

HOUSTON MUSEUM
of NATURAL SCIENCE

HMNS SUMMER PROGRAMS 2026

PROGRAMS FOR AGES 4 TO 14

SUMMER
CAMPS
@HMNS


Little Learner
LABS!

SCOUTS
@HMNS

THE
LAB


AVAILABLE AT HMNS HERMANN PARK & HMNS SUGAR LAND

Greetings!

Let the Houston Museum of Natural Science provide your child with a summer filled with discovery and adventure, set against the backdrop of authentic dinosaur fossils, Egyptian mummies, and an array of the world's finest specimens and artifacts. HMNS offers a variety of summertime enrichment opportunities, including week-long summer day camps, scout badge classes, and more.

HMNS aims to inspire the next generation of engineers and scientists by providing STEM-focused instruction using curricula developed by our in-house content specialists. All camps and classes are led by highly qualified educators who are ready to engage your child through impactful, hands-on activities and opportunities to explore the Museum's world-class exhibits and venues.

Within the pages of this catalog, you will find a wide selection of camps and classes, from the physical sciences and forensics to anthropology and beyond. There is even a camp that includes an opportunity to spend a night at the Museum.

New and noteworthy options, designed to serve different age groups:

Little Learners (ages 4-5): These engaging single-day science classes are designed to foster independence and discovery for our youngest explorers. Your child's love for science will bloom as they explore, create, and perform in these interactive, hands-on classes. Our expert educators are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and stimulating environment where every child feels encouraged to express their natural curiosity and creativity.

The Lab (ages 13-14): HMNS now offers one-day, in-depth courses for teens who have outgrown camp but are not yet ready to become Teaching Assistants or join the Moran Ecoteen Program. Each session includes a discussion with subject-matter specialists, hands-on problem-solving activities, and a visit to either a Museum hall, venue, or behind-the-scenes area.

Members at the Family Level and above can take advantage of early discounted registration for our summer camps and classes, along with many other amazing benefits. Be sure to take advantage of these significant savings by purchasing or renewing your membership before registering your child for a program.

Locations

HMNS summer programming is available at the following locations:

HMNS HERMANN PARK

**5555 Hermann Park Drive
Houston, TX 77030**

Located in Hermann Park across the street from Miller Outdoor Theatre with close proximity to Highways 59, 288, and the 610 Loop.

HMNS AT SUGAR LAND

**13016 University Blvd
Sugar Land, TX 77479**

Located north of Highway 59, at the corner of University Blvd. and New Territory Blvd.

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Summer Camp Information

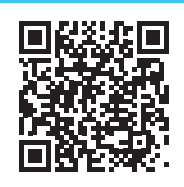
HMNS In-Person Summer Camps

Week-long, hands-on science summer camps featuring science activities for children ages 6–12. Camps are held Monday–Friday from 10 A.M.–3 P.M.

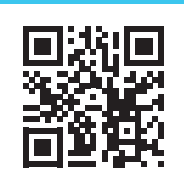
Please note the weeks of June 15-18 and June 29-July 2 are four-day weeks.

For an additional weekly fee, care is available before camp begins each day, from 8–10 A.M., and after camp ends, from 3–5:30 P.M.

Quick Links



Summer Camp Email
summercamp@hmns.org



Summer Camp Info
hmns.org/summercamp

DETAILS:

- For your child’s security, all campers MUST be escorted to and from their camp room by a parent or guardian and signed in and out EVERY DAY. We realize leaving your contact information each day may not always be convenient. In the event of an emergency, we want to have the most accurate contact information for you.
- Attendance cards contain a list of authorized adults for pick-up and emergency contact information and can be filled out by the person who drops off the camper on the first day of each camp week.
- We ID at pick-up daily based on the information provided on the attendance cards. Please make sure to include your own contact information if you will be picking up your camper.
- Summer Camp at the Houston Museum of Natural Science is not childcare facility, daycare facility, or a before- or after-school program and is not licensed by the State of Texas.
- Summer Camp program conducts background checks on all program employees and volunteers using info from TX DPS.

