



Hello Explorers!

Welcome to Camp at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

Thank you for registering for Desert Museum camp. The camp will run daily from **8:30am to 3:00pm**. We are so excited to welcome your camper to play, explore, and learn together!

The goal of Desert Museum Camps is to foster a sense of belonging through sparking interest in science and the outdoors, creating fun and tangible learning opportunities, and building community and self-awareness.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up at Camp

Camper drop-off is between 8:00 - 8:30am. We are not able to accept campers before 8:00 AM. Please note that camp begins promptly at 8:30am. It is important to be on time so your camper does not miss out on morning camp activities. If your camper must be late for any reason, please let us know by calling **520-883-3022**.

Follow the signs to the Event/Staff parking area. From the Museum entrance, take a slight right and continue to the 4-way stop. Proceed straight through the 4-way stop and look for green star shown on the map below.

An adult must accompany the camper for both drop-off and pick-up. Pets are not allowed in the drop-off/pick-up area due to proximity to Desert Museum ambassador animals.

What to Wear

Campers will be participating in various activities that involve running, jumping, playing, and maybe getting messy. **Campers MUST wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes daily.** Check the daily weather and send your camper dressed accordingly.

Health & Safety Information

Face masks are optional in all areas. We encourage families to follow their health care provider's guidance and make choices and precautions that align with one's personal health status and level of risk.

What to Bring to Camp

Bring daily, packed in a backpack, book bag or other easily carried bag:

- Full refillable water bottle
- Sun protection (hat, sunscreen, sunglasses)
- Packed snack & lunch
- Closed-toed shoes
- Medication if needed
- Change of clothes & socks (Wednesday)

Wednesday Water Day

On Wednesday, campers will participate in various activities involving water play. This will be an opportunity to cool off in the summer heat while also learning about water conservation in our desert. Please bring a change of clothes including socks to camp on Wednesday. Campers must wear clothing while playing in the water (no bathing suits unless under their clothing). Please dress accordingly, closed-toed water shoes are allowed.

Medication

Campers are not permitted to carry any form of medication while on Desert Museum grounds. Please give all camper medication to Desert Museum staff upon arrival. All medication should be labeled and stored in the original prescription container accompanied by the doctor's direction with the camper's name on it.

Electronics

Campers will be busy exploring and learning! We ask that your camper not bring any electronic devices to camp. If your camper needs to bring a cell phone to camp, we ask that it is powered off during camp hours.

Daily Schedule

Campers will spend their day learning about the Sonoran Desert through Museum exploration in the cooler morning, meeting live animals in the classroom, playing games, creating art projects, playing in the Packrat Playhouse and more! Below is an example of a daily camp schedule.

- Check in: 8am - 8:30am
- Camp Start- 8:30am
- Explore the Desert Museum
- Snack
- Classroom Activity
- Games/Songs/Stories
- Lunch
- Animal Meet & Greet

- Classroom Activity
- Packrat Playhouse
- Check-out: 3:00pm

Behavior Guidelines

The Desert Museum is committed to creating a fun and safe environment for all campers. Clear and consistent age-appropriate rules are established with the campers on the first day of camp.

Our 4 core expectations for all campers and staff are:

- **Respect:** Individuals are expected to respect each other, themselves, Desert Museum property, and the environment.
- **Mindfulness:** Individuals are responsible for their own actions.
- **Safety:** Individuals will follow directions and always stay with the group.
- **Kindness:** Individuals will try to be a positive member of our camp community by showing kindness to themselves and others.

Campers and staff are expected to follow these expectations when at the Desert Museum. Bullying and disrespectful behavior of any kind is not tolerated.

Refunds & Cancellations

If a cancellation is made 15 days or more before the scheduled camp date, payments will be refunded minus a \$25 administrative fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made 14 days or fewer before the first day of camp. Call 520.883.3025 or email education@desertmuseum.org.

Concerns or Problems

If you need to contact camp staff for any reason, please call 520.883.3025 or 520.883.3022.

Please tell us if you have any additional questions or want to share more information with our camp staff that will help create the best experience for your camper. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

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Camper Drop-Off and Pick-Up Map

STAFF GROUNDS MAP



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