



## **A Parent's Guide to Summer Camp at HMNS – The Basics of What you Need to Know!**

Dear Summer Camps at HMNS Camper Parent,

To better help prepare you and your camper for your first day of camp, we have compiled this basic list of information.

### **What we need from you before the first day of camp**

- Camper Health Record Form along with immunization records – these records are a requirement.
- Children who have NOT had a Camper Health Record Form turned in by check-in on Tuesday afternoon **will not be permitted to return to camp** until a health form is turned into the Education Office.
- If you would like to keep epinephrine or medication on campus for your child, please fill out an Allergy Action Plan (also available in the Education Office), and attach your child's picture.

### **Before Camp/After Camp**

- Before Camp is available from 8:00 to 10:00, Monday – Friday for \$50 per week.
- Check-In for Before Camp is located just inside the main museum Grand Hall. If coming in from the Museum Parking Garage, walk through the Gift Shop and the check-in table is just inside the Grand Hall.
- After Camp is available from 3:25 until 5:30, Monday – Friday for \$60 per week. The After Camp classrooms will be located on the lower level in the classrooms beneath the Gift Shop. If coming in from the Museum Parking Garage, look for signage just before the entrance to the Gift Shop directing you downstairs. Signage will be on the lower level indicating the last name alphabet ranges for each After Camp classroom.
- To sign up visit <http://store.hmns.org/> prior to the first day of camp.

## Lunch

- Campers may bring a lunch from home or you may pre-order meals to be delivered to their classroom.
  - Sodexo is available only at the main museum location. Information can be found online at [hmns.org](http://hmns.org). Online orders can be placed with Catertrax at <http://hmnscatering.misofic.net>, by calling **713-900-5095**, or you can place an order in person at the Periodic Table Café in the Museum.
  - Chick-Fil-A is available only at the Sugar Land location. A representative will be on location to take orders on Monday morning. CASH ONLY.
- Orders are accepted on **MONDAY ONLY** for the entire week.

## What does your camper need?

- Clothes you don't mind getting dirty and closed-toed shoes – no flip flops or sandals, please.
- A backpack or bag to keep personal items and lunches contained
- A recycled bag or green shopping bag to bring home projects

## Getting to Camp

- You can find [directions online](#) or by calling 713-639-4601 or 713-639-4629.

## What to expect Monday morning

- You will need to sign your camper in at their camp classroom. Sign-in begins at **9:45**.
- You will need to fill out a Sign-In Card for your camper with a list of approved adults for pick-up, including yourself.
- Take the Paleontology Hall elevators to the Lower Level at the main location. There will be staff and signage to guide you to the correct classroom.
- If you need to drop off your camper earlier than 9:45, Before Camp is available for purchase for the week online or in the Education Office.
- Children must be signed in and out by an approved adult every day. Updated contact information is required daily.
- You are required to show a **photo ID** to sign your child out. Please be patient as it takes time to assure the safety of campers during sign-out.
- Campers are escorted by Summer Camp staff anytime they are out of the classroom, whether that be going to the restroom as a group or visiting a museum exhibit hall.

## Special Needs

- Please notify the Camp Director of your child's special needs **PRIOR** to your child's first day of camp by emailing [summercamp@hmns.org](mailto:summercamp@hmns.org).
- Help us help your child by completing the Camper Health Record Form and notifying us of any allergies, accessibility concerns, behavioral, psychological or emotional concerns, or any other special needs.
- In the case of severe food allergies, it is not possible for us to monitor the food other children bring to camp. **We are NOT a nut-free zone.**

- If your child requires an Epi Pen you will need to fill out the Allergy Action Plan and turn it in to the Education Office on Monday morning of your child's camp week.

### **Souvenir T-Shirts**

- T-shirts will be available for purchase at a T-shirt cart in the elevator bay at various times throughout the week for \$10 (cash and check only).

### **Valuables**

- Bringing valuables like cell phones, electronic games, etc. to camp for use during lunchtime, Before Camp, or After Camp is at the discretion of the parent and HMNS is not responsible for loss or damage to camper's valuables.

### **In Case of Emergency**

- Please call the Summer Camp office at 713-639-4651 or 713-639-4625, and a staff member will deliver your message to the appropriate person.