Yet another reason to be an HMNS member!



Priority registration and discounted pricing on the city’s best science camps.

Get first dibs on everything camp as a member.

Purchase or upgrade your membership now!



Camps available at:

HP

HERMANN PARK

SL

SUGAR LAND

Camps for ages

6–7

(or entering Grades 1 or 2)

Camper must be at least 6 years of age by September 1, 2026

Art Smart HP SL

Paint without touching the paper, get creative with cauliflower, and make mysterious pictures that appear like magic as you create science masterpieces to take home.

Booms and Blastoffs HP SL

Experiment with things that go BOOM, from foaming chemicals to popping balloons. Then, create various flying machines using paper, straws, funnels, balls, balloons, and more.

Build It Big HP

Discover which shapes make the strongest structures by constructing bridges, buildings, and more. Then have fun demolishing some of your creations while exploring how architects make buildings strong.

Crazy for Coding SL

Discover the mystery and history of codes as you create and play games using Scratch Jr. ™ and more. Explore the roots of coding from the Enigma Machine to ancient Egypt and beyond.

Creepy Crawlies HP

Caterpillars, beetles, bees and beyond! Investigate all manner of insects in our insect zoo, build a model anthill and much more. **Camp includes optional edible insect and a dissection activity.**

Gadgets & Gizmos HP

What makes a gadget? What even is a gizmo? Explore groundbreaking inventions from history and investigate the minds of inventors like Leonardo da Vinci! Learn about contraptions throughout time and make your very own gadget to take home.

Junior Paleontologist HP SL

Investigate how our resident dinosaurs lived, died, and were discovered by paleontologists. Get up close and personal with our specimens, go on a mock dig, and touch a real dinosaur bone!

Junior Science Magic HP SL

Become a scientific wizard! Mix bubbling potions, make objects vanish into thin air, and levitate mysterious items using secret physics powers. Amaze your family with jaw-dropping “magic” at the spectacular magic show extravaganza!

Kitchen Chemistry HP SL

Discover what cool chemical reactions happen as we cook, explore cuisines from other countries, grow your own food, and more. **Please note: This camp is not recommended for children with food allergies/sensitivities. Camp includes optional bug tasting activity.**

Man’s Best Friend HP

Get up close and personal with animals in your classroom, grow your own catnip, make dog treats, create a bird feeder, and much more in this hands-on “hare-raising” experience.

Mummies and Mysteries HP

Come and meet our resident mummies, learn about hieroglyphs, unearth mummy-making secrets, explore how the pyramids were constructed, and discover more about pharaohs on this ancient Egyptian adventure!

Riveting Robots! HP SL

Experiment with gears, electricity, pneumatics, and simple machines to discover how robots move and manipulate objects. Program a mini robot to follow your commands.

Space Cadet HP

Operate robot arms, grow plants in space, and find out why astronauts wear diapers! At the end of the week, use your training to complete a journey to outer space in the Expedition Center.

Star Warriors Academy HP

Is it really possible to control things with the power of your mind? Learn science fact from science fiction when you explore the planets, creatures, androids and vehicles in imaginary galaxies as you learn about the real planets, animals, robots, and cool transportation in your own backyard.

Story Lab SL

Where the magic of storytelling meets the wonders of science! Create a journal for your notes and ideas as you do experiments and discover the Museum page by page as we blend creativity with critical thinking.

Trainer Camp HP

Can you catch them all? Become the ultimate trainer by exploring the science behind these imaginary creatures throughout the museum. Create a trainer card, bag, and other equipment as you journey to become the best!

T. rex Explorers HP

Uncover the wonders of the mighty T. rex! Explore the Museum's exceptional specimens, engage in hands-on activities, creative crafts, and captivating stories to unearth everything, from its towering height and huge sharp teeth to its fascinating habits and habitats.

Waterworks HP SL

Engage in water-based activities, including creating bubble buildings and bubble art, creating a mysterious diver that sinks and rises, and building a cargo boat that can carry the largest load.

