

Summer World Tour Camp

FAQs 2009

1. What do I need to send with my child each day?

- Lunch
- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen or sun block
- Comfortable clothing (including the Summer Worlds Tour 2009 camp t-shirt)
- Lightweight jacket, sweatshirt (the Museums may be cold inside) or rain gear (if appropriate)
- Close-toed shoes (Open toed shoes NOT permitted in camp)

2. How many adults will be with my camper?

There are two camp counselors that will accompany each group of approximately 20 campers at all times. At each institution, there will be an instructor for their group as well as a camp director and a camp assistant. There is also the possibility that there will be volunteers in the classrooms. A camp Integration Specialist is also on campus and dedicated to floating from building to building to help where needed.

3. What will my child do during the camp day?

On Monday morning, campers will spend time getting to know their counselors and each other with games and an orientation show on what to expect during their summer camp week. Campers will spend equal time (a day and a half) at each of the three museums, during which, they will visit exhibits, create artwork, play games, participate in hands-on activities and enjoy lunch outside.

4. How do I reach Summer Worlds Tour if there is an emergency and I need to pick up my child?

In the event that you need to get in contact with senior camp staff to report on a sick camper, late arrival, late pick-up or an emergency, please contact Shedd Aquarium (312) 692-3159.

5. What kind of training do your staff members have?

The instructors at each of the museums are either education staff members or classroom educators. Many of the counselors that are hired for Summer Worlds Tour are college students entering into their third year and majoring in education.

6. Will my child be spending any time outside?

They will spend time outside during drop-off in the morning and pick-up in the afternoon. We also have lunch outside (weather permitting). Some of the activities at each of the museums will also take the campers outside to locations around the respective museum.

7. Will my child get to see all of the exhibits at each museum?

The campers will spend a day and a half at each institution. During that time they will move between theme-based activities with instructors and museum exploration. We will explore various exhibits that connect with camp themes, but they will not visit all exhibits.

8. Will my child be with other children the same ages?

Based on the information that we receive when the campers are register, we organize the campers by age group, as listed below.

Group A	age 5
Group B	age 6
Group C	age 7
Group D	age 8
Group E	age 9
Group F	age 10

9. How many children are in a group? What is the ratio for adult/child in each group?

There are approximately 20 campers per group with two counselors that will be with the group at all times. At each of three museums, each group will have an instructor. There is also the possibility that there will be volunteers in the classrooms. A camp integration specialist is also on campus and is dedicated to roam from building to building to help where needed. Therefore the ratio is at least 1 to 10, with a possibility of 1 to 5.

10. Can my child be in the same group as their friends?

You camper will be placed in the group that they were registered for online. If you would like to ensure that your child is in the same group as a friend, you will need to register your child and your child's friend at the same time.

11. Will my children be at the same museum even if they are not in the same group?

Groups A, C and E will travel from museum to museum together, as will Groups B, D and F.

12. What are the pick up and drop off times?

Drop-off takes place between 8:30-9:00 am at The Field Museum Bus Drop Off, located on the East side of the building between the parking lot and the East entrance. Pick-up is between 3:00-3:30pm at the same location. The Field Museum Bus Drop of is a high traffic area. In order to ensure safety in this area we ask that you do not pull in before 3:00P.M. If you arrive before 3:00 P.M. please pull your car into the turn-around located on the North side of McFetridge near the Soldier Field North Garage. If you arrive later than 3:30 P.M. to pick-up your child, you will be charged a late pick-up fee of \$5.00 per every five minutes.

13. Does Summer Worlds Tour provide snacks or lunch?

We do not provide lunch. You must send your camper with lunch that does not need to be refrigerated. We will provide snacks for children in groups A and B each day. Campers in groups C, D, E and F will receive snacks one time during their day and a half at each museum.

14. Can we sign up for more than one week of camp?

Please be aware that Summer World's Tour Camp programming is the same each of the four week sessions. If space is available you may register for more than one week of camp.

15. Do you offer pre-care or after-care?

We do not offer after-care or morning pre-camp care.

16. Do you have trained medical personnel on staff?

There are staff members at all three institutions that are certified in CPR and First Aid.