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WELCOME

DEAR CAREGIVERS,

Welcome to Camp at EdVenture! This guide was created to provide you with all the information you will need to know about your camper's upcoming experience. Be sure to read all the enclosed information very closely. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us.

HOW TO CONTACT US:

General Camp Questions Before Camp Starts:

803.400.1155
camp@edventure.org

Camp Phone Lines During Camp:

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Where can I register my child for camp?
A: The easiest way to register for camp is through our website at edventure.org/camps. Our website contains camp descriptions, dates, pricing, and policies- all of the information your camper needs to be successful at EdVenture! If you prefer, phone registration is available. Please note that phone registrations require immediate payment and the submission of a Medical Form to EdVenture at least one week prior to the camp start date.

Q: How does camp work and how much does it cost?
A: Camp EdVenture offers eight weeks of summer fun for kids ages 4-10! Weekly sessions are divided into three age groups: 4-5, 6-7 (or 7-9), and 8-10. Members pay $229 per week, and non-members pay $269. Camp runs from 9 am to 3 pm, with complimentary early drop-off starting at 7:30 am. Extended day is available until 5:30 pm for $12 per day or $60 per week.

Q: What will my child do while at camp and what do they need?
A: EdVenture is all about learning through play- our camps are no different! Your young scientist will dive into hands-on experiments, build amazing creations, explore robotics coding, and make unforgettable memories. Each camp is thoughtfully designed to align with South Carolina State Standards and deliver specific learning outcomes, ensuring your child is both engaged and challenged. And yes, there's plenty of playtime in our exciting exhibit spaces!

Before camp begins, you'll receive our comprehensive Camp Survival Guide via email or you can find it online at edventure.org/camps, covering everything from dress code to meal information and camper requirements.

Q: What type of staffing do you provide for camp?
A: Our Camp EdVenture staff consists of our EdVenture Educators, Education Department Specialty Coordinators, and Camp Counselors. Our staff promises to provide excellent care for your camper. The number of staff members within each camp is determined by a pre-set ratio 1:10 for younger campers and 1:12 for older campers.

Q: My camper is turning 4 next month, can I still register my child for camp?
A: We welcome campers who have experience in a structured learning environment, like preschool, and are fully potty-trained. If your child is younger than the stated age range, please contact a team member via phone at **803.400.1156** or via email at **camp@edventure.com** to discuss potential enrollment.

Q: My child has high-functioning Autism. Is my camper still welcome at camp?
A: EdVenture is committed to creating an inclusive experience for all campers. Callers are asked to please contact Dr. Kathie, our Health Safety Advisor, for more information.

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GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Camp Registration
Online registration must be completed for each camper. Registration for Camp EdVenture is available on our website, **www.edventure.org/camps.**

Ages
Eddie's Camps are for children ages 4 – 10. All campers must be potty trained. No pull-ups are allowed. Staff members will supervise but are not permitted to assist children in the restrooms.

Photo Release
Please be aware that photographs and video assets may be taken of campers engaged at Camp while at EdVenture. These assets may be used by the museum for marketing and publicity purposes, including in our publications, on our website, social media channels, and in third-party publications. If you do not wish for your child to be included in these materials, please inform a member of the EdVenture team.

Drop Off
Complimentary early bird drop-off begins at 7:30 am. Campers not participating in early bird drop-off should arrive by 8:45 am. Camp instruction begins promptly at 9 am. Caregivers must check in their camper(s) by initialing the sign-in sheet at the Camp Welcome Tables located inside the museum, near the entrance of Eddie's Café. Campers do not have to be dropped off between 7:30 am and 9 am; however, a wait time of up to 15 minutes is to be expected for any child being dropped off after 9 am. We recommend a quick hug at drop-off, and an excited hug at pick-up!

Pick Up
Pick up time is from 2:45 – 3:00 pm. If you have enrolled in aftercare, pick up time is from 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm. Caregivers are required to sign out their campers each day by initialing the sign-out sheet at the Camp Welcome Table located inside the museum, near the entrance of Eddie's Café. Campers will only be released to authorized pick up caregivers. Authorized persons picking up a camper will be required to show a picture ID. If you and your child would like to extend your visit and explore the museum at the end of the camp day, you must first check out with Camp EdVenture and then check-in at the admissions front desk. There is no additional cost for members. All others, general admission is currently $13.00 and discounted for military, seniors, and educators.

Note: Any camper may be picked up at any time during the day; however, a possible wait time of up to 15-20 minutes is to be expected.

Late Pick Up Policy
EdVenture requests all caregivers pick campers up in a timely fashion. If a child is not picked up within 10 minutes of the specified pickup time, a late fee of $10 for every 10 minutes will be charged.

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Food/Snack

If a camper has any type of food allergy, please make sure that information is shared with the EdVenture team during the registration process.

