

# Summer Worlds Tour FAQs

## **Registration Information**

### **Can I register in person or over the phone?**

Registration is only available online.

### **How do I add more than one child to my registration?**

Click the Add a Person Button on the Release Forms Page or on the Checkout Page.

Please note: Adler camps are a separate program and cannot be registered for in the same transaction as Summer Worlds Tour.

### **Can we sign up for more than one week of Summer Worlds Tour?**

Summer Worlds Tour camp programming repeats each week. We *do not* recommend registering your camper for more than one week.

FYI- Adler's portion of Summer Worlds Tour is similar, though not identical, to Adler's ASTRO mini-camps.

### **What is your cancellation policy?**

To receive a refund minus a 10% transaction fee, you must cancel your registration on or before May 1, 2018. After May 1, no refund will be given for cancellations. Cancellations can be accomplished by logging into your account online.

### **How do I log in to my registration account?**

Your confirmation email contains a link to your account or you can follow the registration link from our camp site:

[www.summerworldstour.org](http://www.summerworldstour.org). You will need to know the email address and password that you used at registration. If you forget your password, you can reset it from the registration site as well.

### **How does the waitlist work?**

If the week you wish to register for is full, you can register for the waitlist. We will contact you to offer you a spot if one becomes available, no later than one week before camp. Spots become available as cancellations occur; we cannot guarantee that your child will be offered a spot in Summer Worlds Tour. Your credit card will not be charged when you register for the waitlist.

*\*\*\*Do not purchase an extra t-shirt when registering for a waitlist. You will be given the opportunity to order extra t-shirts for your camper if you accept an opening. There is no charge for registering for a waitlist but extra t-shirts purchased are charged to your credit card immediately.\*\*\**

### **Are scholarships available?**

-A limited number of financial need-based partial scholarships are available for Summer Worlds Tour. There are separate applications for Adler camps. The applications will be available in January 2018 on [summerworldstour.org](http://summerworldstour.org). All scholarship applications must be submitted online by the posted due date.

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

Please email [camp@summerworldstour.org](mailto:camp@summerworldstour.org) or call 312-322-0329 for help with registration.

## **Camp Information**

### **What is Summer Worlds Tour?**

Summer Worlds Tour is a week-long camp (5 days) that takes place on Museum Campus. Campers spend approximately a day and a half at each of the institutions on Museum Campus: Adler Planetarium, Field Museum and Shedd Aquarium. For more details, please see the Summer Worlds Tour "Tour Guide" link on our camps page: [www.summerworldstour.org](http://www.summerworldstour.org)

### **Summer Worlds Tour Daily Schedule:**

<b>Groups</b>		<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
A, C, E	AM	Orientation	Field	Shedd	Shedd	Adler
	PM	Field	Field	Shedd	Adler	Adler
B, D, F	AM	Orientation	Shedd	Adler	Adler	Field
	PM	Shedd	Shedd	Adler	Field	Field

### **What are the age requirements?**

We take great care to design age-appropriate camp curriculum each summer. Campers must fall within the designated age and grade ranges specified in the descriptions. Summer Worlds Tour reserves the right to request a notarized birth certificate to confirm a camper's age at any time before or during camp. If this does not match with the birth date information entered at the time of registration, placement in camp will be forfeited and no refunds will be made. This policy is to ensure that all campers have the best possible camp experience.

Our youngest campers will enter Kindergarten in fall 2018. Summer Worlds Tour follows the Chicago Public Schools birthday guidelines, so any camper who will turn 5 by September 1, 2018 *AND* will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2018 may register for Summer Worlds Tour. If your 4-year-old does not meet those criteria, we will look forward to meeting them next summer, but Summer Worlds Tour is not appropriate for them this year. The oldest campers will enter 5<sup>th</sup> grade in fall 2018.

### **How do I know if my child is ready for Summer Worlds Tour?**

Summer Worlds Tour campers are able to:

- Take care of all restroom needs without assistance.
- Enjoy a very busy, active day without a nap.
- Follow instructions given by instructors and counselors.
- Separate from parents/ caregivers without distress.

