

Adler Camp 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? How do I register my child for more than one camp?

If you are registering more than one child for camp or one child for multiple camps, click the Add a Person Button on the Release Forms Page or on the Checkout Page.

Please note: Summer Worlds Tour requires a separate registration.

Can we sign up for more than one session of the same camp?

All camp programming repeats each session. We *do not* recommend that you register your camper more than once for the same camp type. Additionally, Adler's portion of Summer Worlds Tour will have content similar to Adler's ASTRO mini-camps.

-Because many preschoolers benefit from reinforcement of concepts, you are welcome to register for multiple sessions of Young Scientists camp.

What is the 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, refunds cannot be given for cancellations. Cancellations can be accomplished by logging into your account online, or contact Adler for help.

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 camps page <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/summer-camps/>. 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 session 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 the session begins. Spots become available as cancellations occur; we cannot guarantee that your child will be offered a spot in our camps. 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 scholarships are available. The application can be accessed beginning on Jan 1, 2018 at: <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/summer-camps/>. Applications will be reviewed by committee and decisions are based on financial need, individual circumstances, and program availability. All scholarship applications must be submitted online by the posted due date. There are separate applications for Summer Worlds Tour.

Program Information

Overview Guide to Adler Camps

Grade/ age in Fall	3 year olds	4 year olds	Kinder.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
2 day camps			Astro Juniors	Astro Juniors		Astro Investigators							
5 day camps	Young Scientists Cadets	Young Scientists Cadets or Captains	Young Scientist s Captains										
							Tech Camp: Robotics						
									Tech Camp: Sky Show				
									Mission: Near Space				

Can I register my child for a camp that does not match my child's grade level? Ex- Can I register my 4-year-old for ASTRO Juniors camp or my incoming 3rd grader for Tech Camp?

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. The Adler Planetarium 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.

Adler camps follow the CPS birthday guidelines, so a 4 year old who will turn 5 by September 1, 2018 *AND* will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2018 may register for ASTRO Juniors camp. If your 4 year old does not meet those criteria, our Young Scientists Camps are the appropriate camp for him/her.

How do I know if my child is ready for an Adler Camp?

Adler campers need to be able to:

- Take care of all restroom needs without assistance.
- Enjoy a busy, active day without a nap (for those in a full-day program).
- Follow instructions given by instructors and counselors.
- Separate from parents/ caregivers without distress.

What are camp hours?

Camp is in session from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., except Young Scientists Camp, which is a half-day program (9:00-11:30am).

Do you offer before-care or after-care?

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

How do we Sign in and Sign out?

Sign in begins at 8:30am. Sign out is at 3:00pm (11:30am for Young Scientists).*

*To accommodate the needs of our youngest campers, Young Scientists pick up and drop off is limited to 15 minutes before and after camp. Sign in begins at 8:45am and pick up ends at 11:45am.

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 be present for sign in and out daily: campers may not be dropped off from the car

or sent out to you. If your high school-aged camper is permitted to transport themselves, please email summercamp@adlerplanetarium.org to let us know.

More detailed information about sign in and sign out, including a map, will be emailed to you closer to camp.

-We do not have staff to accommodate late pick up. There is a \$5 charge for every five minutes when pick up occurs after 3:30pm (11:45am for Young Scientists).

-Museum Campus has many visitors and events during the summer, and traffic can be unpredictable. We recommend the use of public transit to travel to and from camp.

-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.

What do I do if there is inclement weather during camp?

Sign in and sign out will take place near the Sundial on the North side of the building daily. If there is inclement weather, the campers will stay inside. Please walk to the street level entrance on the North side of the building (left of the staircase).

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.

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 t-shirt is mandatory: *it must be worn daily*. Registrants 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 museum may be cold inside), sun hat

Do the Camps provide lunch?

We do not provide lunch. You will need to send your camper with lunch and snacks that do not need to be refrigerated (an insulated lunch bag is ideal).

Adler Camps are peanut and tree nut free programs. For the safety of all participants, **do not pack lunches or snacks that contain any peanut or tree nut products.** Please share this information with anyone who packs your camper's lunches.

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

Each camp has an Instructor, Counselor, and Teen Assistant. A Camp Director and other senior staff are on site throughout camp.

Mission Near Space Camp additionally works with 3 Adler Astronomers, and Tech Camp: Sky Show will have multiple Adler team members joining in during the week.

What kind of training does your staff have?

The instructors are museum 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:

<http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/summer-camps/>.

I have more questions about camp at Adler. How can I get in touch?

Please email summercamp@adlerplanetarium.org or call 312-322-0329 with any questions or additional information you need to communicate.