Food is not provided by EdVenture. Spring break and summer campers are required to bring their own non-perishable, non-microwavable, nut-free lunch and snack(s). Campers should also bring a water bottle that is labeled with their name. All campers MUST have a lunch every time they come to camp. Even if your camper is not a "big eater," they must have food, and we will provide an opportunity to eat. Please label your child's lunch box. EdVenture does not have the ability to refrigerate or microwave food. Please consider supplying your camper(s) with additional snacks if they are participating in the early morning drop-off and/or extended-stay. No camper is permitted to share food. If a lunch needs to be dropped off later in the day, you may leave it at the front desk. Please label your child's lunch box and water bottle.

Clothing

For safety, all campers are encouraged to wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothing. We also request campers wear their Camp EdVenture t-shirt daily. Campers will receive their shirts on the first day of camp. Additional shirts can be purchased beginning at 9am in our gift shop for $10. Camp counselors see many children throughout the year; the camp t-shirt helps us easily identify campers.

Valuables

We encourage campers to leave any valuables and toys at home. Camp EdVenture will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items such as, but not limited to, any handheld electronic devices, iPods, iPads, and cell phones etc.

Lost and Found

If a camper does misplace any items during Camp EdVenture, items will be placed in the lost and found container at the Welcome Center. We encourage caregivers to place the camper's name or initials on any jackets, backpacks, and lunchboxes.

Camp EdVenture Staff

Our Camp EdVenture staff consists of our EdVenture Children's Museum Educators, Education Department Specialty Coordinators, and Extended Learning Program Counselors. Our experienced staff is required to pass a multi-state criminal database search and a SLED background check, clear national sex offender screenings, and receive rigorous training. Our staff promises to provide excellent care for your camper. The number of staff members within each camp is determined by a pre-set ratio 1:10 for younger campers and 1:12 for older campers.

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Safety Protocols

The safety of all campers is our primary concern. While camps are in session, only authorized visitors are allowed in or around camp groups. Visitors must be authorized by a camp team member. Adults are not permitted to participate in museum camp activities.

Behavior Policy

Campers will be expected to follow basic classroom and safety rules throughout the duration of their camp day. If a participant struggles to follow basic classroom and safety rules, EdVenture staff will use the appropriate behavior management techniques to redirect the student. The EdVenture staff may contact the parent or guardian if the behavior continues or becomes disruptive or unsafe. Behaviors that may result in immediate dismissal include running away from staff, inappropriate language, threats, bullying or intimidation, possession of weapons of any kind, vandalism, or destruction of property, sexual misconduct, and possession of or use of alcohol or any other controlled substance. Violence of any kind will not be tolerated and may result in immediate dismissal. The EdVenture staff has the right to ask participants who have been dismissed due to any of the above behaviors to not return for the remainder or future programs. Camp transfers or refunds will not be granted in such instances.

Medical Policy

An EdVenture staff member who is certified in pediatric first aid and CPR is always present. Additionally, first aid kits are nearby at all times. If a camper has an anaphylactic allergy, **caregiver must provide EdVenture with two EPI-PENS that are clearly labeled** with the subscribing physician's name, child's name, expiration date, and dosage directions. Campers may not carry any mediations with them (including inhalers) during the camp day. Medication(s) must be given to a camp team member at check-in. Camper medication will be given to the lead camp counselor in that child's group. If you have a medical concern that has not been disclosed during the registration process, please feel free to speak to a camp team member.

Special Assistance

Please let us know if your camper needs any special assistance prior to camp opening. If your camper has an educational aide, please contact a team member via phone at **803.400.1156** or via email at **camp@edventure.com** prior to camp opening so we can better assist and accommodate you and your child.

Sick Policy

EdVenture observes the guidelines of American Academy of Pediatrics regarding a child's health and wellness. If children are experiencing any sick symptoms or have fever of 100.4 or greater, they must stay home. Children may return to camp if they have been symptom and fever-free without the support of medication for at least 24 hours.

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Sunscreen

Before drop-off, apply sunscreen that is long-lasting, to prevent the need for reapplication. Counselors are not permitted to apply any sunscreen or mediations.

What to Wear/Bring to Camp

- Comfortable clothing
- Closed-toe shoes
- At least one snack daily in a small lunch box or bag (Nut-free)
- Spring Break campers should bring a lunch daily (Nut-free)
- If you feel your camper will need an extra change of clothes, you may pack a small bag for those items
- ***Curiosity and imagination!***

Refund and Cancellation Policy**

If you cancel your registration at least two weeks prior to the start of the summer camp week, we will refund your tuition less a $50 registration fee (per week). If you cancel your registration with less than two weeks' notice, no refund or credit will be given. Rescheduling is subject to space availability.

***EdVenture reserves the right to cancel or reschedule a class if minimum enrollment is not met or if a staffing shortage occurs. Parents will be notified at least five days in advance of any changes in schedule. Tuition paid due to a cancellation will be refunded in full if the museum needs to cancel a class.*

We can't wait to see you soon at

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