Wizard Science Academy HP

Discover the science behind the care of wizard pets, herbs, herpetology, and the chemistry behind magical potions! Create a wand, hat, and book of science spells in this week of wizard wonders.

World Explorers HP

Discover parts unknown as you sample foods, games, crafts, and cultures from around the world. Collect all your world traveler stamps in your very own museum passport that you can take home!

Camps available at:

HP HERMANN PARK SL SUGAR LAND

Camps for ages

8–9

(or entering Grades 3 or 4)

Camper must be at least 8 years of age by September 1, 2026

Amazing Animals HP

From meat-eating predators to the tiniest amoebas, your world is full of interesting creatures! Explore our live animal collection, exhibits, and venues as we “hunt” for amazing animals.

Bedazzled HP SL

Be dazzled by the science behind makeup, jewelry, lotions, and more! You’ll learn the chemistry and culture behind beauty as you prepare your own concoctions and create your own jewelry.

Build It Big HP

Discover which shapes make the strongest structures by constructing bridges, buildings, and more. Then have fun demolishing some of your creations while exploring how architects make buildings strong.

Camp Half Blood HP SL

Come discover mythical monsters, and protective amulets, participate in challenges, and go on adventures! At the end of the week, cabins will participate in the Final Challenge to put their skills to the test. **This camp includes activities with a risk of physical injury.**

Camp Jupiter HP SL

Perfect your battle strategy, sharpen your swordsmanship, develop your archery skills, hunt monsters, and embark on quests. Then, put your training to the test as you meet the opposing team in “battle.” **This camp includes activities with a risk of physical injury.**

Crime Scene Investigators HP

Lift and develop fingerprints, investigate footprints, experiment with blood spatter, and more. Use your crime scene kit and skills to process a crime scene at the Museum. **Please note: This camp will discuss real-life issues of crime and death. May not be suitable for more sensitive investigators.**

Dino Claws and Shark Jaws HP

From sauropods to sabertooths, dig into the past to see what it takes to be a paleontologist. You’ll curate a fossil collection of your own, meet the “residents” of the Morian Paleontology Hall, and much more!

Extreme Machines HP

Come investigate interesting inventions and participate in design challenges! Experiment with electricity, motors, and more. Build your own flashlight and quiz board to take home.

Fast and Furious HP

Calling all pit crew! Create model cars, boats, and planes using rubber bands, soap, and other unexpected items. Discover how to protect your passengers from car crashes and participate in an egg drop contest.

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead HP

Explore a new field of science each day with hands-on experiments and activities, from chemistry to physics and beyond. Create your own scientist’s kit that you take home at the end of the week.

Kitchen Chemistry HP SL

Discover what cool chemical reactions happen as we cook, explore cuisines from other countries, grow your own food, and more. **Please note: This camp is not recommended for children with food allergies/sensitivities. Camp includes optional bug tasting activity.**

LEGO® Robotics HP

Program prebuilt unstoppable robot champions! Code lightning-fast machines using LEGO® SPIKE™ Prime to conquer epic challenges and outsmart the competition. Collaborate with fellow engineers to create the ultimate robotic superstars in this thrilling high-tech tournament!

Master Spy Camp HP SL

Do you have what it takes to be a spy? Learn tricks and tools of the trade. Write in codes and invisible ink, build and bring home your own gadgets!

MINECRAFT™ Mania HP SL

Embark on a computer coding adventure as you explore the basics of game design. Create a classic game, discover how to mod, and create add-ons, using MINECRAFT™ and your imagination as a guide.

Space Pilot HP

You will participate in astronaut training by operating robots, conducting experiments, and constructing probes. Use your training to journey to outer space aboard the SS Legacy in the Expedition Center.

Star Warriors Academy HP

Is it really possible to control things with the power of your mind? Learn science fact from science fiction when you explore the planets, creatures, androids and vehicles in imaginary galaxies as you learn about the real planets, animals, robots, and cool transportation in your own backyard.

