

Camp Discovery FAQs

Does Camp Discovery provide lunch and/or snack?

Camp Discovery does not provide lunches or snacks to campers. All campers, regardless of the length of their camp day, are expected to bring lunch and at least one snack for their day. Full Day campers are encouraged to bring lunch and two snacks.

Can my camper buy lunch or snack onsite?

Unfortunately, we do not allow campers to purchase food onsite during camp. Not all our camp locations have access to food for purchase and this policy allows for both campers and counselors to not have to worry about carrying/holding money during the camp day.

What part of the day is spent outside?

The amount of time spent outside varies from camp site to camp site. There should always be an expectation that part of the day will be spent outside, weather permitting. Campers are encouraged to come to camp with sunscreen already applied. If there is a concern about too much sun exposure, feel free to send sunscreen with your camper that they can apply themselves.

How do you deal with allergies?

We collect any relevant medical information in our enrollment application. Any necessary medication that your camper might need should be brought every day during camp. We cannot hold the medication overnight and your camper will bring it home every night. If your child has a food allergy, we do not have designated allergen free food areas. We do wash hands immediately after any snack break or lunch time. Some of our camps do include food items that we will prepare or cook. No camper is required to participate in these activities and we have picked recipes with few highly contagious ingredients. Additional concerns regarding allergies should be addressed with the Camp Director.

What does the daily schedule look like?

Regardless of covering a range of topics, Camp Discovery structures each day of each camp very similar. The first activity of the day starts with a site exploration. At the Cube campuses this means early access to the museum floor. At the Santa Ana Zoo, we start every day with a zoo tour. Most days at the San Joaquin Marsh start with a marsh tour, with the exception of the field trip day. There are normally two or three activities with a snack time before lunch. Lunch will take place between 11:45 A.M. and 12:45 P.M. The afternoon consists of more activities, like working on a Showcase project, and one more snack time. Campers spend the last half hour of the day reviewing and playing games before the start of sign out at 4:00 P.M.

How does the extended care work?

No sign up or enrollment is required to take advantage of the extended drop off or extended pick up times. Your camper can be dropped at any time between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. for their camp day. If you have signed up for a half day camp, pick-up is at 1:00pm with no extended care in the afternoon. If your camper is signed up for the full day camp options, pick up can occur at any time between 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Who are the camp counselors?

Camp Discovery utilizes the Discovery Cube Education and Operations staff for camp counselors. All counselors go through mandatory First Aid and CPR training, in addition to logistical and content training to be best prepared for camp come June.

What is the camper: counselor ratio?

Our camp groups are kept small with the maximum number of campers per counselor never exceeding 15. In most cases the counselor to camper ratio is 10:1.

For any additional concerns not addressed here, contact the Camp Director at:
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