A HANDY GUIDE TO A MOSI ALL NIGHT CAMP-IN

Please distribute this handy information guide to everyone attending a MOSI Camp-in.

Dear Campers and Chaperones,

A MOSI Camp-in is a memorable experience filled with wonder, curiosity, excitement, and FUN! We want to make sure it's a night you will never forget -- for all the right reasons. That's why we've put together this handy guide for you with all the questions we've ever gotten (well most of them, anyway) about MOSI Camp-ins. This will help you pack, plan, know what to expect, and much, much, more! We also included MOSI Manners for Campers and Chaperones so everyone understands our behavior expectations. **Remember, each child needs a chaperone to attend a Camp-in, with a minimum of one adult per four children.**

If you STILL have questions after reading the guide, you can reach out to our super-friendly reservations team at **reservations@mosi.org**, OR our super-awesome Camp-in Team at **scoutreach@mosi.org**. You can also reach out by phone seven days a week at **(813) 987-6000**.

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Sincerely,
The MOSI Camp-in Team

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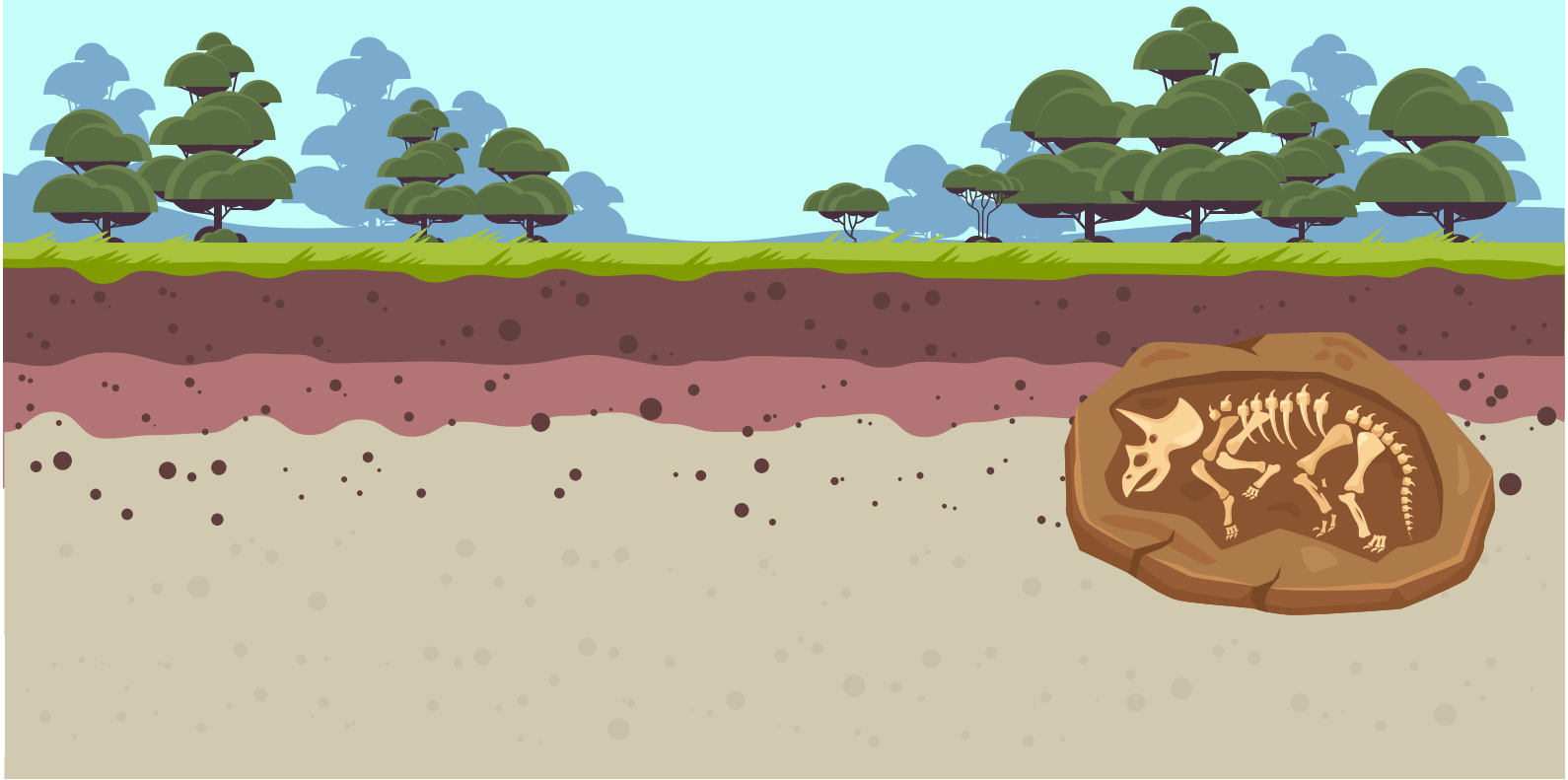
MOSI Manners (AKA MOSI Code of Conduct) We want you to have a lot of fun and learn a lot of stuff at a MOSI Camp-in. Here are the MOSI Manners you should follow so that everyone has a great time!

