



ELRC EXPLORERS

Destination Discovery

SUMMER CAMP 2022

JUNE 6TH - JULY 29TH



EARLY LEARNING & RESEARCH CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS

2022 CAMP GUIDE



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WHO ARE THE ELRC EXPLORERS?

Welcome to Summer Camp at the ELRC!

Last summer, we brought the wonders of the world to our ELRC Explorers. We learned about and experienced destinations throughout the world from Memphis to outer space.

This summer our ELRC Explorers are destined for discovery! Campers will engage in project-based explorations of the world around them through science, technology, engineering, arts, and inquiry. A series of open-ended projects will provoke investigation and awaken creativity among our campers.

Each week's topic for discovery will be introduced through child-directed, hands-on activities using materials, techniques, ideas and tools in new ways. Collaborative activities will be followed by opportunities for reflection, invention, and creation individualized toward every child's interests.

We can't wait for a summer full of fun and discovery with our ELRC Explorers. Thank you for exploring with us!

ELRC Summer Camp Staff

WEEKLY TOPICS FOR DISCOVERY



METAL & MACHINES



ELEMENTS OF EARTH



CONSTRUCTION





CAMPERS

- SUMMER CAMP IS OPEN TO CHILDREN AGES 3 THROUGH AGE 5.
- CAMPERS MUST TURN 3 BY JUNE 1.
- ALL CAMPERS MUST BE FULLY POTTY-TRAINED PRIOR TO ATTENDING CAMP. INDEPENDENT IN RECOGNIZING & EXPRESSING THE NEED TO USE THE RESTROOM AND CARE FOR TOILETING NEEDS AT SCHOOL WITHOUT ASSISTANCE.



REGISTRATION

- A \$65 REGISTRATION FEE IS DUE FOR EACH CHILD ATTENDING CAMP.
- REGISTRATION IS FOR ALL 8 WEEKS OF SUMMER CAMP. ADVANCE NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN FOR WEEKS MISSED DUE TO VACATIONS, ETC.
- ALL CAMPERS WILL RECEIVE AN ELRC EXPLORERS BACKPACK.

FEES

- SUMMER CAMP TUITION IS \$215/WEEK
- ALL ACTIVITY FEES ARE INCLUDED IN WEEKLY TUITION RATES
- PAYMENT IS DUE BY THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO EACH WEEK
- FAILURE TO SUBMIT PAYMENTS ON TIME WILL RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM CAMP

MEALS/SNACKS

- EACH DAY CAMPERS SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING FOOD ITEMS:
LUNCH
AM SNACK
PM SNACK
REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE
- PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME
- REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES MUST BE TAKEN HOME AND WASHED EACH DAY

COVID-19 POLICIES

- SUMMER CAMP WILL FOLLOW COVID-19 GUIDELINES AS PUBLISHED BY THE ELRC CAMP GUIDE. POLICIES MAY BE UPDATED BASED ON GUIDANCE SET FORTH BY STATE, LOCAL, UNIVERSITY, AND NATIONAL HEALTH GUIDELINES



CAMP STAFF

- SUMMER CAMP STAFF ARE CERTIFIED IN PEDIATRIC FIRST AID/CPR.
- THE ELRC IS LICENSED BY THE TN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. OUR SUMMER CAMP FOLLOWS ALL ASSOCIATED RULES AND REGULATIONS INCLUDING STAFF:CHILD RATIOS.



HEALTH & SAFETY

- PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU INCLUDE ANY/ALL KNOWN DISABILITIES/ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS IN YOUR CHILD'S REGISTRATION PACKET. ANY EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS MUST BE AT SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD AT ALL TIMES WITH A COMPLETED MEDICATION AUTHORIZATION FORM. THESE FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION WILL ONLY BE ADMINISTERED WHEN PRESCRIBED BY A PHYSICIAN, IN ITS ORIGINAL CONTAINER, AND IS ACCOMPANIED BY A SIGNED AND COMPLETED MEDICATION AUTHORIZATION FORM.
- NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SIGNED AND COMPLETED MEDICATION AUTHORIZATION FORM, BE IN THE ORIGINAL CONTAINER LABELED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

