



## PARENT GUIDE

### ADVENTURES IN NATURE DAY CAMPS 2024

*Adventures in Nature is a nurturing, safe, day camp experience at the Natural History Museum, designed for Kindergarten to 5th grade children, and focused on nature and science! The following information will help you and your child prepare for and enjoy their Adventures in Nature camp experience.*

### CONTACT US!

EMAIL OUR CAMP LEADERSHIP TEAM AT [AIN@NHM.ORG](mailto:AIN@NHM.ORG)

CALL OR TEXT THE ADVENTURES IN NATURE CAMP CELL PHONE AT (213)986-6049

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS? CONTACT OUR CALL CENTER AT (213)763-DINO OR [INFO@NHM.ORG](mailto:INFO@NHM.ORG)

## **Absences**

Please let us know if your child will be absent for a day of camp by calling or texting **(213)986-6049**.

## **Accessibility**

We aim to make Adventures in Nature an exciting, educational, and enjoyable experience for everyone. After registering, please contact us at [ain@nhm.org](mailto:ain@nhm.org) about any extra support or special needs your child has, and we will do our best to provide accommodations.

## **Allergies**

We do our best to accommodate the needs of campers with allergies. Please make sure to notify your instructor at check-in on the first day of camp of specific allergies, as well as noting it in your Camper Information, Policy Acknowledgement, and Waiver. We are not a peanut-free environment, but can offer campers with peanut allergies a safe space to eat lunch.

## **Bathroom policy**

All campers must be fully potty-trained and completely independent when using the restroom (or come to camp with an aide). Bathroom and water breaks are taken frequently throughout the day.

## **Camper Code of Conduct**

Our instructors and staff will go over the Adventures In Nature rules at the beginning of class. They are:

- **Be Smart** (think before you act)
- **Be Safe** (be careful with your body)
- **Be Nice** (be respectful of staff and other campers)

If our staff observes a participant engaging in inappropriate behavior, we will coach the child about the situation, and will inform the caregiver about the situation. If the behavior continues, the participant will be excused from the program.

## **Cancellation policy**

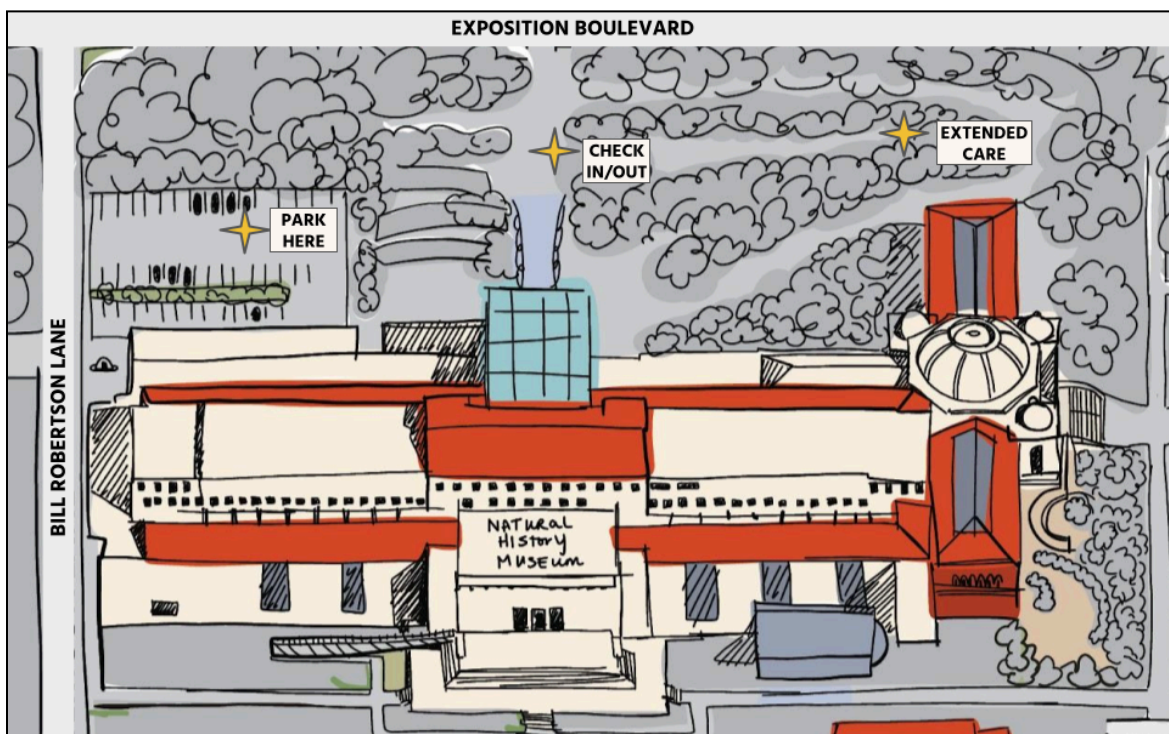
Cancellations made 2 weeks prior to camp start date will receive a 100% refund. No refund will be given to cancellations made after this period.