For Campers:

- Use walking feet and inside voices during the entire Camp-in.
- Be nice, helpful, and respectful to yourself, others, and to MOSI.
- Clean up after eating, sleeping, and doing science.
- Listen to your grown-ups and to MOSI Staff.
- Have fun and learn lots of cool stuff!

For Chaperones:

- MOSI Staff depend on YOU to supervise campers and help them follow the expectations outlined above. Please make sure your campers are being respectful to others and to MOSI property. Chaperones are responsible for the discipline, noise level, and safety of your group.
- MOSI Staff will do awesome experiments and demos. Some of them will involve using potentially dangerous equipment and substances. Please help us maintain a FUN and SAFE environment by supervising your group at all times.
- Use your cellphone to take pictures and videos (**#MOSITampa**) ... or for emergencies. But PLEASE avoid long conversations during a MOSI Camp-in -- spend the time having fun and learning with your campers!
- Have fun, participate, and learn lots of cool stuff!



What should I pack for my MOSI Camp-in?

- PACK LIGHTLY AND ONLY BRING WHAT YOU NEED -- the kitchen sink stays at home!
- Sleeping bag and/or warm blankets (it can get chilly), pillow and toiletries, eye shades.
- Comfortable clothing with layers and closed-toe shoes. A change of clothing is optional.

Adults only:

- Reservation and payment confirmation (if applicable).
- Emergency numbers for all campers.
- Any necessary medications for campers.
- A flashlight.

What should I leave at home?

