

Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp FAQ

Registration Information

Can I register in person or over the phone?

Registration is only available online.

Can we sign up for more than one week of Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp?

Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp programming repeats each week. We *do not* recommend registering your camper for both weeks.

Do I need to register multiple campers in my household for the same camp session?

The price listed is per household, if your campers don't mind sharing a screen. If you wish to have multiple campers using their own device, registering each camper separately is recommended.

What is Pre-Registration?

Pre-registration requires your basic personal information, and will reserve a spot for your camper(s) in the week of your choice. Pre-registration for Field Explorers Virtual Camp takes place through mid-July. Payment information will not be collected during pre-registration.

In mid-July all families who pre-registered will be sent an email link to officially register and pay for virtual camp. Any remaining open spots for virtual camp will be available for registration at this point.

[Pre-register your household online.](#)

What is your cancellation policy?

You may cancel your pre-registration for Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp any time before you register. Once you have registered and paid for your chosen week of virtual camp, refunds can no longer be issued.

Are scholarships available?

Need-based partial scholarships are available for Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp.

[Apply online for a partial scholarship.](#)

I need help or have more questions about registration. How can I get in touch?

Please email explorercamp@fieldmuseum.org for help with registration.

Camp Information

What is Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp?

Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp is a five-day virtual offering focused on Field Museum science, collections, and related hands-on activities. Virtual Camp will take place daily from 10am–12pm, and again from 1pm–2pm CST. Virtual camp takes place via the Zoom Webinar platform.

Sessions and activities are led by Field Museum staff and camp counselors currently working from home. Campers will be able to see and hear Field Museum staff and camp counselors as they lead sessions and activities, but won't see or interact with other campers. In most sessions, campers can ask questions to Field Staff in real time using the "Q & A" function of Zoom.

Due to the format of Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp, activities and sessions are more presentational than interactive. All activities are led in a live facilitation, but are completed independently by campers. Certain activities utilize the "poll" function of Zoom, in which campers can provide an answer to select questions asked during the session.

What types of activities can my camper expect?

Camp activities are based around a daily theme, and incorporate science content, practicing science skills, or open-ended discovery. Many activities are hands-on and have a creative component. Campers will need basic supplies like paper, a pencil, and coloring utensils. Other common household items may be used with select activities. These will be listed on a camp schedule that you will receive ahead of your camp start date.

Other camp sessions focus on Field Museum-specific topics, including live talks with Field Museum scientists and a virtual exhibit tour. Short morning and afternoon breaks are included in the daily schedule. Each day, camp will include a lunch break from 12pm - 1pm. No facilitation occurs during this lunch break.

What are the age requirements?

Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp is designed for children between the ages of 7-12.

How do I know if my child is ready for Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp?

Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp campers are able to:

- Navigate the Zoom platform with minimal parental assistance.
- Follow instructions given by Camp educators and counselors.
- Engage with a variety of activities using household materials with minimal parental assistance.

What medical policies and procedures are in place for this virtual camp?

Due to the format of Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp, we cannot offer individualized or differentiated programming. Field Museum staff are unable to see or contact individual campers.

Parents will be provided with Terms and Conditions and/or Virtual Waiver documents before completing registration for Field Explorers Virtual Camp.

If you have questions or concerns, please email explorercamp@fieldmuseum.org.

What are camp hours?

Virtual camp is in session on the Zoom platform Monday - Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. CST.

How do we Sign In and Sign Out?

A virtual camp schedule with specific zoom links will be sent to the email address used for registration as we get closer to your start date. Logging on to the Zoom platform on time for activities will be the responsibility of campers.

Will my camper be spending any time outside?

Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp is facilitated online through the Zoom platform and assumes indoor activity. Some activities do offer an “outdoor” component as an option. You must “opt in” at the time of registration to receive both the indoor and the outdoor options. Without “opting in”, you will receive only the indoor option.

The outdoor option will be facilitated online by a Field Museum staff member, followed by directions for an outdoor activity. By opting in to this outdoor option, you are acknowledging that you consent and will supervise your camper while outdoors. Please see our Virtual Waiver at the time of registration for more information.

What materials will my camper need each day?

For Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp, campers will need:

- an internet-connected device
- paper or a notebook
- a writing utensil
- coloring utensils
- a snack

Other common household items may be used with select activities. These will be listed on the camp schedule, emailed to you before your camp start date.

What is staffing like, and what kind of training does your staff have?

The Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp is facilitated by Field Museum educators who have experience in science and education, and by camp counselors trained by Field staff in science communication. All undergo camp-specific training before camps begin.

I have more questions about Field Explorers Virtual Summer Camp. How can I get in touch?

Field Explorers staff are currently working from their homes. Before camp, please email explorercamp@fieldmuseum.org with any questions or information you need to communicate.

During camp, please use the above email for all non-urgent communications. For urgent communications, please email explorercamp@fieldmuseum.org with “**URGENT**” in the subject line and provide your phone number along with your message. A staff member will contact you as soon as possible.