## **Check-in/out**

- **Campers must be signed in and out of camp by a parent or guardian every day.** For the safety of your

child, curbside drop-offs cannot be allowed; DO NOT drop off your child, then park to sign in.

- Each morning at check-in we will ask you to write down the name of the person who is authorized to pick your child up that afternoon. **Please remind whoever is picking up your child that they must bring a picture ID to sign out your child.**
- Registration tables will be located outside of the Museum at the North Entry Plaza, adjacent to the Museum's Car Park. Camps will begin and end on time. Please be prompt in dropping your child off within the 8:30–9:00 am window, and picking up within the 3:00–3:10 pm window.
  - **Extended Care:** Check-out for Extended Care will be through the door at the far end of the North Entry Plaza (**Please see map below**) *Extended Care registration available for \$75 per week.*
  - **Pick-Up Late Charges:** Please pick up your child promptly at the end of camp. There will be a 10-minute grace period, after which a \$1 per MINUTE late fee may be assessed.
- **Parking:** Temporary parking will be provided in the Museum's Car Park during drop-off and pick-up windows. The Car Park is located off Bill Robertson Lane, near the corner of Exposition Blvd. Please park on the upper level of the structure and follow signs to check-in. (**See map below**)
  - If you are planning to stay at the museum for longer than 15 minutes, you will need to pay the Museum's standard parking fee of \$15. Parking can be purchased at the Ticketing Boot



- **Running late?** Please text or call the Adventures in Nature Camp Mobile at (213)986-6049

**First day - What to bring?**

- [Adventures in Nature Camper Information, Policies and Waiver](#) - Complete prior to your first day of camp. *Printed copies will also be available on the first day of camp.*
- **Lunch and Water Bottle** - Please provide your camper with a lunch and water bottle each day. Reusable water bottles are encouraged!

**Gift shop**

Campers will not be permitted to visit the Museum Store during the camp day. Please do not send them with money. You are welcome to visit the store after signing your child out for the day.

**Head Lice**

Just like at your camper's school, we suggest checking your camper for head lice regularly. If we suspect your camper is experiencing a case of head lice, we will notify you immediately. The camper can finish their camp day (precautions will be taken to prevent the spreading of head lice) or leave early with parent approval; however, the camper needs to receive treatment at home for head lice prior to returning to camp. All parents will be notified if a camper has head lice to prevent spreading.

**Late arrival/early pick up**

Please inform camp staff in advance if you plan to drop off your camper late, or if you plan to pick your camper up early, so that arrangements can be made to have a staff member available to meet you and connect with your child's camp group. Contact us at **(213)986-6049** when you arrive at the Museum.

**Lunch and snacks**

- All children must bring a packed lunch and a drink. If a child forgets their lunch, food may be purchased by the parent when the Museum Café opens at 9:30 am.
- Children will be supervised by Museum staff members during lunch time (11:30 am–12:30 pm)
- Morning or afternoon snack times may also be provided within the camp day. Please pack additional snacks for your camper to eat during these times.

### Lost and found

The Natural History Museum is not responsible for loss or damage of any personal items brought to Adventures in Nature. Campers should avoid bringing valuable or irreplaceable items. Found items will be kept in the lost and found bin during your camp week. Please notify staff if you need to locate a lost item.

### Medications

The Museum's policy is to not dispense medication to children. If your child has special medical or other needs, the situation will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact us at **(213)986-6049** or [ain@nhm.org](mailto:ain@nhm.org) to discuss.

### Schedule

Our daily camp schedule is as follows:

8:30 - 9:00 am Check-in

9:00 am Camp day begins

11:30 am-12:30 pm Lunch/Recess

3:00 pm Camp day ends

3:00 pm Check-out

3:00-5:00 pm Extended Care

### What to wear?

- **T-shirts:** Each camper will receive an Adventures in Nature t-shirt at check-in on the first day of camp. AIN shirts must be worn on each day of camp.
- **Closed-toe shoes:** Campers are required to wear closed-toe shoes while at Adventures in Nature.
- **Warm layers:** The Museum can be cold in some locations; lunch and some activities will occur outside.
- **Sun protection:** Campers spend time outside everyday. We recommend wearing a hat and/or sunscreen!

### Weather

Adventures in Nature runs rain or shine. Please send your child ready for inclement weather. Indoor spaces will be utilized in the case of rain/extreme heat, including for meals.