian of _____, a minor, do hereby authorize Knowledge Learning Corporation, d.b.a. Champions Science Adventures ("KLC"), as agent for the undersigned to consent to any x-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis, hospital care or any other medical treatment which is deemed advisable by, and is rendered under the general or specific supervision of any physician and/or other licensed medical practitioner.

It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power to KLC to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment or hospital care which a physician or licensed medical practitioner may deem advisable.

This authorization shall remain in effect for one year from this date ____/____/____, unless sooner revoked in writing and delivered to KLC.

I hereby authorize my child/children to attend the Champions Science Adventures™ program at the designated locations and/or parks and to participate in field trips. I give the Champions Science Adventures™ Lead instructor permission to take any necessary action in the event of an emergency.

Allergies _____

Activity Restrictions or Precautions _____

List any special needs or important info about your child's medical history/behavior _____

Liability Release-Accidental Injury

I, the undersigned, parent/guardian of _____, hereby acknowledge that my child/children and I freely agree to release and hold harmless Knowledge Learning Corporation, d.b.a. Champions Science Adventures, and its affiliated entities, participating private entities, and/or any cooperating or sponsoring public entities and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees and/or agents from any liability for accidental personal injury or property damage which I or my child/children may suffer arising out of his/her participation in the Champions Science Adventures™ programs. I realize that video/photos may be taken at camp by Champions Science Adventures staff or others for fun memories and/or marketing purposes, and I give permission for my child/children to be included in such pictures and authorize KLC to use such video/photos and I understand that I will receive no compensation for any such use. If any field trip requires transportation, my signature also acknowledges my permission for my child/children to ride as a passenger in any vehicle owned, leased, or authorized by KLC and its participating entities or subsidiaries.

Parent/Guardian (print name)

Signature

Today's Date

STUDENT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Program Rules - Parents/Guardians: Thank you for reviewing the program rules with your child/children.

1. I will respect the Science Adventures Lead Instructors and fellow Students.
2. I will listen and follow directions.
3. I will stay with my group.
4. I will have fun!

I have read the Champions Science Adventures™ Program rules and I will abide by these rules. I understand that if I do not follow these rules, my parent/guardian may be called to come and pick me up at any time.

Students Signature: _____

Date: _____