

Natural History Museum of Utah Summer Camp 2020

Have you noticed that your child is a natural investigator?

The desire to explore and ask questions is a part of childhood and is a key ingredient to successful science exploration. Nurturing that natural investigator helps create a lifelong learner and a powerful problem solver.

At NHMU, we strive to inspire a sense of self that empowers authentic explorations, nurtures meaningful relationships, and connects innovative minds with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) investigations.

NHMU Summer Camp brings amazing science- and nature-based camp experiences to your kids. Camps take full advantage of the Museum's exhibits, outdoor spaces, and the natural environment of the foothills.

At our camp, your child will:

- ▶ **Explore the natural world from new perspectives**
- ▶ **Put the scientific method into action**
- ▶ **Engage in authentic experiences with Museum staff and specimens**
- ▶ **Make new friends and have fun!**

The Basics

- ▶ Each camp is designed to capture the attention and interest of your child and is targeted for the grade they will enter in the fall of 2020.
- ▶ NHMU Summer Camps run in week-long, half-day or full-day formats.
- ▶ Camp sessions vary in price, depending on grade, length of day, and duration of week. Check individual listings.
- ▶ Partner Camps for children entering 2nd-3rd grades begin at the partner location and end at NHMU, unless otherwise noted.
- ▶ Partner Camps for children entering 4th-5th grades begin at NHMU and end at the partner location, unless otherwise noted.
- ▶ Campers enrolled in full-day sessions should bring their own non-refrigerated lunch from home along with a drink. We offer a supervised lunch hour that includes time to explore outside.
- ▶ Campers will receive a reusable water bottle and a camp shirt with their camp registration fee.
- ▶ Visit our Frequently Asked Questions page on our camp website or feel free to contact the Camp Director at programs@nhmu.utah.edu

Summer Camp 2020 Schedule

Week 1 June 8 - 12

Week 2 June 15 - 19

Week 3 June 22 - 26

Week 4* June 29 - July 2 (*M-Th only)

Week 5 July 6 - 10

Week 6 July 13 - 17

Week 7* July 20 - 23 (*M-Th only)

Week 8 July 27 - 31

Week 9 August 3 - 7

Week 10 August 10 - 14

▶*Week 4, is a four-day week (M - Th) due to the Independence Day holiday.

▶*Week 7, July 20 - 23, is a four-day week (M - Th) due to Pioneer Day Holiday.

▶ Not all school districts begin summer break at the same time—check your school schedule before registering.

Camp Fees

Prices vary. See individual listings.

Members Receive a Discount, Plus Early Registration Opportunity!

- ▶ **Family Members** receive a 10% discount on all camps
- ▶ **Naturalist and Curator Members** receive a 15% discount on all camps
- ▶ **Copper Club Members** receive a 20% discount on all camps

Camp Partners

We are pleased to work with several community partners to enrich your child's learning experience this summer.

Visit our website for more information on these partner organizations including drop-off and pick-up locations.

Register Online www.nhmu.utah.edu/summercamp

4th & 5th Grade

MUSEUM CAMPS

NHMU fourth and fifth grade camp sessions are for students who will enter either of these grades in the fall of 2020. For Partner Camp listings, where needed, transportation between sites is provided. If you register your child for two half day sessions in the same week, the time between sessions will be spent eating a lunch brought from home and exploring outside with Museum staff. Please note that not all school districts begin and end summer break at the same time—check your school schedule before registering.

Price and duration of camps vary.
See individual listings.

