



2026 Camp Information

ScienceWorks camps are held at the museum, located at 1500 E. Main Street in Ashland, OR.

Campers will spend time in both a classroom setting and public museum spaces. We may go outside if weather is pleasant.

As part of their camp experience, campers will have access to museum exhibits.

Our experienced educators support diverse learning styles, including ADHD and other learning differences. With individualized attention and inclusive methods, we create a space where all campers feel empowered to explore and thrive.

Campers must be capable of the following:

- Stay with the group and not run or hide from camp staff.
- Follow safety instructions promptly.
- Share and play cooperatively with peers.
- Use the restroom independently, including adjusting clothing.

Our campers are divided by age into four groups:

- 6 Year Old Campers (campers who have finished Kindergarten)
- 7 Year Old Campers (campers who have finished 1st Grade)
- 8 & 9 Year Old Campers (campers who have finished 2nd and/or 3rd Grades)
- 10 & up Campers

In our efforts to help our participants make friends and have social interactions, we've found that grouping by age best facilitates these experiences. Please reach out to education staff to discuss alternative group assignments for your camper.



Sign-in time for camp is from 8:45 AM - 9 AM.

Camp activities begin at 9 AM. Please sign your child in on time, so your camper doesn't miss out on any of the fun planned for the day.

Camper sign-out is at 3 PM.

If campers are not picked up by 3:05, instructors will call emergency contacts and ask for one of them to pick up the camper.

The registered account will be charged \$1 per minute that they are late.

Please notify ScienceWorks in writing if your camper will be picked up by anyone other than those you authorize to sign them out.

Further instructions for sign-in/sign-out may be given one week before camp.

NOTE: Campers must be signed out by a designated person authorized to pick them up before they leave our care.

Cancellations:

If you need to cancel your camp, you have up to two weeks prior to receive a full refund minus a \$50 non-refundable deposit. All cancellations after this date will not receive a refund.

Absences:

If your child will not be attending the program on a specific day, please notify ScienceWorks as soon as possible by emailing education@scienceworksmuseum.org or calling the front desk at 541-482-6767.



What to bring to camp:

- A packed lunch and water bottle
- Two healthy snacks
- Closed-toe shoes (no sandals or flip flops)
- Please apply sunscreen to your campers before arriving at camp
- Please have your camper wear play clothes - we love outdoor investigations and some activities will be messy or wet!

What to leave at home:

- Toys - we make our own!
- Electronic games and devices
- Phones
- Money
- Anything valuable or irreplaceable – ScienceWorks staff cannot be responsible for lost or missing items
- Weapons - including toy weapons
- Dangerous or distracting items

Please notify us if your child is experiencing any difficulties while at the museum. Children may share concerns with their families before speaking with ScienceWorks staff, and we appreciate your help in keeping us informed. Our goal is for every child to have a safe, comfortable, and rewarding experience at ScienceWorks. With your support, we can help ensure that all campers feel at ease. Program administrators and educators are available to discuss any concerns that may arise.

Campers who repeatedly disregard safety rules or exhibit violent behavior will not be able to remain in camp. If a camper is dismissed for these reasons, refunds will not be issued.

Health Policies:

Campers wash their hands before using shared materials, eating, and after using the bathroom. Hand sanitizer is readily available in the classrooms and museum spaces and campers are encouraged to use it regularly. Museum spaces, shared materials, and equipment is regularly sanitized. Campers whose caregivers wish them to wear a face mask are encouraged to. In those cases, we suggest that caregivers pack an extra mask if needed.



If you must reach your child in the event of an emergency, please call the Front Desk at ScienceWorks at 541-482-6767 or refer to your welcome email for more contact information. In the unlikely event that your child experiences a health emergency or accident, we will notify you immediately and seek advice. In the event that a child needs immediate medical attention or needs to be taken to the hospital, we will inform you of our actions as soon as possible.

Please notify us of any allergies, ongoing medical needs, or other essential medical information we need to know to help support your camper.

ScienceWorks staff cannot administer non-emergency medications.

Wildfire Evacuation Policy

ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum is located in **Evacuation Zone ASH-007** in Jackson County, Oregon. We follow the county's three-level evacuation system to guide decisions about operations, public access, and camper safety during wildfire events.

Level 1 – BE READY (Green)

What it means: Fire danger exists, but there is no immediate threat.

ScienceWorks response:

- Camps remain open. Parents/guardians will be contacted and encouraged to pick up campers early if possible.

Level 2 – BE SET (Yellow)

What it means: Be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Conditions could worsen quickly.

ScienceWorks response:

- Parents/guardians will be contacted immediately. We will require campers to be picked up as quickly as possible, if safe to do so.
- Waiting until Level 3 to require pickup may not allow enough time to safely evacuate all campers and staff.

Level 3 – GO (Red)

What it means: Immediate danger. Evacuate now.

ScienceWorks response:

- Each camper will be assigned to a ScienceWorks staff member for evacuation if family pickup is not possible.
- The Education Manager will carry the camp phone and serve as the central communication point.
- We will evacuate to the location designated by Jackson County for Zone 7 evacuees and remain there until all campers have been reunited with their families.

Smoke Policy:

Air Quality Index (AQI)	Visibility Scale
Good 0 - 50	> 5 miles with no noticeable haze in the air
Moderate 51 - 100	5–15 miles with noticeable haze in the air
Unhealthy for sensitive groups 101 - 150	3–5 miles
Unhealthy 151 - 200	1–3 miles
Very unhealthy/hazardous 201 and above	1 mile or less

ScienceWorks uses Oregon Health Authority Guidance and Purple Air sensors to make decisions about outdoor activities in the event of smoke. To track our indoor and outdoor air quality, visit map.purpleair.com and search for our address: 1500 E. Main Street. You'll see our 2 indoor sensors and 1 outdoor air sensor. ScienceWorks staff check these sensors throughout the day to make our best judgements.

ScienceWorks uses HEPA air filters in every classroom, as well as air scrubbers in our main hall to maintain the best possible indoor air quality.

Students will be permitted to eat and play outside unless we are in the orange unhealthy for sensitive groups range (101 AQI or above). Students with asthma or other sensitivities will have alternate options available. If parents/guardians have a concern for their child, please list any concerns in the Camp Registration form and/or contact the Education Team.



Media Release:

By signing your child up for this program, you authorize ScienceWorks to photograph and/or videotape your child for publicity purposes (including visits from news media and photos on our website).

ScienceWorks will not release any personal information regarding your child. These materials will be the property of ScienceWorks, not to be sold or loaned and will be used only to promote ScienceWorks programs.

If you do not wish your child to be photographed, please contact education@scienceworksmuseum.org.

Walking Travel Release:

ScienceWorks may take short walking trips away from the museum when weather permits. Please note your understanding and permission for your camper to participate in short walking trips as part of the day camp program.

Trips will be conducted during the camp day and campers will return in time for sign out and pick up.