



Welcome to Camp at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

Thank you for registering for Desert Museum camp, **June 30th – July 3rd 2025**. The camp will run daily from **9:00am to 4:00pm**. 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

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 a child for both drop-off and pick-up. A directional map is at the bottom of this packet.

Field Trip

Wednesday, July 2nd we will be spending the day at Kitt Peak National Observatory. Drop-off and pick-up will remain the same at the Desert Museum at 9:00am and 4:00pm. Attached you will find the **Waiver and Release of Liability form** and the **Camper Transportation Permission form** for your camper to attend the field trip. **Please sign and return both forms either by email before the first day of camp or to staff at check-in on the first day.**

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 the most current CDC guidance to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and make choices and precautions that align with one's personal health status and level of risk.

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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

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 campers 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 exploring the Desert Museum grounds, have up close live animal experiences, learn with Tohono O'odham and NOIRlab teachers, create projects out of natural materials, and play in the Packrat Playhouse. Below is an example of a daily camp schedule.

- Check-in
- Explore the Desert Museum
- Classroom Activity
- Lunch
- Animal encounter
- Classroom Activity
- Indigenous Learning
- Check-out

Wednesday, July 2nd we will be going on a field trip to Kitt Peak National Observatory. Drop off and pick-up will be as usual at the Desert Museum at 9am and 4pm.

Family Art Festival

Join us on Thursday, **July 3rd at 3:00pm** in the Education Annex (camper drop-off and pick-up) where camper's and their families will work together to create art for our Youth Garden!

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 cancellation is made more than **15 days** from scheduled camp date, payments will be refunded minus a \$25 administrative fee. **No refunds** can be made within 15 days of first day of camp. Call 520.883.3025 or email education@desertmuseum.org