Nature Navigator

Partner Camp with Camp Kostopulos

Let's explore! Each morning at the Museum, gain your navigation skills as we learn about geocaching and letterboxing. We'll also dive into Citizen Science as we discover how to utilize iNaturalist, an app that serves a global community for nature observation and identification. At Camp K each afternoon, circumnavigate the Utah foothills while on an ecological expedition to learn about the animals, plants, and insects of the area, create nature-inspired art, and dive deep into water ecosystems. Students will also participate in camp activities such as swimming, rock wall climbing, water field games, and more. Drop camper off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at Camp K by 4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 1 • June 8 – 12 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$315

Great Salt Lake Discoveries for Girls Only

Partner Camp with FRIENDS of Great Salt Lake

Ladies, the Great Salt Lake is ours to discover! With staff from FRIENDS of GSL, you'll investigate the cool and unique ecosystem at the Great Salt Lake, from brine shrimp and owl pellets to buoyancy and pH levels! We'll visit places like Antelope Island and Farmington Bay, conduct salty experiments, chew pickle weed, and watch birds through binoculars. We are investigators, adventurous, and love being outside. Drop off and pick up take place at NHMU. Transportation to field trip locations is provided.

Week 1 • June 8 – 12 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$315

Gross-ology

Sometimes it's stinky. Sometimes it's crusty. And sometimes it's slimy. Join us as we explore all things gross like edible skin, egg eruptions, and fake snot to owl pellets, germ culturing, dissections, and chocolate covered insects. Your parents will be so glad you didn't try these experiments at home!

Week 2 • June 15 – 19 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$165

Campus Explortion

Every day will be a new adventure as we explore the University of Utah campus! Bring your walking shoes and join us for daily fieldtrips around campus, visiting locations like Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Physics Department, Seismology Lab, Red Butte Garden, or the Union. Plus, get behind the scenes tours of the Museum!

Week 2 • June 15 – 19 • 1 – 4 p.m. • \$165

The Ultimate Camp Experience

Partner Camp with Camp Kostopulos, Red Butte Garden, This is the Place, and Utah's Hogle Zoo

If you can only attend one camp this summer, make it this one! Join us for a week of signature camp activities where each day finds campers at a different location with exciting new experiences. While at Camp Kostopulos students will participate in swimming, fishing, and climbing wall activities, while also learning about horses and their care. At Red Butte Garden, campers will have a plethora of garden adventures while exploring everything from plants to insects. While at This is the Place, we'll discover Utah's pioneering history through train rides, panning for gold and other hands-on activities. Campers will also spend a day exploring Utah's Hogle Zoo, watching animal demos as they learn about the animals that call the Zoo home. And, at the Natural History Museum of Utah, explore the Museum and our collections while participating in hands-on science. One week has never been so exciting! Choose from one session below. Each session indicates where a camper is to be dropped off and picked up each day.

Week 3 • June 22 – 26 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$335

Session A

Monday - The Natural History Museum of Utah
Tuesday - This is the Place
Wednesday - Camp Kostopulos
Thursday - Utah's Hogle Zoo
Friday - Red Butte Garden

Session B

Monday - This is the Place
Tuesday - Camp Kostopulos
Wednesday - Utah's Hogle Zoo
Thursday - Red Butte Garden
Friday - The Natural History Museum of Utah

Session C

Monday - Camp Kostopulos
Tuesday - Utah's Hogle Zoo
Wednesday - Red Butte Garden
Thursday - The Natural History Museum of Utah
Friday - This is the Place

Session D

Monday - Utah's Hogle Zoo
Tuesday - Red Butte Garden
Wednesday - The Natural History Museum of Utah
Thursday - This is the Place
Friday - Camp Kostopulos

Session E

Monday - Red Butte Garden

Tuesday - The Natural History Museum of Utah

Wednesday - This is the Place

Thursday - Camp Kostopulos

Friday - Utah's Hogle Zoo

Rockets, Wings, and Flying Things

Partner Camp with Tracy Aviary

Join us for a week of aeronautical study as we investigate everything that flies, soars, glides, orbits, or floats in the sky from planes, kites, and rockets to birds, mammals, and insects! Mornings at the Museum will be spent exploring the forces of flight with activities involving kites, planes, rocket, and more! Afternoons at Tracy Aviary will be spent studying the world of birds from bone density, beaks, and feet to flight patterns and habitats. Drop camper off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at Tracy Aviary at 4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 4* • June 29 – July 2 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$252

