Curiosity Camps Break Week Information & Policies

Refund Policy

- **If withdrawal from camp(s) occurs prior to February 10, 2020 for February Break or March 30 for April Break:** A non-refundable processing fee of $50 for Full Week Camps and $20 for Single Day registrations will be retained.
- **After February 10/March 30, 2020, no refunds will be given.** Fees will not be pro-rated or refunded due to absences.

Weather Policy

In the event that the RMSC closes due to inclement weather or other emergency, Curiosity Camps will be cancelled for the day. Closings will be listed on 13 WHAM TV and 1180 WHAM radio. If the RMSC is closed, refunds for that day will be given.

What to Bring & Wear

- Lunch is NOT provided; please send a lunch & a drink with your camper. Refrigeration is not available. Snack WILL be provided for all campers.
- Wear closed toed shoes and comfortable clothing that can get messy.
- Campers will not have recess outdoors during winter weather but may leave the museum building to visit the Strasenburgh Planetarium.
- The RMSC is not responsible for the loss, destruction or theft of any personal items (including clothing, book bags, purses, toys, games, electronic devices, cell phones or money) that your child may bring to camp. It is highly encouraged that these and other personal items stay at home.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Drop-Off & Pick-Up is located in Rochester Museum & Science Center’s main lobby (NOT the Eisenhart Auditorium).

Drop-Off

- Camp begins at 9:00am. All campers must be accompanied into the lobby each morning and signed-in at the table for their camp.

Pick-Up

- Camp ends at 4:00pm. Once the Instructor for your child’s camp is seated at their table, check-out will begin.
- For safety, your camper will only be released to the individual(s) listed as the “Authorized Pick-Up Person” on the sign-in sheet. **All individuals must present a photo ID every time they come to pick up a camper.**
- Campers remaining after 4:15pm will be placed in Extended Care and you will be charged accordingly.
Early Pick-Ups

- In the event that your camper needs to be picked up early, please write the appropriate time on the sign-in sheet & notify Camp Administration. In the event of an emergency please call (585) 697-1942.

- Please note: Early pick-ups between 3:30-4pm are discouraged as campers and their camp groups are already in transition from museum exploration time or their camp classrooms back to the Bausch Auditorium to begin regular dismissal. Early pick-ups during this time will take longer to accommodate and may not always be possible.

Behavior Guidelines & Discipline Policy

In order to provide all campers and staff with a positive and safe experience, it is important that all campers exhibit proper behavior, self-control and act respectful at all times. Behaviors that are not tolerated at camp include, but are not limited to; name-calling, bullying, fighting, foul language, reckless endangerment, unsafe use of equipment, leaving the group without permission, physical violence or fighting of any kind, stealing or damaging property, and other disrespectful actions.

When a camper does not exhibit proper behavior, Curiosity Camps will take the following action steps to manage behavior incidents and/or chronic behaviors as problems arise and progress.

1. Camp Staff will address inappropriate behaviors and will redirect the camper to more appropriate behavior. Concerns will be shared with the parents/guardians of the camper(s) involved during Pick-Up at the end of the day.
2. If inappropriate behavior continues and is affecting the experience of other campers, the camper will be referred to Camp Administration. Camp Administration will contact parents/guardians to inform them of inappropriate behaviors and discuss corrective solutions.
3. If inappropriate behavior continues, parent/guardians will be contacted to pick up the camper immediately and the camper will be suspended from the remainder of the day and/or days of camp. Depending on the severity of the behavior, the camper may be dismissed from all future programs at the RMSC.
4. Curiosity Camps has a zero-tolerance for physical violence, leaving the group without permission, and behaviors involving endangering of self, staff, and other campers. These behaviors will result in disciplinary action, which may include immediate dismissal from the camp program.

Regardless of previous concerns or action steps taken, Camp Administration reserves the right to immediately dismiss a camper from the current and/or future camp sessions at any point for conduct that is deemed detrimental to the well-being of other campers, staff, or to the overall operation of the camp.

Refunds will not be given (for current or future camp sessions) if campers are dismissed from Curiosity Camp programs due to behavioral reasons.
Health Information, Special Needs, Allergies & Medications at Camp

Curiosity Camp strives to provide an accessible and safe environment for all campers. If your camper has a medical condition, severe allergies, dietary restrictions, or special physical or behavioral needs, please note this information during registration on the Annual Camper Information & Medical Form. This form MUST be completed in order to process registrations. Camp Administration may contact you if there are concerns regarding the successful accommodation of your camper.

Special Needs
Curiosity Camp strives to provide an accessible and safe environment for all campers. If your camper has special needs, please use the Annual Camper Information & Medical Form to provide details on how we can assist your child in having the best possible experience with us. If applicable, please include tips for managing behaviors.

Please note: RMSC Curiosity Camps cannot provide 1:1 aides. Campers will be in groups of approximately 20 campers, with a staff to camper ratio of approximately 1:5.* If your camper has a 1:1 aide or receives special services during the school year, please contact camp administration before registering for more information about the structure of our camp program.

Allergies
If your camper has an allergy please complete that section of the Annual Camper Information & Medical Form in detail. Medications needed in an emergency (i.e. inhalers, EpiPens, Benadryl, etc.) are kept with the camper’s Instructor at all times during the day.

Medication at Camp
If your camper will need to take any medication (including Epi-Pens or inhalers) at camp, it must be brought to camp in the original container and be accompanied by a signed note* from the parent/guardian:
1. Giving Camp Administration permission to supervise the self-administration of the medication
2. Explaining usage, dosage, and timing for the medication.

*This note must accompany the medication to camp and be reviewed with a Camp Administrator; please do not send in advance.

Vaccinations—NEW FOR 2020
All campers must be vaccinated. Please provide the approximate date of vaccination to verify that your camper has had each of the vaccines listed on the Annual Camper Information & Medical Form. New York State Law does not allow for religious exemptions.