- DAILY CHECK-IN/OUT IS HANDS-FREE AND CONDUCTED THROUGH OUR BRIGHTWHEEL MOBILE APP. YOU WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREATING AN ACCOUNT PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP.
- ONLY THE INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED BY YOU WILL BE PERMITTED TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD FROM CAMP. IF CHANGES TO THIS LIST MUST BE MADE, PLEASE CONTACT THE FRONT OFFICE STAFF. ANY PERSON PICKING A CHILD UP FROM CAMP MUST BE PREPARED TO PRESENT PICTURE IDENTIFICATION.



WHAT TO BRING

- **BACKPACK**
- **FACE COVERING (MASK OR SHIELD)**
- **LUNCH (LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME)**
- **2 SNACKS (LABELED)**
- **REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE**
- **CHANGE OF CLOTHES**
- **NAP BLANKET OR HAPPI-NAPPI**
- **OVERSIZED SHIRT FOR MESSY ACTIVITIES**
- **WATER ACTIVITIES WILL BE PLANNED EACH WEEK IF WEATHER PERMITS. PLEASE BRING A SWIMSUIT, TOWEL, & WATER SHOES ON DESIGNATED DAYS.**



BEHAVIOR POLICY

- **ELRC BEHAVIOR POLICIES AS STATED IN THE FAMILY HANDBOOK APPLY TO SUMMER CAMP.**
- **IN THE EVENT THAT A CAMPER CAUSES PHYSICAL INJURY TO ANOTHER CAMPER OR STAFF MEMBER, INTENTIONALLY CAUSES DAMAGE TO PERSONAL OR PUBLIC PROPERTY, INTENTIONALLY JEOPARDIZES HIS/HER SAFETY OR THAT OF ANOTHER, OR MANIFESTS BEHAVIOR WHICH IS OVERLY DISRUPTIVE AND DISRESPECTFUL, THE CAMPER WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GROUP, NOTIFICATION WILL BE MADE TO THE PERSONS LISTED ON THE CAMPER'S CONTACTS AND REQUEST FOR THE CAMPER TO BE PICKED UP FROM CAMP. READMISSION TO THE CAMP WILL BE CONDITIONAL UPON THE RESOLUTION OF A FOLLOW-UP MEETING BETWEEN THE CAMP PERSONNEL, RESPONSIBLE ADULT AND CAMPER.**
- **IN EXTREME CASES, THE CAMPER WILL BE DENIED READMISSION AND WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM CAMP.**

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- **TOYS FROM HOME UNLESS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**
- **CLOTHING/SHOES THAT SHOULDN'T GET DIRTY!**



OUTDOOR PLAY

- **CAMPERS WILL ENGAGE IN ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES WHEN THE OUTDOOR TEMPERATURE OR HEAT INDEX EXCEEDS 95 DEGREES.**

DAILY CAMP SCHEDULE

8:00-9:15	ARRIVAL & OUTDOOR PLAY
9:15-9:30	BATHROOM BREAK
9:30-9:45	MORNING SNACK
9:45-11:00	COLLABORATIVE DISCOVERY
11:00-12:00	GROSS MOTOR ACTIVITY
12:00-12:15	BATHROOM/WASH UP
12:15-12:45	LUNCH
12:45-1:00	BATHROOM BREAK
1:00-2:15	REST
2:15-2:30	BATHROOM BREAK
2:30-2:45	AFTERNOON SNACK
2:45-3:45	REFLECTING ACTIVITY
3:45-4:30	FREE EXPLORATION
4:30-4:45	BATHROOM BREAK
4:45-5:00	CLEAN UP/GROSS MOTOR



JUNE

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			01	02	03	04
05	06  FIRST DAY OF CAMP!	07	08	09	10  WATER DAY!	11 <i>Wear your swimsuit on water days! Bring a towel, water shoes, change of clothes, & sunscreen if needed.</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17  WATER DAY!	18
19	20	21	22	23	24  WATER DAY!	25
26	27	28	29	30		