Know Your Food

Partner Camp with Wasatch Community Gardens

Join us for an exciting week of gardening and food discoveries. Spend each morning at the Museum, campers will investigate taste as we experiment with bitter, sour, sweet, and salty. We'll also explore microorganisms and tour our café's kitchen while making some fun and easy snacks. Each afternoon will find campers at Wasatch Community Gardens where they will learn about basic cooking skills, explore plant and human nutrition, and dig into the complexity of food systems. Drop camper off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at Wasatch Community Garden's Grateful Tomato Garden by 4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 4* • June 29 – July 2 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$252

Harsh Habits

Partner Camp with Utah's Hogle Zoo

Scorching deserts, frigid landscapes, treacherous cliffs, and humid jungles—join us as we investigate how animals, both past and present, survive in some of the most extreme environments on Earth. Each morning at the Natural History Museum of Utah, campers will explore the newly-opened exhibit, *Antarctic Dinosaurs*, discovering new species of dinosaurs as they follow in the steps of Antarctic scientists. Afternoons will find campers at Utah's Hogle Zoo, investigating how animals like polar bears, desert tortoises, and orangutans have adapted to survive and thrive. Drop off at NHMU by 8:30am and pick up at Utah's Hogle Zoo at 4:00pm. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 5 • July 6 - 10 • 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. • \$315

The Utah Adventure

Partner Camp with This is the Place

Utah is an amazing place! Each morning at the Museum we'll investigate the geology of Utah as well as experience the importance of culture through the art of storytelling, music, and trades. Try your hand at corn grinding, weaving, and drum construction. Every afternoon while at This is the Place Heritage Park, campers will experience Utah's pioneer heritage through hands-on activities like candle making, carding wool, learning how to use a telegraph, and visiting the animals. Drop camper off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at This is the Place at 4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 5 • July 6 - 10 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$315

Sustainability and Creative Reuse

Partner Camp with Clever Octopus

Join us as we investigate what it means to be sustainable. Mornings will be spent with Museum staff, exploring five major areas of sustainability: land, air, food, energy, and water. Each afternoon finds campers utilizing our outdoor terraces with staff from Clever Octopus, participating in amazing projects like pencil pouches, reusable lunch bags, junk keychains and pins, and hammered washer bracelets—all supplied with recycled items. Come prepared to be spend afternoons outside each day under shade tents. Drop off and pick up take place at NHMU.

Week 6 • July 13 – 17 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$315

Geology 101

Calling all rock hounds...join us for a land-slide of in-depth geologic exploration! Throughout the week campers will learn about fossils, geologic time, rock and mineral types, and the rock cycle. We'll also explore luminescence, plate tectonics, earthquakes, volcanoes, erosion, and the common features of our landscape. Plus, visit the Geology Department and the Seismology Lab on campus!

Week 7* • July 20 – 23 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$252

Inside Out

Have you ever wondered what's inside things like mechanical stuffed toys, fidget spinners, golf balls, or baseballs? What's inside of an owl pellet, a geode, a flower, or a fish? If you have, then this camp is for you! We'll take apart natural items, along with gadgets and toys to find out what makes them work.

Week 7* • July 20 – 23 • 9 a.m. – Noon • \$132

Kids in Nature

Let's get outside! The natural world will set our agenda, from observing bugs, birds, and plants, to investigating clouds, soil science, and anything else that comes across our path! Come prepared to explore and have fun outdoors on the Museum's terraces.

Week 7* • July 20 – 23 • 1 – 4 p.m. • \$132

*Monday-Thursday only

Explorers Camp

Partner Camp with Red Butte Garden

Join us for a week of nature explorations! Campers will spend mornings at NHMU, investigating the animals and insects that call Utah home through excursions in the foothills around the Museum. We'll also spend time learning to use the iNaturalist app, becoming Citizen Scientists! In the afternoon campers will travel to Red Butte Garden and will explore the natural area and formal gardens as they learn the basics of botany and plant science. Drop off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at Red Butte Garden at 4:00 p.m. Campers will be escorted between sites.