### **How do the group letters (A, B, C, D, E, F) work?**

Summer Worlds Tour campers are divided into groups based on the grade levels of campers registered. Groups are often mixed-age (ex- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders together, or 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders together). *The group letter does not indicate progression.* For example, a camper who was in group B the previous year does not necessarily move to group C. Instruction is adapted based on the grade levels of the campers in each group. Your camper's group assignment will be e-mailed to you one week before your camp session.

#### **Can I request that my child be grouped with friends or relatives?**

One of the primary goals of Summer Worlds Tour is for campers to experience new things and make new friends, and our counselors work hard to help all campers feel comfortable. Summer Worlds Tour does not accept buddy requests, except to accommodate a special need.

### **What are camp hours?**

Camp is in session from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

### **How do we Sign In and Sign Out?**

Sign in begins at 8:30am. Sign out is at 3:00pm. Both are at the east entrance of the Field Museum. *To sign out a camper, an adult must be on the authorized pick up list AND have a valid photo ID every day.* There are no exceptions to this policy. An adult must sign in and out daily: campers may not be dropped off from the car or sent out to you. More detailed information about sign in and sign out, including a map, will be emailed to you closer to camp.

Summer Worlds Tour counselors cannot accommodate late pick up. There is a \$5 charge for every five minutes when pick up occurs after 3:30pm.

Museum Campus has many visitors and events during the summer, and traffic can be unpredictable. We encourage camp families to use public transit to minimize traffic and to avoid having to wait in the pick up line! Please note: Lollapalooza is at Grant Park during August 2-5. There will be access to Museum Campus; road closures may impact travel routes through downtown.

**Do you offer before-care or after-care?**

Summer Worlds Tour does not offer after-care or morning pre-camp care.

**What if there is inclement weather during Sign In/ Sign Out?**

Sign in and sign out will take place at The Field Museum. In case of rain, please come to the East entrance.

We very seldom change our sign in and sign out location, but in the event of extreme weather that prevents campers from safely traveling to or from the Field, we may ask you to sign in campers at the museum where they will begin the day or sign out at the museum where they will end the day. We will communicate these changes via email.

**Will my child be spending any time outside?**

Yes! Campers will spend time outside during sign in each morning and sign out in the afternoon. We have lunch outside (weather permitting). Some activities will also take place outside, and campers will walk to each institution.

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

Peanut AND tree nut free lunch. We encourage you to add extra snacks for your child as well.

Camp t-shirt: *The camp shirt is mandatory, may not be modified, and must be worn daily.* If your child does not have their shirt or if it is modified, a new shirt will need to be purchased onsite. Registrants each receive one complimentary t-shirt, but many families find extra shirts to be very helpful! These can be purchased for \$10 during registration or onsite (cash only onsite).

Backpack

Water bottle

Sunscreen or sun block that the camper can self-apply

Comfortable clothing that can get messy

Close-toed shoes (Open toed shoes and Crocs are NOT permitted in camp)

Optional- lightweight jacket, sweatshirt (the museums may be cold inside), sun hat, rain gear

**Does Summer Worlds Tour provide lunch?**

We do not provide lunch or snack. You will need to send your camper with a nut-free lunch and snack that do not need refrigeration (an insulated lunchbox is great!).

**Summer Worlds Tour is a *peanut and tree nut free* program.**

For the safety of all participants, lunches and snacks cannot include any peanut or tree nut products. Please share this information with anyone who might pack your camper's lunch.

**What is your staffing like? How many adults will be with my camper?**

Each group has two (2) Counselors with them throughout each day. They will be joined by an Instructor at each institution and may have a Teen Camp Assistant. Support is also provided by a Camp Assistant, Inclusion Specialist, and three (3) Senior Staff members who all spend time with the groups during the week.

**What kind of training does your staff have?**

The instructors are museum education staff members or classroom teachers. Most counselors are college students majoring in education or a related science discipline. All undergo camp-specific training before camp season begins.

**Do you have trained medical personnel on staff?**

Please see our Terms and Conditions for information concerning medical emergencies on our website at <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/summer-camps/>.

**I have more questions about Summer Worlds Tour. How can I get in touch?**

*Before camp*, please email [camp@summerworldstour.org](mailto:camp@summerworldstour.org) with any questions or additional information you need to communicate.

*During camp*, please use the above email for all non-urgent communications. For urgent communications, a phone number will be provided in the email sent prior to camp.