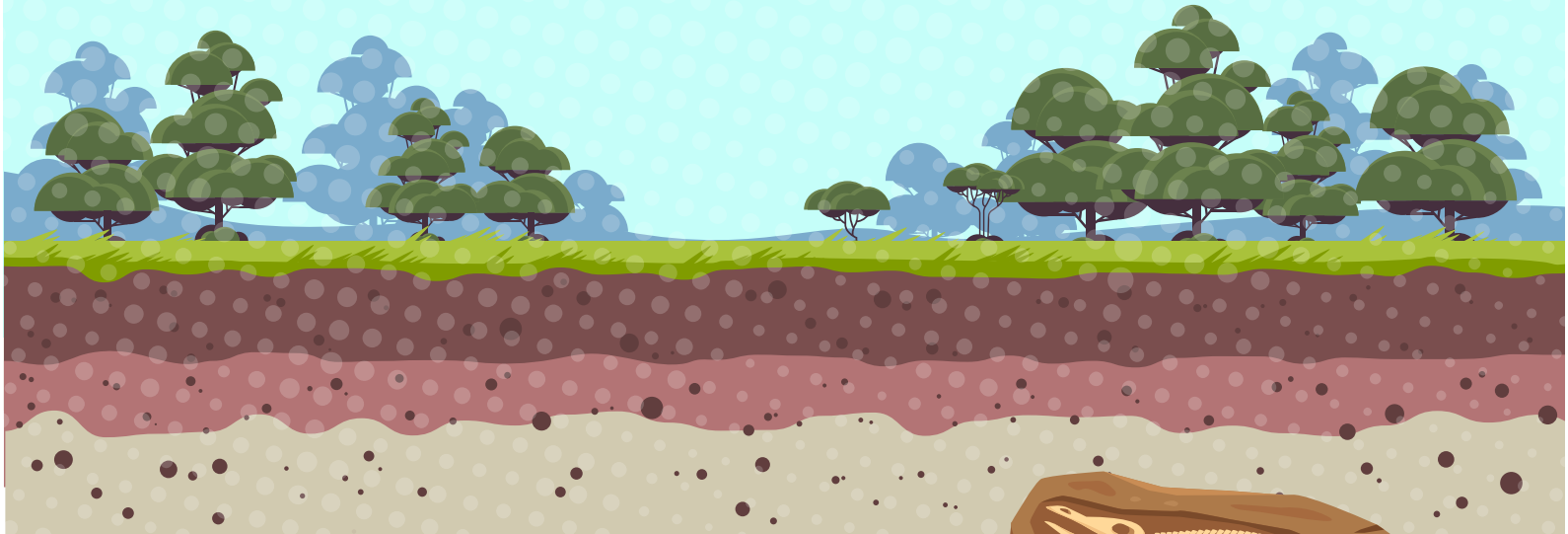
- PACK LIGHTLY AND ONLY BRING WHAT YOU NEED! You will carry your own stuff from your vehicle to the sleeping area.
- Anything valuable (like electronics and jewelry), pet hamsters, kitchen sinks, and people who don't like fun should be left at home.

What do I do when I arrive at MOSI?

- Get excited!!!! Then calmly park in the guest parking lot and calmly gather your sleeping gear (which you packed lightly) and calmly proceed to the main Lobby for check-in.
- Check-in will be available starting 15 minutes prior to the Camp-in start time -- please be on time to start all the fun and exciting activities.
- Your Camp-in Coordinator will tell you where to stow your sleeping gear and belongings until bedtime.
- Meet the MOSI Camp-in Staff! Before your fun activities start, the super-fantastic Camp-in Coordinator will introduce your super-amazing Camp-in Instructors.
- Learn your MOSI Manners! The Camp-in Coordinator will review the MOSI Manners with all campers and chaperones. He/she will also answer any questions you have about the Camp-in.
- Your Camp-in Coordinator will also give you a schedule and a map to help you get to your activities. Please follow the schedule so you don't miss out on the fun!

What do I do all night?

- Have the bestest, science-iest, most exciting time ever!!!
- Your MOSI Camp-in will be filled with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math hands-on activities that you do with a group of people.
- You might be outside and inside for portions of the evening, so it's a good idea to wear comfy clothing, closed-toe shoes, and dress in layers.