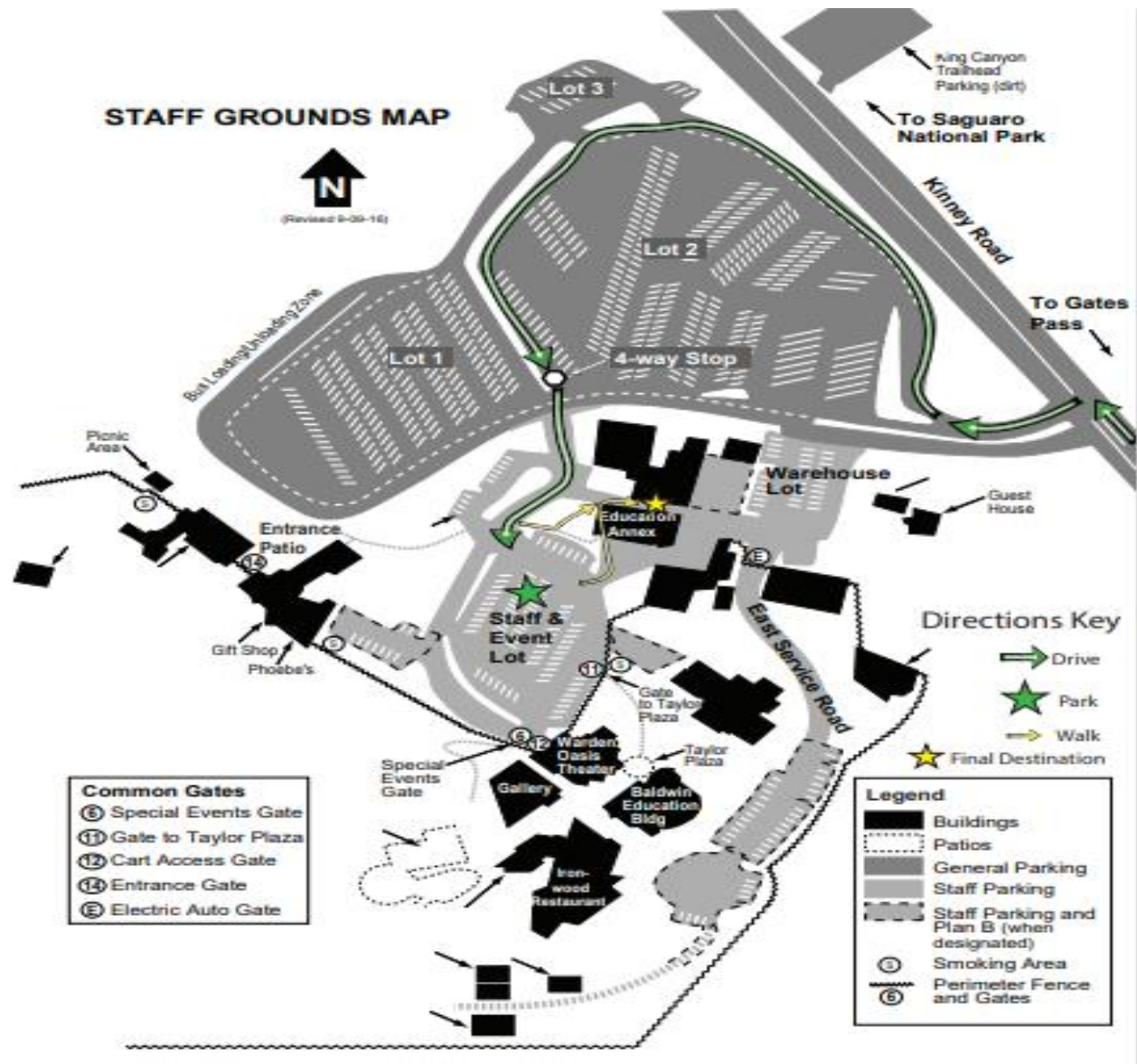
Concerns or Problems

If you need to contact camp staff to an emergency during camp, please call 520.883.3025 or 520.883.3022 and ask for Education staff.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions or if there is any additional information you would like to share with our camp staff that will help create the best camp experience for your camper. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,
Catherine Bartlett cbartlett@desertmuseum.org
Associate Director for Education
520.883.3004

Camper Drop-Off and Pick-Up Map





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WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

1. All visitors enter, stay at or travel to and from an AURA site **at their own risk**. Except in cases of gross negligence or misconduct, AURA and its staff accept no liability for any personal damage or loss of or damage to property of the visitor, including consequential or punitive damages, loss of profit or business or indirect losses of any kind.
2. I accept that **AURA shall not be held responsible** for any adverse effects to me resulting from my visit to an AURA Observatory. I further release all Released Parties from any and all Claims on account of any first aid or medical treatment including but not limited to Oxygen therapy or service rendered in connection with my participation in the activity. AURA does not accept any liability for visitors to any of the summit facilities with respect to the potential adverse effects of altitude or for any adverse effects from the administration of oxygen or care given, if required.
3. All visitors shall agree to **hold AURA and its staff harmless from and to indemnify them against any and all liability**, loss, claim for injury or damages, and expenses, including court costs and reasonable legal fees, resulting from or caused by the visit or any breach or infringement of the rules applicable to the site by the visitor.
4. All the visitors' material, equipment and other property is **under their own responsibility**. AURA does not accept any liability in this respect. In particular, AURA is not responsible for providing safety and security to prevent any loss or theft of any personal belongings of the visitors' material, equipment or property.
5. Visitors shall make sure to have appropriate **insurance coverage** in place, in particular health insurance coverage, covering their visit and the travel to and from an AURA site.
6. AURA prohibits sexual harassment, and illegal harassment of any individual because of race, religion, color, gender, age, national origin, disability, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other protected class, perpetrated by visitors to its centers and facilities. AURA also strictly prohibits bullying. Bullying is generally defined as unwelcome or unreasonable behavior that demeans, intimidates, humiliates, or sabotages the work of people, either as individuals or as a group.

In the case of an accident or sudden illness, and if I am not able to make a decision myself, I authorize the Director of the Observatory or the person to whom he has delegated this authority to take all required emergency measures as possible — after consultation with appropriate medical services. AURA does not accept any liability for visitors to any of the summit facilities with respect to the potential adverse effects of altitude or for any adverse effects from the administration of oxygen or care given, if required.

I agree to follow directions of any host, site personnel, and conduct myself in a safe manner, observe safety requirements at all times during the visit or activity, and immediately advise my host or site personnel of any adverse effects experienced at high-altitude.