JULY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					01  WATER DAY!	02 Wear your swimsuit on water days! Bring a towel, water shoes, change of clothes, & sunscreen if needed.
03	04  ELRC CLOSED	05	06	07	08  WATER DAY!	09
10	11	12	13	14	15  WATER DAY!	16
17	18	19	20	21	22  WATER DAY!	23
24	25	26	27	28	29  WATER DAY!	30

COMMUNICATION

- WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND THAT NAVIGATING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS BEEN AN ONGOING CHALLENGE FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND SCHOOL STAFF. OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE CLEAR, TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION REGARDING OUR CAMP OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, SHIFTS IN PROCEDURES MAY BE NECESSARY TO KEEP OUR CAMP COMMUNITY SAFE. PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL REGULARLY FOR UPDATES AND IF YOU FIND THAT YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING CAMP EMAILS, CONTACT THE ELRC ADMINISTRATION DIRECTLY.

SUMMER CAMP EVENTS & VISITORS

- ALL IN-PERSON PARENT/FAMILY EVENTS ARE ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. ANY NECESSARY EVENTS OR MEETINGS WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY.
- NON-ESSENTIAL VISITORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN CLASSROOMS UNTIL A DETERMINATION IS MADE THAT IT IS SAFE TO DO SO. VISITORS CONSIDERED NON-ESSENTIAL MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND ENRICHMENT VENDORS/CONTRACTORS. ANY PERSON ADMITTED INTO THE CAMP MUST CHECK IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE TO REQUEST ADMITTANCE.
- TRADITIONAL CLASS PARTIES, SHARED SNACKS (SUCH AS CAKE/CUPCAKES), AND HOMEMADE GOODS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT THIS TIME. REQUESTS TO BRING INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED, PREPACKAGED, STORE-BOUGHT FOOD/SNACKS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR FOR APPROVAL.

MEALS & SNACKS

- ALL LUNCHESS AND SNACKS WILL BE BROUGHT FROM HOME AND COMMUNAL SNACKS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.
- EACH CHILD SHOULD BRING AN INDIVIDUAL WATER BOTTLE AS DRINKING FOUNTAINS WILL NO LONGER BE IN USE.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

- EACH SUMMER CAMP GROUP WILL UTILIZE INTERIOR CLASSROOM DOORS FOR DAILY ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.
- ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND VISITORS ENTERING THE SCHOOL WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS (MASKS OR FACE SHIELDS). THIS INCLUDES INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPACES DURING ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.
- ALL ATTENDANCE TRACKING WILL BE FACILITATED THROUGH BRIGHTWHEEL.
- CHILDREN MUST BE SIGNED IN AND OUT EACH DAY.

CLEANING, SANITIZING, DISINFECTING, AND VENTILATION

- ALL CLEANING AND DISINFECTING PROCEDURES WILL FOLLOW CDC GUIDELINES FOR RECOMMENDED PRACTICES.
- EACH EVENING, ALL INDOOR SPACES WILL UNDERGO SANITIZATION TREATMENT USING THE CLOROX TOTAL 360 ELECTROSTATIC SPRAYER SYSTEM.
- A CLEANING AND SANITIZATION SCHEDULE IS BUILT INTO DAILY CAMP ROUTINES IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY IN WHICH MATERIALS AND SURFACES ARE CLEANED AND SANITIZED THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THIS WILL BE DONE IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR DEEP CLEANING THAT OCCURS AT THE END OF EACH DAY.
- CAMP STAFF WILL ENSURE MAXIMIZED VENTILATION BY INCREASING CIRCULATION OF OUTDOOR AIR AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE BY OPENING WINDOWS AND DOORS. CLASSROOMS SHOULD NOT OPEN WINDOWS AND DOORS IF DOING SO POSES A SAFETY OR HEALTH RISK (E.G., RISK OF FALLING, TRIGGERING ASTHMA SYMPTOMS) TO CHILDREN USING THE FACILITY.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- DURING NAP TIMES, CAMP STAFF WILL ENSURE THAT CHILDREN'S NAPTIME MATS (OR COTS) ARE SPACED OUT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, IDEALLY 6 FEET APART. CHILDREN HEAD TO TOE IN ORDER TO FURTHER REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR VIRAL SPREAD.
- CAMP STAFF WILL THOUGHTFULLY CONSIDER WAYS TO ENLARGE ALL SHARED SPACES AND LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