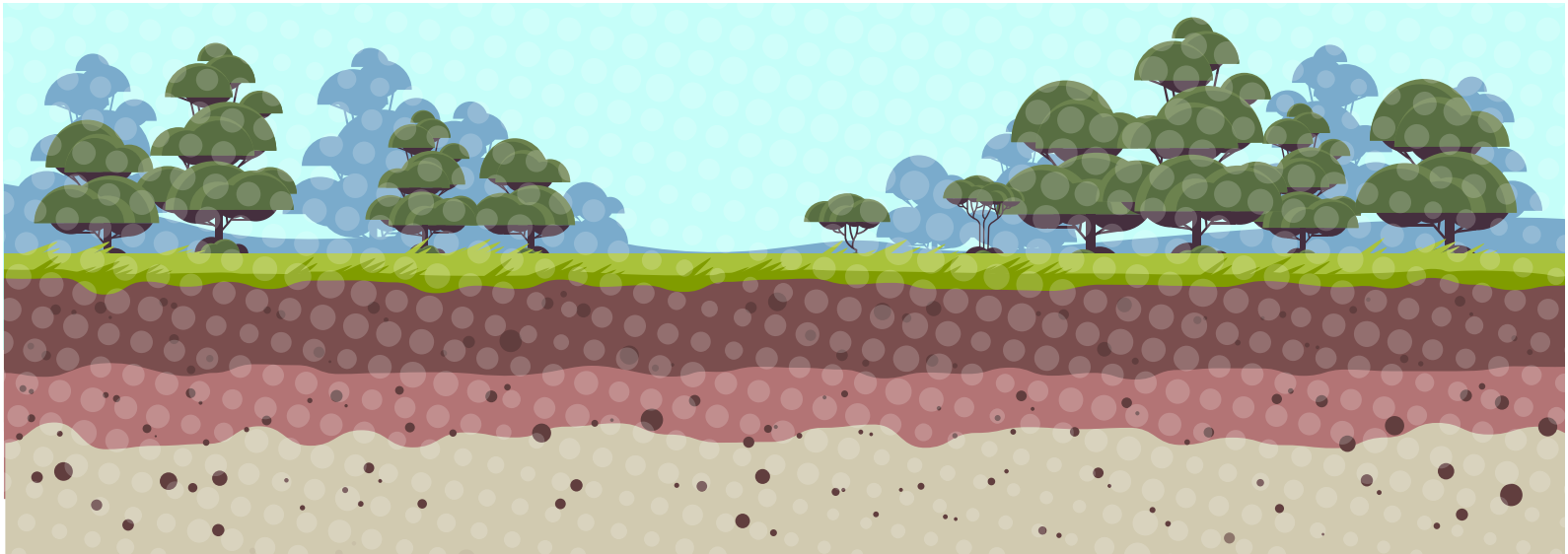
Here's a sample schedule of a typical Camp-in:

- 6:45p-7:15p ..... Arrive and Check-in
- 7:15p-7:30p ..... Orientation
- 7:30p-10:30p..... Scheduled Fun Activities and MOSI Exhibit Exploration
- 10:30p-11:00p..... Get ready for bed
- 11:00p-7:00a ..... SLEEP
- 7:00a-8:00a ..... Wake up, get ready, bring gear to vehicles
- 8:00a-8:30a..... Breakfast
- 8:30a ..... Explore MOSI or depart

What if I get hungry?

- Dinner is not included in Camp-ins, so please eat before you come! Ask your lead organizer if he/she has arranged for your group before the event.
- A light snack will be served during a break in the super-fun activities and you can bring your own snacks. Just make sure to clean up afterwards, please!
- A light breakfast will be served in the morning. Adults, coffee will be available just for YOU (we know you'll probably need it!)
- Please tell us about strict dietary needs and allergies at least one week in advance -- we will do our best to offer alternate options.

Please feel free to bring your own snacks.



Where do I sleep?

- You will sleep at MOSI!!! Most Camp-ins will sleep among the MOSI exhibits. Some sleeping areas are carpeted and some are not. If you're a kid, you can bring blankets, a sleeping bag, or a yoga mat to sleep on. Adults, YOU can bring an air mattress (you've earned it!) and share it with your kids (if they've earned it).
- After the super-fun activities, you will have time to find the best place to sleep. The Camp-in Coordinator will tell you about lights and sounds that will stay on all night for safety.
- After the lights go out .... SLEEP! But if you can't sleep, please be quiet and respectful to everyone else.

Rules for sleeping:

- Sleep in designated areas ONLY. Some exhibit areas are OFF-LIMITS.
- Leave doorways and pathways clear.
- You may NOT sleep IN or ON any exhibits.
- Exhibits should NEVER be moved.

What happens in the morning?

