Clean – Safe – Fun at Camp Imagination

What can my camper expect to do each day at camp?

Camp is themed around an exciting topic with specially designed activities to keep your camper engaged in the material. Each day includes literacy and STEM-based activities, arts and crafts, Museum play time, and outdoor fun! Please note that our campers will play in Museum exhibits, during the quietest times in which we are open to the public. All of our Museum guests are required to follow our Clean-Safe-Fun Plan.

What precautions are being taken to keep my camper safe?

New Classroom Policies and Procedures

• Our Camp Imagination class sizes will be capped based on CDC, state, and local health department recommendations for physical distancing. Members of the same household will be in the same camp classroom and campers will maintain physical distance within their classroom.

• Campers will be taught how to stay safe and healthy at Camp Imagination. Campers will be taught proper hand washing techniques and coughing etiquette. Classrooms will be equipped with hand soap and hand sanitizer. Our camp educators and signage in camp classrooms will remind campers of ways to stay safe and healthy.

• Our class activities will have modifications that allow for physical distancing between campers.

• At this point, we will not allow outside guests into the camp classrooms.

• Time spent outside of the classroom, including playing in exhibits and on bathroom breaks, will be staggered with the other classrooms to avoid contact with other camp classes.

Sick Policy

• Staff, campers, and other Museum guests will be instructed to stay home if they have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other known symptoms of COVID-19.

• If it is suspected that a camper has come into contact with a positive COVID-19 case at the Museum, the Glazer Children’s Museum will follow all CDC, state, and local health department recommendations.

Health and Sanitation

• In accordance with Hillsborough County and City of Tampa orders, guests must wear masks covering the mouth and nose while inside the Museum. Exceptions may be made for persons for whom a face covering would cause impairment due to an existing health condition.

• On the first day of camp, parents will complete a health screening, including having their camper’s temperature taken and answering questions regarding COVID-19 symptoms and contact. Campers with a fever and/or who are exhibiting respiratory symptoms will be sent home.

• All materials and camp classrooms will be disinfected overnight. High-touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day. Each camper will be provided with the supplies they need for the day’s activities and there will be no shared supplies.

What is the Camp Imagination cancellation and refund policy? What if GCM cancels camps?

Should you need to cancel your camp registration, you may do so up to 14 days prior to the start of your week of camp and still receive a full refund. Any cancellations made 7-14 days prior to camp will receive a 50% refund. Any cancellations fewer than 7 days prior to camp will not receive a refund. Should any week of camp be cancelled, you will be offered the opportunity to reschedule your registration for another camp or will be granted a full refund. Please note that registration for a week of camp will close seven days prior to the start of camp so that we have time to communicate all procedures with families before the first day.
Where should I drop-off and pick-up my camper?

Drop-off is from 8:30-9am and pick-up is 4:30-5pm. Camper drop-off and pick-up is located on the west side of GCM near the bus circle on Gasparilla Plaza. To sign your camper in on the first day, please visit glazermuseum.org/sign-in from your vehicle. Complete the information and wait for a staff member to take your camper’s temperature before submitting it. Once everything is complete and submitted, please say goodbye to your camper from inside the vehicle! Camp staff will take your camper’s temperature every day. Parents are responsible for letting us know if their camper’s health has changed throughout the week. Caregivers will need to provide a photo ID and sign for daily pick-up.

If your child is picked-up after 5pm, you will be charged $5 per minute. The amount collected for late pick-ups will be added to our Camp Imagination Scholarship Fund.

What should my child wear to camp?

In accordance with Hillsborough County and City of Tampa orders, guests must wear masks covering the mouth and nose while inside the Museum. Exceptions may be made for persons for whom a face covering would cause impairment due to an existing health condition.

Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt on their first day of camp. Please be sure to send them to camp each day wearing their clean camp t-shirt. We will have additional t-shirts for sale for $10 each. We have lots of fun and play scheduled, so please send your campers to GCM in clothes appropriate for play, such as shorts or pants and comfortable shoes (no skirts or flip flops please). We also recommend sending an extra change of clothes for your camper in case it’s needed.

What will my camper eat?

Camp Imagination is a nut-free camp, so please keep that in mind when sending food with your camper. Camp Imagination will provide a morning and afternoon snack each day. If your child has special dietary needs, please feel free to send two snacks with them each day (clearly marked with their name and in disposable packaging).

If your camper is bringing lunch, please do your best to pack it in a hand-carried, disposable bag. Unfortunately, refrigerators are not available to store camp lunches.

If you ordered a Subway lunch for your camper, we will take your camper’s lunch order every morning. Our Subway lunch options are: sandwich (turkey and cheese, ham and cheese, vegetarian), drink (white milk, chocolate milk, juice, water), apples, and a cookie. Subway lunches are only available for advanced, online purchase.

What is the nightly home link?

Camp educators will challenge campers to complete a home link assignment each night. The intention behind the home link is to “link” what campers learned at camp to discussions at home. It is an excellent way for parents to ask campers about what they have been learning!

How can I see what my camper is doing at Camp Imagination?

Each camp class has a Class Dojo account. Class Dojo allows you to contact your child’s camp teacher via a direct message. You can also see what your camper has been doing at camp each day! You will receive an email invitation (check your spam folder) to access our Camp Imagination Class Dojo account the week before camp begins.

Camp Imagination traditionally hosts an Open House on Friday afternoons. In order to keep our campers and Camp Imagination staff safe, we will host a digital Open House via Class Dojo, so be sure to sign-up!

What if I need to reach Camp Imagination staff?

For all assistance with camps, you can contact our camp staff by emailing camps@glazermuseum.org or messaging them through the Class Dojo app. The Glazer Children’s Museum front desk can be reached at (813)443-3861. You can reach the Camp Imagination cell phone at (813)539-5356.