Super Science Magic HP SL

Unlock the secrets of impossible illusions! Engineer mind-bending levitation contraptions, craft vanishing potions, and master color-changing chemistry. Dazzle audiences with your incredible scientific sorcery at the show-stopping magic spectacular!

Survivor HP

Can you survive? YOU BETCHA! Distill drinking water, discover how to navigate by the stars, build a compass, and more. Participate in a survivor competition at the end of the week. **Camp includes an optional bug-tasting activity.**

Trainer Camp HP

Can you catch them all? Become the ultimate trainer by exploring the science behind these imaginary creatures throughout the Museum. Create a trainer card, bag, and other equipment as you journey to become the best!

Weird Science HP SL

How weird! Discover why humans have boogers and blisters, build a model skeleton that moves, and create fake wounds to scare your parents. Dissect a sheep’s brain and cow’s eyeball to discover how these organs work. **Camp includes dissection. Please note: Includes the risk of physical injury with use of scalpels.**

Wizard Science Academy HP

Discover the science behind the care of wizard pets, herbs, herpetology, and the chemistry behind magical potions! Create a wand, hat, and book of science spells in this week of wizard wonders.

Camps available at:

HP

HERMANN PARK

SL

SUGAR LAND

Camps for ages

10–12

(or entering Grades 5–7)

Camper must be at least 10 years of age by September 1, 2026

Advanced Crime Scene Investigators

HP

Uncover the science behind blood stains and spatter, forensic anthropology, and more. Learn how to process evidence and solve a mysterious crime! **Please Note: This camp deals with issues of crime and death and may not be suitable for more sensitive investigators.**

Backstage Pass

HP

Visit areas the public never sees, including projection booths, live animal rooms, and more. Take photographs and create a publication to share your discoveries. **Basic technology experience may be helpful for this camp!**

Camp Half Blood

HP

SL

Come discover mythical monsters, and protective amulets, participate in challenges, and go on adventures! At the end of the week, cabins will participate in the Final Challenge to put their skills to the test. **Please note: This camp includes activities with a risk of physical injury.**

Camp Jupiter

HP

SL

Perfect your battle strategy, sharpen your swordsmanship, develop your archery skills, hunt monsters, and embark on quests. Then, put your training to the test as you meet the opposing team in “battle.” **Please note: This camp includes activities with a risk of physical injury.**

Culinary Hero

HP

Work with your team to create exciting dishes using everyday foods and unexpected ingredients. Then, compete in challenges to see which dish will end up on top! **Please note: This camp is not recommended for children with food allergies or sensitivities. Includes the risk of physical injury with the use of preparation knives and other culinary utensils.**

Design and Destroy

HP

Construct model bridges, skyscrapers and more! Perform stress tests on your creations and make them crumble. Use what you discover to build them back better than before.

Ecology Engineers

HP

Discover our planet's amazing creatures and biomes! Create snacks and homes for local wildlife, experiment with green energy by building a better battery, and more.

Escape Camp

HP

Put on your thinking caps to solve daily puzzles and experiment with making your own. Encrypt and decode secret messages, then stash them in your custom-built puzzle box!

Full Tilt Physics

HP

SL

Explore the science of speed from acceleration and air resistance to collisions and crashes. Build hovercrafts, cars, planes, and more, then modify them to maximize their velocity. The race is on!

Get Set To Be a Vet

HP

Discover how vets care for the live animals at HMNS. From handling live animals to dissections, come explore the inner workings of animals! **Camp includes dissection. Please note: Includes the risk of physical injury with use of scalpels.**

LEGO® Robotics

HP

SL

Program prebuilt unstoppable robot champions! Code lightning-fast machines using LEGO® SPIKE™ Prime to conquer epic challenges and outsmart the competition. Collaborate with fellow engineers to create the ultimate robotic superstars in this thrilling high-tech tournament!

Mad Scientist

HP

Become a super scientist! Explore chemical reactions that bubble and pop, create your own slime collection, and concoct mixtures that change color, heat up, and glow in the dark.

