

Send Your Child on an Adventure of Cosmic Proportions at an Adler Planetarium Summer Camp! *Registration Begins February 6 at 10 am*

CHICAGO – January 9, 2018 –Your campers won't ride any horses or capture any flags, but with plenty of telescopes, programmable robots, high-altitude balloons, and new friends around every corner, Adler summer camps offer adventures of cosmic proportions! The Adler Planetarium has a variety of unique summer day camp experiences for kids entering pre-school through 10th grade. Young space and technology enthusiasts alike will have the opportunity to participate in real scientific exploration that will ignite their curiosity and creativity.

Camps run from June 18 through August 19. Registration for the general public will open on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 10 am. Members and previous campers are offered early registration 24 hours before the general public, beginning at 10 am on Monday, February 5. Mars-level members and above get priority registration starting January 30 at 10 am. For more information on Adler Planetarium summer camps, email summercamp@adlerplanetarium.org or visit <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/summer-camps/>. Adler Family Plus-level members and above receive a discount.

Young Scientists Camps (Preschoolers)

YS Cadets (3–4 year olds)

Preschool-age children learn about the skills of science exploration through participation in this fun, engaging summer camp designed to spark scientific curiosity. Activities during the week-long sessions integrate circle time, hands-on investigations, free exploration, snack, art and literacy connections while introducing young children to learning in a museum. Snack is provided.

YS Captains (4–5 year olds) NEW CAMP FOR 2018!

Older preschool-age children use critical-thinking skills, problem-solving skills, and acquire new skills and knowledge through participation in this project-based learning summer camp. Children investigate and respond to a challenge or problem by using resources in the museum such as exhibits, artifacts, and floor programs. Additionally, designed activities during the week-long session will help children explore a topic in-depth so they may communicate their learning by creating meaningful artifacts or representations. Snack is provided.



Mini Camps

Astro Juniors/Explorers/Investigators (Entering grades K–4)

Have you ever looked up at the stars and wondered what (or who!) might be up there? Come explore the Universe's most extreme environments and even uncover some extreme life right here on Earth! During this two-day adventure, campers will discover what's needed to sustain life and compare Earth environments to those on other planets. They'll also see a show in one of our state-of-the-art theaters, spend time playing and doing science outside on beautiful Museum Campus, and exploring the Adler's exhibits.

Technology Camps

Robotics (Entering grades 4–7)

Challenge yourself this summer! Telescope viewing, lunch by Lake Michigan and cutting-edge sky shows—all unique to the Adler—are the perfect setting for Tech Camp: Robotics. Based on age and ability, campers will participate in the process of designing, building, testing and redesigning as they use multiple types of robotics to overcome escalating challenges. Campers will also be exposed to creative design, documentation and presentation skills through the use of video recording, and editing. Tech Camp is collaborative in nature; campers will work together in pairs or small groups to conquer each robotics challenge.



Sky Show (Entering grades 6–7)

You've seen the amazing sky shows the Adler has to offer, now you can make one! Over the course of one week, campers will work in teams to create sky shows, from storyboarding through presenting on the dome of the Grainger Sky Theater. Campers will work with Adler's visualization, show production, and theater experts to create their one-of-a-kind show.

Mission Near-Space: A Team Experience to the Edge of Space! (Entering grades 6–10)

If you choose to accept this mission, you will become part of a unique team of engineers and astronomers whose goal is to prepare, launch, track, and retrieve a scientific payload sent to the stratosphere aboard a high-altitude balloon. The week concludes with a showcase in which participants get to present their mission results to family members at the museum.

About the Adler Planetarium

The Adler Planetarium—America's First Planetarium—is more than a museum; it is a laboratory, a classroom, and a community exploring the Universe together. Each year, nearly 570,000 visitors experience the museum's interactive exhibitions, live planetarium shows, hands-on, minds-on STEM education programs, and world-class collections. Founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler, the Adler Planetarium is a recognized leader in public engagement. The museum's scientists, historians, and educators inspire the next generation of explorers and invite you to explore space with us.