



MOSI's Summer Science Camp 2026 Program Information

*Thank you for joining us for a wonderful summer of enriching experiences and fun. **We are thrilled to announce that MOSI's camps will now take place in a new location – on the 3rd and 4th floor of the Dome Building. Please note that check-in and check-out will now occur under MOSI's Dome in the Raymond James Amphitheater. Please park and then you will enter through the black side gate along Bull Run.***

To provide you and your child the best possible experience, please note the following information.

- Read, sign, and return the enclosed “MOSI Summer Science Camp Information Form” and “Pick-Up Authorization Form,” on your child’s first day of camp. The “Pick-up Authorization Form” must be filled out each Monday that your child attends camp. It will be used to help ensure the safety and security of your child. A new form is required each week your child attends camp. Please do not mail the forms.
- Inform instructor about any health concerns or special needs. For special concerns or emergencies, call the Summer Science Camp office at 813-987-6117.

MOSI Parking

Drop off and pick up

- For safety of all campers, parents will park in the MOSI guest lot or overflow lot and walk their child to the black group gate entrance (under the dome in the Raymond James Amphitheater) (See map attached)
- For pick-up, parents must park their car and bring a photo I.D. Meet daily under the dome in the Raymond James Amphitheater. A signature and photo I.D. is required at pick up. **You do not have to pay for parking.**
- ****Ages 4 and 5 year olds will be signed-in and out in the main lobby of MOSI.**

All individuals picking up campers will be asked to provide photo I.D at pick up. Please carry I.D.

- Campers may be signed in no earlier than 15 minutes before the start of camp and must be signed out no later than 15 minutes after camp.

Extended Care

- Extended care is available at an additional fee. Campers attending Extended Care must be pre-registered. Campers cannot be signed in before 7 a.m. and must be signed out by 6:00 p.m. **A late fee of \$1 per minute will be charged. The drop-off and pick-up is under the dome in the Raymond James Amphitheater.**

Snacks and Lunch

- Parents please provide a non-refrigerated morning and/or afternoon snack with drink. Each day, short morning and afternoon breaks may be taken in all camps. Please label all food containers.
- Campers must bring a non-refrigerated lunch. Microwaves are **not** available to heat up lunches. MOSI does **not** have a cafeteria on site to purchase food. **All food must be brought from home on Monday – Friday.**
- **Food delivery services such as Door Dash and Grub Hub are NOT allowed.**

MOSI Exhibits

- Campers will **not** explore the museum on a daily basis. If an exhibit is appropriate for a specific camp theme, campers may visit a portion of the museum. Instructors visit exhibits only if it pertains to their camp theme.

Medicine:

- Your child’s instructor and/or member of the Summer Science Camp administrative staff will have medication instruction forms available. Once filled out, medications will be stored and dispensed by staff in the Summer Science Camp office. Please provide an original prescription bottle for storage and medication. Medication must be a prescription for that camper



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Frequently Asked Questions

Summer Science Camp T-shirts

A t-shirt will be given to each camper on his/her first week of camp. Campers are not required to wear them each day.

Will my child have the same instructor from week to week?

Not necessarily. Instructors are assigned to classes based on their strengths in a specific theme as well as their ability to work with specific age groups.

How will my child go from Extended Care to camp? From camp to lunch? From lunch to camp?

Whenever a child is changing programs, the camper is escorted by staff to the program where they are checked in. Campers are under constant supervision.

Do the MOSI Summer Science Camp staff go through a background check?

Yes, all Summer Science Camp staff members and volunteers go through a background screening process.

I have to pick up my child early or arrive late for camp. What do I need to do?

Let your child's instructor know that he/she will need to be picked up early. This information will be shared with the Summer Science Camp administrative staff. If the instructor has not been informed or if early pick up is unplanned, call the Summer Science Camp office at 813-987-6117. Please inform us of any changes in your schedule since the camps frequently do activities outside of their classroom and we want to minimize any delays. **For the safety of our campers, no sign-outs will occur between 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.** *If a camper is in a planetarium show, we will not be able to get them out of the show early for safety reasons.*

How do I know what is planned for my child's camp?

The instructor has planned a variety of age-appropriate activities designed to engage and keep campers actively learning. On the first day of camp, instructors provide letters for parents describing their program's plan for the week. You are free to speak to your child's instructor about any activity.

Can my child bring a cell phone, tablet or handheld game console?

Campers are **not** permitted to use cell phones including texting, or play games during camp. Campers may use personal electronics during breaks. We recommend that all items are labeled. **MOSI is not responsible for lost or damaged items brought to camp.** MOSI instructors have the authority to collect the devices during camp time, to ensure they are not being used during instruction.

Does MOSI have a café for my child to purchase lunch and snacks at?

No, MOSI does not have any food available on a daily basis on site. Please provide a lunch and two snacks for your child each day of camp.

My child lost something; do you have a lost and found?

Summer Science Camp does maintain a lost and found. It is important to label personal articles with the child's name. MOSI is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

How should I dress my child for camp?

Because of the active nature of our camps, we suggest that comfortable clothing suitable for outdoors be worn. We especially advise against new or delicate clothing.

Will my child go to a planetarium show?