Week 8 • July 27 – 31 • 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. • \$315

Planetary Tech

Partner Camp with Clark Planetarium at Discovery Gateway

Explore our planet, the solar system, and the universe! Each morning while at NHMU, campers will learn about a variety of tech utilized by scientists to study the world around us. Campers will also get a unique behind the scenes experience of some of the Museum's working labs and hear first-hand from those who depend on this tech for their research. Every afternoon while at Discovery Gateway, campers will discover the worlds beyond Earth, learning about the technology used to study and explore the cosmos—telescopes, space probes, and more! They will spend time at both Clark Planetarium and Discovery Gateway. Drop camper off at Discovery Gateway by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at NHMU at 4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 9 • August 3 – 7 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$315

Antarctic Dinosaurs & Comic Book Illustration

Partner Camp with Spy Hop

Are you interested in polar science? Have you ever wanted to create your own comic or graphic novel? Then this camp is for you! Each morning, while at NHMU, campers will explore the newly-opened exhibit, *Antarctic Dinosaurs*, learning about the continent's ever-changing geology and environment as we uncover clues to understanding the changing climate of today. Afternoons will be spent under the guidance of Spy Hop mentors, learning the basics of Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator to design characters, create a storyline, and lay out the pages of your own comic book. Drop camper off at NHMU by 8:30 a.m. and pick up at Spy Hop at 4:30 p.m. Transportation between sites is provided.

Week 9 • August 3 – 7 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$315

Girls Only LEGO® Engineering Challenge

Partner Camp with Play-Well TEKologies

For girls who love to build! This camp encourages the natural talents and interests that girls have in physics and engineering. With the guidance of Museum staff, campers will explore simple and complex machines each morning. They'll then put that new knowledge to work as they complete team challenges using VEX IQ robotic components. Afternoons will be spent exploring LEGO® building systems with Play-Well staff, applying real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture through engineer-designed projects such as catapults, arch bridges, and more. Camper drop off and pick up takes place at NHMU. Please note that students will take apart all LEGO® creations at the end of the session and will not keep any of the LEGO® bricks. We encourage them to bring non-valuable cameras to take pictures.

Week 10 • August 10 – 14 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • \$315

NHMU offers a summer of adventures in the natural world. Our full- and half-day week-long science-themed camps are taught by certified teachers and are suited for each grade-level. The camps take advantage of the museum's new learning labs and outdoor spaces, and offer hands-on experiences and fun activities. Discover an entirely new adventure at the Natural History Museum of Utah this summer. * Explore the natural world from new perspectives * Put the scientific method into action * Work with museum exhibits, artifacts, and live animals * Discover the museum's many outdoor spaces around our new building * Get your hands dirty in the new "Learning Lab" classrooms * Make new friends and have fun. The design for the new Natural History Museum of Utah embodies the Museum's mission to illuminate the natural world through scientific inquiry, educational outreach, mutual cultural experience and human engagement of the present, past and future of the region and the world. Positioned literally and figuratively at the threshold of nature and culture, the building is a trailhead to the region and a trailhead to science. Utah's singular landscape and the ways in which humans have engaged its varied character over time are the touchstone for an architecture that expresses the State's cultural and natural contexts. Together with the interpretive exhibit program and landscape design, the architecture is intended to create an inspirational visitor experience and sponsor curiosity and inquiry. Summer Camp 2020. You are here. Home » HERO Kids. During a typical day at H.E.R.O. (Humane Educators Reaching Out) Summer Camp, children will participate in age-appropriate humane education workshops, presentations, games and more. Workshops will focus on different types of animals each day. * Please make sure you are registering your child for the grade they will be going into Fall 2020. Pricing: 3rd/4th grades: \$275. 5th/6th grades: \$300. Each child will receive one (1) Camp T-shirt. Parent/Guardian Information Packet Waiver Statement and Code of Conduct Camper Health History Form. * Camp dates/times are subject to change at the discretion of the Humane Education Director. More Close. Events. Birthday Parties. HERO Kids. Spring Camp 2020.