SHARED/OUTDOOR SPACES

- EACH CAMP GROUP WILL REMAIN AS A COHESIVE "POD" THROUGHOUT THE DAY WITHOUT INTERACTION BETWEEN CLASSES. OUTDOOR SPACES WILL BE MAXIMIZED AS AN OPTION FOR EXTENDING THE PHYSICAL LEARNING SPACE OF THE CAMP PODS AND TO PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOVEMENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL CHILDREN AND STAFF WASH THEIR HANDS FOR A MINIMUM OF 20 SECONDS USING SOAP AND WATER AFTER RETURNING FROM THE PLAYGROUND TO PREVENT ANY SPREAD OF GERMS.
- SHARED OUTDOOR SPACES WILL BE UTILIZED ON A STAGGERED SCHEDULE.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

- THE ELRC WILL INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF HANDWASHING THROUGHOUT THE DAY. ALL CHILDREN AND STAFF WILL ENGAGE IN HAND HYGIENE AT DESIGNATED AND AS NEEDED ACCORDING TO THESE GUIDELINES:
- WASH HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS USING CDC RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES. IF HANDS ARE NOT VISIBLY DIRTY, ALCOHOL-BASED HAND SANITIZERS WITH AT LEAST 60% ALCOHOL CAN BE USED IF SOAP AND WATER ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE. ELRC STAFF WILL SUPERVISE CHILDREN WHEN THEY USE HAND SANITIZER AND ASSIST CHILDREN WITH HANDWASHING. AFTER ASSISTING CHILDREN WITH HANDWASHING, STAFF MEMBERS SHOULD ALSO WASH THEIR HANDS.

CAMP ILLNESS POLICY

- ANY CHILD OR STAFF MEMBER THAT IS SICK WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT CAMP. CHILDREN AND STAFF WHO COME TO THE ELRC SICK OR BECOME SICK WHILE AT CAMP WILL BE SEPARATED FROM OTHERS AND SENT HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS DETAILED BELOW. SICK CHILDREN OR STAFF MEMBERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN UNTIL THEY HAVE MET THE CRITERIA TO DISCONTINUE HOME ISOLATION AND/OR HAVE A WRITTEN RELEASE FROM A PHYSICIAN TO RETURN TO CAMP.
- CHILDREN WHO BECOME SYMPTOMATIC DURING THE CAMP DAY WILL BE ISOLATED IN THE DESIGNATED QUARANTINE ZONE WITH A STAFF MEMBER UNTIL PARENTS ARRIVE. PARENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PICK UP THEIR CHILD WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF INITIAL CONTACT. STUDENTS WHO ARE SENT HOME WITH SYMPTOMS UNRELATED TO COVID-19 MAY RETURN TO CAMP ONLY WITH A WRITTEN RELEASE FROM A PHYSICIAN TO RETURN TO CAMP.

IF A CAMPER OR STAFF MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE

- IT IS IMPERATIVE TO COMMUNITY HEALTH THAT ELRC LEADERSHIP BE MADE AWARE OF ANY STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER THAT HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19. ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS CAN BE ASSURED OF CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY WHEN REPORTING THEIR POSITIVE TEST RESULTS TO THE DIRECTOR. THE ELRC WILL FOLLOW ALL CURRENT CDC, UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS, AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON WHAT TO DO WHEN STUDENTS OR STAFF EXHIBIT SYMPTOMS AND WHEN A CASE IS SUSPECTED/CONFIRMED.
- CAMPERS OR STAFF WHO EXHIBIT SYMPTOMS WILL BE DIRECTED HOME TO SELF-ISOLATE AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION, AS NECESSARY.



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