Campers will attend the Saunders Planetarium and Digital Dome Theatre every Wednesday at 9:15am. If a camper arrives late, they will not be allowed to access the show due to safety precautions.

If you have additional questions or concerns please call 813-987-6000 or e-mail sciencecamp@mosi.org.

MOSI Summer Science Camp Information Form

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Grade Level _____

(Please use separate form for each child)

MOSI Program Policies

I/We, the undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s) of the minor child named above, hereby grant permission for my/our child to participate in all activities in and around the Museum of Science & Industry as part of the MOSI Education Program. In addition, I/we hereby grant permission for my/our child to participate in activities, which may include walking through wooded areas and other activities, including, but not limited to those activities included in the program description. Further, I/we agree to assume all risks and liabilities associated with my/our child's participation in said program(s) and to hold the Museum of Science & Industry harmless from all claims which may arise as a result of such participation. In case of emergency, the Museum of Science & Industry has permission to take my child to the nearest hospital.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Behavior & Discipline:

To ensure the safety and comfort of all program participants, the MOSI program has established the following expectations: 1. Students will keep their hands and feet to themselves. 2. Students will listen and follow directions. 3. Students will respect MOSI staff, property, and fellow students.

It is the policy of MOSI that all students have an educational setting that is safe, secure and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. Bullying means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students. It includes any threatening, insulting or dehumanizing gesture that is severe enough to create an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment. It may involve, but is not limited to teasing, social exclusion, threats, intimidation, stalking, cyber-bullying, cyber-stalking, physical violence, theft or harassment.

If the above expectations are not followed: 1. Instructors will handle discipline problems using discussion and reason. Parents will be informed. 2. If necessary, the instructor will isolate the child from activities for a short time. 3. If the problem persists, the instructor will notify the Education Program Manager who will then talk to the child and notify the parent. 4. MOSI reserves the right to remove any child from a program with no refund or credit if the child's disruptive behavior persists. Please sign below to verify that you have read the expectations and discipline policy of the MOSI Education Program.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Emergency Contact Information

Parent / Guardian's Name _____

Day Phone () _____ Cell () _____ Email _____

Would you prefer that we text you if we need to contact you? YES, texting is fine. NO, please do not text.

Other parent/guardian: Name _____

Day Phone () _____ Cell () _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact (other than parent) _____

Relationship to child _____ Day Phone () _____ Email _____

Is your child diagnosed with Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)? Autism Asperger syndrome PDD-NOS

If your child has a condition that needs special attention, please advise (includes behavioral conditions, allergies, dietary restrictions or conditions, and medication):

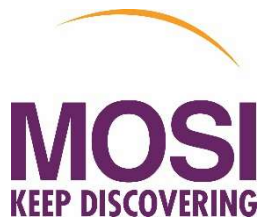
Photo Release:

Participants in MOSI educational programs are sometimes photographed or videotaped by the media, MOSI staff or professional photographers for promotional services. By signing this photo release, you give MOSI permission to photograph or film your child while your child is participating in a MOSI educational program possibly for promotional materials.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Registration form kept on file; please notify MOSI staff of any changes.



Pick-Up Authorization Form
Please Complete Fully
New form required for each week

Child's Name: _____ **Age/Grade Level** _____

Camp Name: _____

Circle Session Number for this week: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Is your child registered for Morning Extended Care (7 – 9 a.m.)? Yes or No

Is your child registered for Afternoon Extended Care (4 – 6 p.m.)? Yes or No

List all individual, including yourself, authorized to pick-up your child this week:
(I.D. will be required at pick-up)

Name Relationship

Name Relationship

Name Relationship

Name Relationship

Name Relationship

Signature required at time of pick-up:
(Please sign at pick-up each day.)

Time of pick-up:

Monday _____

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

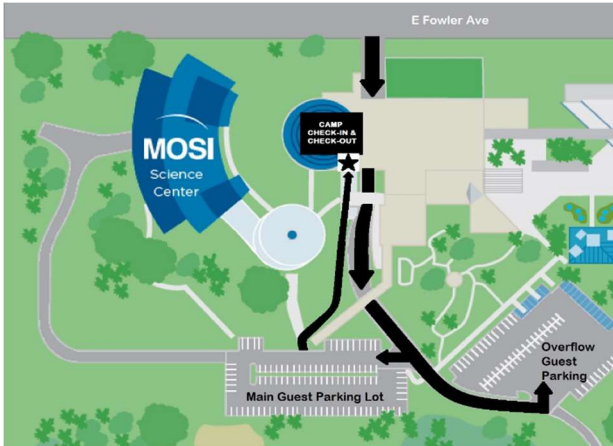
Friday _____

Camps are located on the 3rd and 4th Floor of the Dome Building

Know where to go

Directions

- From Fowler Ave, turn south on Bull Run Dr (towards MOSI) and continue past the stop sign.
- Proceed past the stop sign and turn into the main parking lot on the right.
 - Overflow parking is available in the parking lot on the left, if needed.
 - Parking is free in both lots.
- From the main parking lot, follow the walkway up to the entrance of the museum and turn right. Follow the signs to the black side entrance gate.



Make sure to have your confirmation and a photo ID handy to ensure a smooth check-in process