Welcome to Camp Imagination!

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

Each week of camp is themed around an exciting topic with specially designed activities to keep your camper engaged in the material. Every 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.

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.

• 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. Any previously scheduled guest speakers that can deliver their presentations digitally will do so.

• 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 a camper or staff member develops symptoms at any point in the camp day, they will be isolated until their condition can be further evaluated. Anyone exhibiting symptoms associated with COVID-19, including a fever will be sent home. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms will only be permitted to return to camp when:
  • They have had no fever for at least three (3) days without taking medication to reduce fever during that time; AND
  • Any respiratory symptoms (cough and shortness of breath) have improved; AND
  • At least ten (10) days have passed since the symptoms began
  • OR a doctor has given written permission for the individual to return to camp

• 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

• All camper parents are asked to monitor their child for any symptoms associated with COVID-19, including fever. Parents will complete a verbal health screening at drop-off each morning.
• All campers 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.

• 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 canceled, you will be offered the opportunity to reschedule your registration for another week of summer 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. All cancellation requests must be made in writing to camps@glazermuseum.org.

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. Please stay in your vehicle and wait for a staff member to check your child in. Once check-in is complete, please say goodbye to your camper from inside the vehicle! 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 you are dropping your camper off after 9am or picking your camper up before 4:15pm, please call the Camp Imagination cell phone to let us know you have arrived. The phone number is (813)422-0661. A staff member will meet you on Gasparilla Plaza to check your camper in or out. Please, no early pick-ups after 4:15pm as we are cleaning up, packing up, and getting ready for dismissal at that time.

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

What should my child wear to camp?

All campers 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 encourage parents to pack an extra change of clothes for your camper, in case of an accident.

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 on Monday morning. They will receive the same Subway lunch order throughout the week, unless we are otherwise notified. Our Subway lunch options are: sandwich (turkey and cheese, ham and cheese, veggie), drink (white milk, chocolate milk, juice, water), apple sauce, 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 and will follow-up the next morning. Please check our “Week-at-a-Glance” for the home link question for 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 before camp begins.

Camp Imagination hosts a digital Open House via Class Dojo, so be sure to sign-up! You will have an opportunity to see recordings of campers showing off their projects from the week!

**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 your child’s teachers directly 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)422-0661.

We look forward to seeing your camper at Camp Imagination!