### **Parking (See Map Below)**

We know that parking can be a challenge during the summer at the museum; therefore we are offering free reserved parking in the museum garage for the exclusive use of summer camp patrons and we are also offering a Camper drop-off and pick-up carpool line that will be available to purchase. This service will be limited to 50 museum members who are registered summer camp patrons each week that HMNS Summer Camp is in session. We introduced these options in summer 2018 and received positive feedback.

#### **1. RESERVED PARKING SPACES IN THE MUSEUM GARAGE EXCLUSIVELY FOR HMNS SUMMER CAMP PATRONS. *DETAILS...***

Free Parking will be available to HMNS Summer Camp patrons in the museum garage at drop off and pick up. We will have approximately 80 coned and reserved parking spaces exclusively for HMNS Summer Camp patrons to use during the weeks HMNS Summer Camp is in session. Free parking is dependent on availability. Once the reserved coned spaces fill up, HMNS Summer Camp patrons can park in any available space on the upper level of the museum garage dependent on availability for FREE.

HMNS Summer Camp patrons utilizing the museum garage reserved spaces will need to display the SUMMER CAMP PARKING PASS on their dash. The SUMMER CAMP PARKING PASS will be emailed to all registered patrons prior to your scheduled week of camp. The SUMMER CAMP PARKING PASS will also be available in the Education Office in the museum.

Also, summer camp patrons will need a COMPLIMENTARY PARKING COUPON to exit the museum garage for FREE. COMPLIMENTARY PARKING COUPONS will be available in all summer camp classrooms and in the Education Office inside the museum.

Please note that the HMNS parking garage fills quickly and is extremely busy during drop-off and pick-up times. We advise you to carpool and/or arrive early if you plan to use the Museum garage. Camper pick-up begins at 3:00 with a 25 minute grace period to address parking. Any child not picked up by 3:25 will be escorted to After Camp. Rest assured, we will keep your child safe until you arrive!

## 2. LIMITED CAMPER DROP-OFF/PICK-UP CARPOOL SERVICE

HMNS Summer Camp will operate a camper drop-off and pick-up line during the weeks HMNS Summer Camp is in session. This service will be limited to members of the museum. We will offer 50 “HMNS Summer Camp Carpool Passes” per week when summer camp is in session. The service will be available to purchase online at [www.hmns.org/summercamps](http://www.hmns.org/summercamps)

HMNS Summer Camp patrons utilizing the HMNS Summer Camp Drop/off and Pick/up line service will need to display the HMNS SUMMER CAMP CARPOOL PASS on their dash. The specific location of the carpool line and additional details will be available at [www.hmns.org/summercamps](http://www.hmns.org/summercamps) soon.

- *Available to members of the museum exclusively*
- *\$30 per week for an HMNS Summer Camp Staff member to escort your camper to and from the camp classrooms and to ensure authorized pick-up and signature.*
- *Limited to 50 patrons per week*
- *Camper drop-off service not available on Monday mornings. Please utilize the museum garage or alternate parking, and escort your camper inside the museum to complete summer camp pick-up authorizations, order lunch, and orient yourself and your child to the camp layout.*
- *Camp patrons can purchase the service in advance online at hmns.org*
- *Limited quantities might be available on site the week of camp if not sold out online*
- *Camp patrons must be authorized to pick up designated camper, and all the names of campers to be picked up must be provided to the program coordinator at the time of purchase. Any changes to camper pickup must be communicated to the program coordinator no later than 1pm the day of service.*
- *Patrons using the service must display “HMNS Summer Camp Carpool Pass” on their dash.*

For details visit <http://www.hmns.org/education/summer-camp/parking/> or view and print the Parents Guide to HMNS Summer Camp available at <http://www.hmns.org/education/summer-camp>

**PLEASE CHECK HMNS.ORG FOR FUTURE UPDATES REGARDING SUMMER CAMP PARKING.**

### **Alternate Parking (Please see map)**

- Additional Free parking options include:
  - Free 3-hour parking lot in the new Garden Center (Lot C)
  - Metered parking on the streets around the Museum District
  - Free 3-hour parking lot directly off the Circle, by the statue of Sam Houston (Lot A)
  - Free-daily parking near the Zoo (Lots D, E, F, G, and H)
  
- Additional Paid Parking Options (At your own cost):
  - Metered parking around the Museum District Museum Medical Tower
  - MFAH
  - Children’s Museum
  - Holocaust Museum parking lot
  - The MetroRail – The “Museum District” stop is only 3 blocks from HMNS.

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