



Montana Natural History Center

Your Base Camp for Discovery

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Preparing for your Full-Day Camp

We are excited your child is going to be spending the week with us, exploring the mysteries of Montana’s wildlife and landscapes.

This notice will help you prepare for your Summer Science Day Camp at the Montana Natural History Center:

Times: All full-day camps meet from 9:00 – 4:00. For the convenience of working parents, you may drop off your child(ren) any time between 8:00 and 8:45 am, and pick them up between 4:00 and 5:00 pm (a fee may apply if a student is picked up later than 5:00). Please give us a call by 8:30 am if you are going to be late, or miss the day.

Meeting Location: We start and end each day at the Montana Natural History Center at 120 Hickory Street in Missoula.

Emergency Phone Number: MNHC offices: 327-0405. A field cell phone number will be provided at check-in.

Preparing for Adventure...

❖ What to Bring:

- Outdoor clothing for the weather
- Backpack
- Filled water bottle
- Sun hat
- Rain gear if weather predicts rain
- Lunch that can be eaten in the field
- Water shoes (old tennis shoes or sandals)
- We can provide sunscreen and insect repellent unless you have a preferred brand!
- *Please do not bring personal radios or other electronic devices*

- ❖ We'll provide snacks throughout the day.
- ❖ If any students are taking or need to carry a prescription (including epi-pens and inhalers) the prescription should be labeled with the date and included in the student’s backpack. The student is responsible for carrying the prescription at all times. Staff are not responsible for lost prescriptions. Parents may instruct staff as to how and when the student needs to take the prescription.
- ❖ Volunteer Opportunities: Parent volunteers are welcome to participate! Contact MNHC to let us know if you would like to attend part of camp!

During your child’s week of camp we will be exploring our local natural areas, taking field trips, playing games, using our creative talents in arts and crafts activities and making all kinds of amazing discoveries! Each camp varies by theme and a specific schedule, including field trip locations and planned activities for your camp, will be available at check-in on the first day of camp.



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Field sites may include, but are not limited to: Maclay Flats, Blue Mountain, Pattee Canyon, Council Groves State Park, Mt. Jumbo, Greenough Park, Bison Range, Bancroft Ponds, or Kelly Island. A portion of our summer camp programs take place on the Lolo National Forest.

SAMPLE schedule for your week of camp:

(Your official schedule will be provided on your first day of camp.)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00	Welcome, Opening Circle and Names	Welcome, opening circle and story	Welcome, opening circle and expectations for the day	Welcome, opening circle and field trip preparation	Welcome, opening circle and game
10:00	Game to get to know each other	Arts and crafts activity to explore our creativity!	Head out for a half day field trip!	Head out for a full day field trip!	To the park for exploration!
11:30	Lunch in the park	Lunch in the park	Lunch in the field	Lunch in the field	Lunch in the park
1:00	Exploration in the park along the Clark Fork River	Head out for a half day field trip! Maybe a hike in the woods!	Return to MNHC for a game and exploration in the park!	Exploring out in the field. Watching birds? Looking for wildlife?	More time outside to look for insects, wildlife, birds and other great things!
3:00	Story, arts and crafts or more games!	Return to MNHC before 4:00	Story, creative projects and group games.	Return to MNHC before 4:00	Arts & crafts & games & fun!
4:00	Closing circle	Closing circle	Closing circle	Closing circle	Closing circle

Before and after camp care will remain at MNHC for games, short activities and creative projects. Drop off begins at 8:00 am. Please pick up your child no later than 5:00 pm. A fee may apply if you pick your child up after 5:00 pm. Children must be signed in every morning at drop off and signed out every afternoon at pick up. Once a student is signed out, they are your responsibility.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Registration fee (minus \$50 deposit) is refundable ONLY if a cancellation is made by 5:00 pm the Tuesday before the start of a camp. Withdrawals after this deadline forfeit the entire fee. Membership fees are non-refundable and must be paid at time of initial registration.

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