



Seaport Summer Camp 2023 FAQ's

Refund Policy:

Independence Seaport Museum does not offer refunds once payment has been made. We will, however, be more than happy to reschedule your camper for a different week of Seaport Summer Camp, as long as there is availability.

What to Bring:

Change of Clothes and a Towel: Camp can get messy! While we will do our best to stay clean, things happen and our messiest activities are usually the most fun! We will also be on the water for some activities which can get a little wet! The Education Center also gets chilly! We recommend bringing a light jacket.

Lunch: Please send your camper a bagged lunch daily. We do not have a heating option available for campers, so please pack accordingly. A morning snack and afternoon snack will be provided. Feel free to send snacks for your child, if you so desire.

Sunscreen/Raincoat: We recommend that your camper wear sunscreen daily and re-apply after lunch. If rain is forecasted, please send a raincoat as well.

What Not to Bring:

Valuables: Please refrain from sending your camper with expensive items to camp (Portable gaming devices, jewelry, etc.). If your camper brings a cell phone, please make them aware that they must stay in their pockets or bags. We want your child to be actively engaged in camp, without cell phone distraction. *The museum is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items.*

Weapons of any kind.

Camp Staff:

To ensure a safe, fun camp environment, all staff will have passed a criminal and child safety background check. All staff will have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The ratio of staff to campers is 1:10 during most activities. During water activities, additional staffing may be provided to provide the safest possible environment.

On- Water Information:

Campers aged 6-8 are not permitted on single or tandem kayaks, but will learn to row in boats with adult instructors. Campers aged 9 and 10 are permitted in both rowboats and tandem kayaks. Campers aged 11 and 12 may row in single kayaks, as well as rowboats or tandem kayaks. The museum employs

additional dock hands (who have passed criminal and child safety background clearances) to ensure safety while on the water.

Safety and Medical Information:

Please fill out all medical and safety forms for your camper. No camper will be permitted without these forms. If your camper needs medication, please make sure their name is on it, and please provide detailed instructions for staff to safely administer. Please make sure camp staff is aware of any additional allergies or other relevant medical information.

Weather:

Camp will run in most circumstances. If the weather is bad, camp activities will be adjusted to ensure the safety of campers. On-water activities and other outdoor activities will be postponed or adjusted to provide the best experience.

Drop-off and Pick-up:

Campers should be dropped off, in the roundabout between the museum and Hilton, to camp staff, between 7:45 and 8:00 am daily. Please sign your child in upon arrival. The address is 211 S. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19106. Please try to let us know if your camper will be late or absent from camp.

Campers should be picked up, from the museum lobby, between 3:00 and 3:15 pm daily. Your child will need to be signed out by an authorized person, showing photo ID. If your child has not be picked up by 3:15, they will be transferred to aftercare and a fee of \$20 will be charged.

If your student is attending aftercare, they should be picked up by 5:30. A late fee of \$15/15 minutes will be charged.

If your student is permitted to leave camp unattended, please fill out the "Alternative Departure" section of the dismissal form. ONLY STUDENTS WITH THIS SECTION FILLED OUT WILL BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE UNACCOMPANIED.

In the Event of an Emergency:

Please call the museum main line at 215-413-8655 and ask to speak to a camp counselor. You may also contact the Summer Camp Supervisor at her email, Blutek@phillyseaport.org . Camp staff will keep their cell phones available in case immediate attention is needed.

Behavior Expectations:

To ensure a fun, safe camp experience, all campers are expected to exhibit proper behavior. Inappropriate behavior will be addressed as follows:

1. A verbal warning
2. Second verbal warning
3. "Time away" This will be time where campers will discuss their behavior with Camp Supervisor

4. Camp Supervisor will call parents to address behavior.
5. Camp Supervisor will call parents and child must be removed from camp.

*Depending on the severity of the behavior, steps within this sequence may be skipped or additional verbal discussions may happen.