- After a long night of peaceful slumber (or something like that) your friendly Camp-in Coordinator will gently wake you up with soothing music (or drums) between 7am and 8am.
- You can use the MOSI bathrooms to freshen up and get ready. MOSI does not have showers.
- Clean up your sleeping area and gather your belongings. Gear should be placed in your group's vehicle(s).
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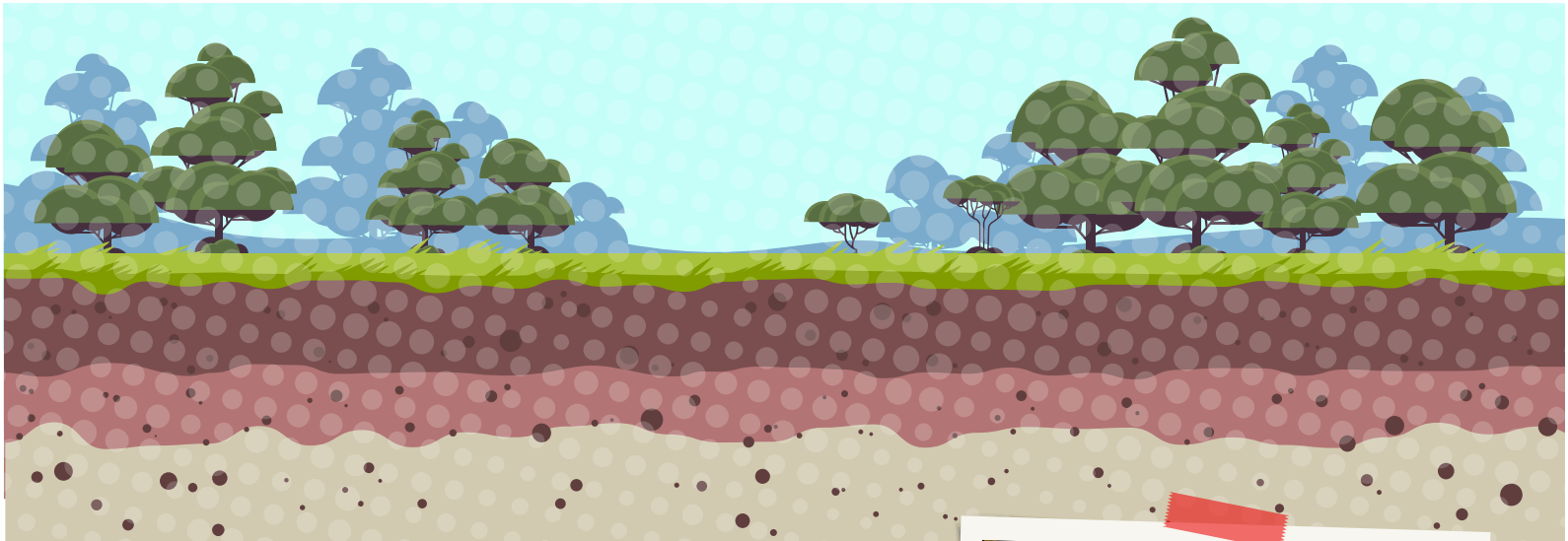
Can we explore the MOSI Exhibits?

- OF COURSE! After the Camp-in is over, you can continue the fun by staying and exploring the MOSI exhibits. Ask your friendly Camp-in Coordinator for your MOSI admission tickets.
- The exhibit galleries are open from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



What do I do after the MOSI camp-in is over?

- Be SUPER SAD it's over and you'll NEVER, EVER, have that much fun EVER again in your WHOLE LIFE...
- OR ... Look forward to coming back to MOSI for the next camp-in!
- Post your pictures and videos, we'd love to see them! **#MOSITampa**
- Share your experience with your family, friends, classmates, frenemies, pets, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc. etc. etc.....

We hope this guide has been helpful in answering some, most, or all of your questions about spending the night at MOSI! If you STILL have questions, please call your super-friendly Reservations Team at **(813) 987-6000** or email them at **Reservations@mosi.org** OR email your super-awesome Camp-in Team at **scoutreach@mosi.org**. If you have questions on the night of your Camp-in, then you can call the super-special Camp-in Phone Line at **(813) 817-9918** where your super-fantastic Camp-In Coordinator will help you out. This phone is ONLY active immediately before and during a Camp-in... that's why it's so special.

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