**GSC Summer Science Camp COVID-19 FAQs**

We cannot wait to start a summer of fun and engaging science at the Greensboro Science Center! And we have adopted changes that will make it a safe team effort with our camp families.

In light of the COVID-19 virus, the GSC wanted to take time to inform families of the steps we are taking and what to expect from Summer Science Camp in 2021. Please understand that the situation is very fluid and can change quickly. We base our decisions in the science data we see. We appreciate everyone’s patience and flexibility. Please know that we will do our best to provide the best possible camp experience while increasing our safety measures as they relate to the COVID-19 virus.

**How will the GSC manage group sizes to maintain a level of social distancing?**

The GSC is following Governor Cooper’s and the NC Department of Health and Human Services guidelines. We advise all guests, including GSC members, to reserve admission times as our capacity has been somewhat limited. There is a one-way path with social distancing marks on the ground around viewing areas. Our general visit update is [here](#).

For camp, we will be requiring curbside drop off and pick up of campers to avoid having parents or caregivers enter the GSC. In your pre-camp email, sent out the week prior to camp, there will be detailed instructions for when and where to drop off/pick up campers, as well as any updates as the summer progresses.

**How will social distancing be addressed in the classrooms?**

Classes have been moved to larger rooms in order to properly social distance as much as possible. We will have masking tape on the floor and pool noodles in each classroom as visual reminders for our campers and staff. Smaller camp numbers allow us to space campers 6 feet apart when seated.

**Are face coverings required at camp?**

All GSC staff will wear face coverings. Campers ages 5 years and up are required to wear face coverings. Please be sure to send your camper ages 5 and up with a face covering each day.

**How are staff being screened for the virus? What if a camper develops symptoms or gets sick at camp?**

The health and safety of our staff and campers is our top priority. Staff has a health check daily and campers will have their temperature taken daily along with completing a short health questionnaire at drop-off. We ask that staff and campers who are sick, or if someone in their household is sick, stay home. If your child becomes sick at camp, we will call you immediately to pick him/her up. We take Kawasaki Syndrome symptoms in children seriously (which includes abdominal pain/stomach ache).
How will refunds work?

Our pre COVID-19 cancellation policy was a processing fee of $25, per participant per camp. This amount covers the processing fees charged by our online registration system, Active Network.

Since COVID-19 we have changed our policy to a processing fee of $15, per participant per camp for cancellations. Should the GSC cancel a week of camp you are registered for, due to low enrollment or evolving public health concerns, you will receive a full refund.

How will camp cleanliness be maintained?

Cleanliness and sanitation are always top priorities at Summer Science Camp. We use antibacterial & antiviral solutions when cleaning. In light of the COVID-19 threat, we have increased the number of cleanings each space receives and how we use shared materials. We practice healthy hand hygiene behavior at Summer Science Camp which includes that all staff and campers wash hands or use hand sanitizer at the following times:

● Arrival to facility
● Before and after preparing demonstrations and experiments
● Before and after eating or handling food
● After using the restroom
● Before and after coming in contact with animals
● After playing outside
● After blowing noses, coughing, or sneezing or when in contact with body fluids
● Between morning and afternoon camps

What are the teacher/camper ratios?

Our Robotics camps will have 6-8 campers depending on ages and our general science camps will have 10-12 campers depending on ages. Each camp is led by a teacher, an assistant and a volunteer; other staff may join a camp for specific activities or programs.

Will there be any changes to animal encounters at the GSC?

Our animal ambassadors will still make camp visits under the discretion of our Vet and Animal Care staff.