

South Carolina Military Museum Summer Camp FAQs and Policies:

Please take a moment to review our camp policies before registering.

FAQ

What are camp hours?

All camps run in one-week sessions. Camp hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30am-11:30 am. Drop-off is between 8:00-8:15 and pick up is between 11:45-12:00. All campers must be picked up before 12:00.

How do I know if my child is ready for camp?

Campers are able to:

- Take care of all restroom needs without assistance.
- Enjoy a very busy, active session without a nap.
- Follow instructions given by instructors and teaching assistants.
- Practice classroom behaviors like waiting turns, raising hands, and separating from parents.
- Respect the personal space of others and stay with their group at all times.

Does the museum provide campers lunch?

No. There will be a small snack provided to campers.

Will my child be spending time outside?

Yes! Campers will spend some time outside for different activities or for a fun brain break!

Why would a staff member call me?

- If your child becomes sick or is hurt at camp and needs to be picked up.
- If your child experiences a serious allergic reaction that requires medical care.
- If your child is having a severe behavioral incident. Please inform us of behavioral management practices you successfully employ at home so we can reinforce these methods at camp, if needed.
- If your child experiences emotional distress for more than 30 minutes. At that point we will call you for assistance and make a plan.
- If you are more than 15 minutes late for pick up, and we have not heard from you.

Camp Information:

Camper Age Group:

Campers should be registered for the age group that matches their age on the first day of camp. For example, if you're enrolling your child in a camp for ages 7-10 during the week of June 2-5, they must be at least 7 years old by June 2nd to participate.

If your camper has any accessibility or special needs, please reach out to us at cosette.scott@scmd.sc.gov so we can provide the best possible experience. Please note that all campers must be able to use the restroom on their own.

Drop-off and Pick-up:

Drop-off is at the side door of the Museum by Gallery 3. This is the far-right side of the museum if you are facing the museum from the parking lot. We ask that you park in our parking lot and walk your camper into the building for sign in every-day. We kindly ask you to allow yourself a little more time the first day of camp just in case we have any questions. ***Drop-off is between 8:00 and 8:15.**

Pick-up will be at the same location as drop off. You will also need to come inside to sign your camper out and present a valid ID each day. ***Pick-up is between 11:45-12:00***

Late drop-off may cause your camper to miss activities. We will do our best to catch them up, but we will not be able to adjust the camp schedule. We are also unable to repeat activities missed to late arrivals.

If a camper shows signs of illness (fever, vomiting) during camp they will be sent home and should not return until symptom free for at least 24hrs.

Lunch and Snacks:

We will NOT be providing lunch, but we will have a snack for campers.

What to Wear and Bring:

- Campers should wear closed toe shoes
- A camp shirt will be provided each Monday of a camp session. Campers are welcome to wear their t-shirts every day, but they are not required. One t-shirt per camper.
- Water bottle
- Optional: Lightweight jacket or sweatshirt (the museum can be chilly)

SCMM will provide all learning materials. We ask that campers leave all electronics (including cell phones), toys, stuffed animals, and blankets at home. Small backpacks are allowed, but please leave large bags at home unless absolutely necessary or for accessibility reasons.

Electronics and Cell Phones: To ensure an engaging and distraction-free camp experience, personal electronic devices, including cellphones, tablets, smartwatches, and gaming devices are not permitted at camp.

In the event of an emergency or if you need to reach your child, please contact camp staff directly. Likewise, if a camper needs to contact a parent, they may do so through a camp staff.

Cancellation Policy

We understand plans can change, and we strive to be as flexible as possible while ensuring a great camp experience for all. If you need to reschedule or cancel:

- A cancellation request must be emailed to cosette.scott@scmd.sc.gov two weeks before the start of the scheduled camp to receive a full refund.
- The museum reserves the right to reschedule or cancel any activity. A full refund will be issued if a camp is cancelled.
- Rescheduling to a different camp session is allowed, but will depend on availability of open spots.

Accessibility and Special Needs:

We are committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming camp experience for all children. If your camper has any accessibility needs, medical considerations, or special needs, please let us know as soon as possible so we can provide the best support.

Parents and guardians should share any relevant information during registration and may contact us directly at cosette.scott@scmd.sc.gov to discuss specific needs. While we strive to accommodate a variety of needs, please note:

- Campers must be able to use the restroom independently
- We are happy to collaborate with families to ensure a positive experience, but we may not be able to provide one-on-one support. If your child requires an aide, they are welcome to attend with prior approval.
- If your child has dietary restrictions, please inform us so we can accommodate snack and camp activities accordingly.