By accepting this Waiver and Release of Liability, I agree that I am aware of the risks associated with traveling to and from the AURA's facilities, as well as participating in any activity there upon, which may include, but are not limited to, property damage, physical or psychological injury, pain, suffering, illness, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability (including paralysis), economic or emotional loss, and death. I understand that these injuries or outcomes may arise from my own or others' negligence, conditions related to travel, or the condition of the activity location(s). Nonetheless, I assume all related risks, both known and unknown to me, arising out of or relating to my participation in the activity, including travel to, from and during the visit or activity.

I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, or personal representatives, waive, release, indemnify and agree not to sue AURA and its officers, directors, managers, members, employees, agents, attorneys, staff, volunteers, contractors, heirs, representatives, predecessors, successors and assigns, and all other



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persons acting by, through or in concert with any of them (collectively, "Released Parties"), from and against any and all rights, claims, damages, liabilities, losses, demands judgments, awards, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees (collectively, "Claims"), of any kind whatsoever, arising out of my visit or participation in the activity, including traveling to and from the activity. I further release all Released Parties from any and all Claims on account of any first aid or medical treatment including but not limited to Oxygen therapy or service rendered in connection with my participation in the activity.

In the event that any provision contained within this agreement shall be deemed to be invalid, unlawful or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State, Province or Country where the visit took place.

SUMMIT SAFETY RULES

1. Kitt Peak is **2,133 meters (around 7,000 feet)** above sea level at the summit. Ascent to this elevation can result in **altitude sickness**, and in certain cases, severe illness or even death. Symptoms you may experience include: **headaches, dizziness or lightheadedness, fatigue, irritability, insomnia, reduced intellectual capacity, impaired exercise/exertion tolerance, nausea or vomiting**. Mild symptoms are to be expected, but if they go from being an annoyance to incapacitating (e.g. from slight nausea to feeling like you are about to throw up) inform a staff member immediately.
2. Be sure to stay **hydrated** by drinking plenty of water or juice. Bring enough to supply your group for the duration of your travels. This will help avoid dehydration.
3. Take your time, **walk slowly**, and be cautious when getting up from sitting while you are at the summit.
4. Temperatures will be much cooler at the summit. Please wear winter clothes (layers recommended).
5. The observatory reserves the right to deny future access to the sites to people with bad behavior during visits.
6. **Close-toed shoes** are required inside of summit facilities.
7. At the observatory sites you can find **native flora and fauna**. Wildlife and natural landscape are protected. Do not disturb or feed animals, and take care not to run them over.
8. Please be on the alert for **roaming wildlife and livestock** while driving and during your visit. Cattle and horses range freely around the lower portions of Route 386 and Route 86 and may cross the road in front of you.
9. Please **do not litter**. Take out what you bring in.
10. **Fire** is an enormous danger to life and property on this mountain. Follow all directions issued to you by Kitt Peak Staff in the event of a fire. Please report any indications of smoke or fire to any personnel you see so they can take appropriate action. All smoking is prohibited while on Kitt Peak, both indoors and outdoors.
11. **Rocks** sometimes fall from cliff faces and can be big enough to damage your car. Please be alert at all times.
12. The **road** up Kitt Peak is paved to the top with occasional pull offs. Drivers should exercise caution, as there are steep slopes and often cyclists sharing the road. While traveling to and from the summit, only stop in clearly marked areas; it is dangerous to stop on the road where other vehicles may not see you.
13. Be aware that **high winds** can make opening car doors dangerous.

I understand the potential hazards and the possible harmful effects of the altitude. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge I do not suffer from any illness which would render my stay in the specific conditions of the Observatory (altitude, atmospheric conditions) hazardous.

Date

Name

Signature



Camper/Child Information:

- Full Name: _____
- Date of Birth: _____
- Program/Camp Session: _____

Parents/Guardians Information:

- Full Name: _____
 - Relationship to Camper: _____
 - Phone Number: _____
 - Email Address: _____
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 - Email Address: _____

Transportation Details

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum will be providing transportation for campers as part of their camp activities. This may include travel to off-site locations for educational programs, field trips, or other camp-related experiences.

