

MNCH Summer Camps

Frequently Asked Questions



How many campers and camp leaders are in each camp session?

There will be a maximum of 14 campers and two camp leaders, as well as some additional museum volunteers during specific activities.

What is the daily schedule for camp?

Camp activities will include guest presenters and field trips to locations on and off campus, as well as activities taking place at the museum. And a Friday afternoon trip to Prince Puckler's where campers will be provided with an ice cream treat and a chance to play on the playground.

Typical Camp Day	
9:00-9:15	Arrivals and daily warm up activities
9:15-10:45	Camp activities (museum exhibits available to campers and not open to public)
10:45-11:00	Morning snack
11:00-12:30	Camp activities and field trips
12:30-1:30	Lunch and outdoor games
1:30-4:00	Camp activities and field trips
4:00	Camper Pick Up

*Friday – 3:30-4:00 Open House for Family and Friends

What should campers wear?

Camp activities will take place inside and outside the museum. Campers should wear loose, comfortable clothing that allows for movement and outdoor activity, as well as comfortable walking shoes. Clothes may get wet or dirty during outdoor activities. Also, the museum building can be cool, so a sweatshirt may be a good idea.

What will campers need to bring to camp?

Campers should not bring valuables, electronics, toys, or other personal possessions unless arrangements are made with the instructor for sharing with the group.

Camper should bring:

- Morning snack
- Lunch
- Coat/rain jacket
- Sweatshirt
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Water Bottle
- Sunscreen

What is the procedure for camper drop off and pick up?

Campers must be picked up and dropped off at the museum building. A parent or guardian must sign in the camper upon arriving and sign out the camper upon leaving. Anyone signing the child in and/or out must be listed on the registration form (you may add names to the list during camp if needed).

- **Before Camp:** Campers may begin arriving at the museum at 8:45 a.m. Staff will not be available prior to that time, even if they are in the building, as they will be preparing for the day. **Camp begins at 9:00 a.m.**
- **After Camp:** A staff member will wait with the campers until all campers have been picked up. Please make every effort to pick up your child on time. **Camp ends at 4:00 p.m.** Campers picked up more than 10 minutes late will be charged \$1.00 per minute.

Can parents or visitors observe camp?

Camp sessions are closed to parents and friends. This is necessary to ensure a safe and comfortable learning environment for campers. Parents and visitors will have the opportunity to view work on the last day of the camp session at the open house. Details will be distributed during camp.

Are scholarships available?

Needs-based scholarships may be available. For more information contact the Education Department at (541) 346-1694 or mnchcamps@uoregon.edu.

What is the cancellation policy?

Up to 14 days prior to start of camp - 80% of fees will be refunded

Up to 5 days prior to start of camp - 50% of fees will be refunded

Cancellations made after the Thursday prior to the start of the session will NOT be refunded.

What are the behavior expectations for campers?

Campers and parents are asked to read and sign a **Behavior Contract** that includes the following behavior expectations:

- Arrive at camp ready to learn and have fun.
- Show respect for others by listening - everyone has an important voice and deserves to be heard. Do not engage in activity or behavior that could hurt someone else's feelings or person.
- Follow the instructions of camp leaders and museum staff.
- Be gentle and careful when touching museum artifacts and specimens.
- Leave personal possessions (video games, toys, candy, etc.) at home unless arrangements are made with the instructor for sharing with the group.
- Follow directions for safety and always stay with the group.

If the behavior expectations above are not followed, there will be consequences. In the rare event that a camper's behavior requires disciplinary action the following steps will be used:

1st Step: A camper/instructor conference will be held in which the problem is discussed and a solution is agreed upon.

2nd Step: The parent will be called to inform them of the behavior and to discuss possible solutions. An agreement between the instructor, camper and parent will be reached.

3rd Step: If the camper continues to be a disruptive force in the camp, the camper will be permanently dismissed from the camp. No tuition refunds will be issued for campers who are dismissed for disruptive behavior.