- **Mode of Transportation:** Museum vehicles or contracted transportation services driven by authorized drivers.
- **Supervision:** Camp staff and/or approved chaperones

Permission, Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement

I/We, the undersigned parent/legal guardians, hereby give permission for my/our child, _____ (“Child”), to participate in the transportation and field trip activities organized by the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum (“Museum”) as part of the specified program or camp session. The specific trips that I am providing permission for my Child to participate in are identified in the **Attachment A** to this agreement.

I understand and agree to the following:

1. **Participation:** Permission is granted for the Child to participate in the field trips identified in Attachment A, including transportation to and from such activities, with the understanding that the Child is not mandated to attend. I/We understand and acknowledge that certain risks are inherent in this type of excursion and I/we assume liability and responsibility for any such risks associated with participation in the activity.
2. **Transportation Arrangements:** Vehicles provided or arranged by the Museum for transportation to the field trips may include buses, vans, or cars operated by authorized Museum personnel or contracted transportation services.
3. **Behavior Expectations:** The Child is expected to adhere to all safety instructions and behave appropriately during transportation and all associated trips. I/We have read, understand, and discussed with my/our Child that: (a) the Child will be traveling in a motor vehicle driven by an adult and the Child is expected to wear his/her safety-belt while traveling at all times; (b) the Child is expected to respect others, the vehicles Child rides in, and the people the Child travels with during the trip; (c) the Child is expected to follow the instructions of Museum personnel; and (d) the Child is to remain in his/her seat and not be disruptive to the driver of the vehicle while traveling.
4. **Personal Items:** All children are solely responsible for money and all personal items brought on field trips. The Museum is not responsible for lost money or personal items.
5. **Hold Harmless:** I/We acknowledge that, as a condition of the Child’s participation in this activity, I/we hold harmless and waive any and all claims against the Museum, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, including, but not limited to, claims arising out of any ordinary negligence of any officer, employee, agent, student or volunteer of the Museum, or any loss or damage to personal property occurring during or by reason of the Child participating in this activity. I/We hereby attest and verify that I/we have full knowledge of the risks involved in this activity, and that I/we hold harmless the Museum, its Board, and their agents, officers, employees and volunteers from any and all liability, claims, causes of action, damages and demands of any kind that may be brought by my/our Child or on my/our Child’s behalf for any and all damages, including personal injury or death to the Child, arising out of or in connection with the Child’s participation in the field trips, transportation, and associated activities identified in Attachment A. My/our Child and I/we understand and appreciate the risks and dangers of the Child’s participation in the field trips, transportation, and associated activities, and assume the risk of any and all damages, including personal injury or death, which the Child may incur as a result of such participation.

6. **Release from Third-Party Liability:** I/We understand that the Museum is not an agent of, and has no responsibility for, any third party including without limitation any sponsor or program that may provide any services, equipment, training or activities associated with the trips identified in Attachment A.
7. **Indemnification:** As a condition of the Child's participation in the trips identified in Attachment A, I/we indemnify the Museum for all claims resulting from the Child's participation including but not limited to any injury, accident, illness, or death, or any loss or damage to personal property.
8. **Medical Care:** I/We hereby certify that our/my Child is in good health and can travel to and participate in all functions identified in Attachment A. In the event of a medical emergency during transportation or participation in a trip, I/we consent to any of the staff, employees, agents and representatives of the Museum administering or consenting to the administration of such emergency medical care to the Child as such person deems appropriate in the circumstances, and hereby authorize medical treatment in case of emergency.
9. **Medical Insurance:** I/We understand and acknowledge that the Museum does not carry or maintain health, medical, or disability insurance coverage for the Child and therefore agrees to assume the responsibility for such insurance coverage on the Child.
10. **Severability:** If any provision of this agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect. If any provision is held invalid or unenforceable with respect to particular circumstances, it shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect in all other circumstances.
11. **Voluntary Agreement:** The Child and the parent(s)/guardian(s) acknowledge that they have read the "Permission, Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement" and are aware of the legal consequences of signing this binding document.

My signature below indicates that I have read and freely signed this agreement. I further certify that I am legally competent to sign this agreement. By signing below, I/we acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agreed to the terms outlined.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print) _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print) _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT A to
Permission, Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement

Child Name: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Please sign below for each trip your child is authorized to travel to and participate in. Timeframes are approximate.

Field Trip Location and Address	Description of Trip	Date	Anticipated Departure and Return Time	Parent/Guardian Signature