Maker Lab Alpha

HP

Gear up for an electrifying maker experience! Master real power tools while drilling, cutting, and assembling your personalized modular lamp and custom frame for your pendulum art. Experiment with conductivity using professional equipment to create spectacular take-home projects that showcase your advanced building skills. **Please note: Includes the risk of physical injury with the use of power tools, under adult supervision.**

Maker Lab Beta

HP

Unleash your inner engineer! Wield hot soldering irons to craft a personalized pendant, build a wooden fidget cube, and try your hand at screen printing! Master powerful tools while designing cutting-edge projects you'll proudly take home! **Please note: Includes the risk of physical injury with the use of power tools, under adult supervision.**

Master Spy Camp

HP

SL

Do you have what it takes to be a spy? Learn tricks and tools of the trade. Write in codes and invisible ink, build and bring home your own gadgets!

Movie Monster Maker

HP

SL

Transform into a Hollywood special effects master! Create spine-tingling monsters using professional makeup techniques, then bring them to life through stop-motion animation. Direct your own blockbuster monster movies featuring legendary creatures from around the world! **Not recommended for children with a latex allergy.**

Museum District Explorers

HP

Explore a different Museum District location each day. Participate in classroom experiments and activities. Then spend the night on Thursday to see what secrets the Museum holds after dark! Dress for the heat. **This camp includes dissection. No discounts are available for this camp. Includes the risk of physical injury with use of scalpels.**

Paleontology 101

HP

SL

Discover how fossils form and how to make your own! Learn more about the ancient creatures that call HMNS home, excavate your own fossil fish and take it home.

Senior Space Commanders

HP

Experiment with various rockets and then build your own. Participate in challenging activities during astronaut training in preparation for a mission aboard the SS Legacy in the Expedition Center.

Trainer Camp II

HP

Pick your starter and explore the museum to find the real animal inspirations for these imaginary creatures. Complete challenges to earn badges and create a trainer card, Dex, and more! **This camp includes a dissection. Includes the risk of physical injury with use of scalpels.**

Wizard Science Academy II

HP

Explore the wizarding world through the lens of science. Learn about herbology, flight physics, and the chemistry behind potion brewing! Create your own book of potions and craft a costume! **This camp includes dissection. Includes the risk of physical injury with use of scalpels.**

Calendar

June
1
THROUGH
5

FIVE-DAY WEEK
MEMBER \$295
NON-MEMBER \$355

HERMANN PARK

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Booms and Blastoffs Creepy Crawlies Junior Paleontologist Junior Science Magic Kitchen Chemsitry Man's Best Friend Mummies & Mysteries Riveting Robots	Build it Big Camp Half Blood Dino Claws and Shark Jaws Fast and Furious Lego® Robotics Minecraft™ Mania Space Pilot Weird Science	Advanced Crime Scene Investigators Backstage Pass Camp Jupiter Escape Camp Full Tilt Physics Mad Scientist Master Spy Camp

SUGAR LAND

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Crazy for Coding Junior Paleontologist Waterworks	Bedazzled Minecraft™ Mania	Paleontology 101

June
15
THROUGH
18

FOUR-DAY WEEK DUE
TO THE JUNETEENTH
HOLIDAY
MEMBER \$236
NON-MEMBER \$284

HERMANN PARK

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
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No camps available at the
Hermann Park location

SUGAR LAND

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Crazy for Coding Story Lab	Bedazzled Camp Jupiter Minecraft™ Mania	Full Tilt Physics

June
8
THROUGH
12

FIVE-DAY WEEK
MEMBER \$295
NON-MEMBER \$355

**MUSEUM DISTRICT
EXPLORERS MEMBER
\$630 NON-MEMBER
\$770

HERMANN PARK

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Art Smart Booms and Blastoffs Build it Big Junior Paleontologist Junior Science Magic Mummies & Mysteries Riveting Robots Trainer Camp	Amazing Animals Camp Jupiter Dino Claws and Shark Jaws Fast and Furious Kitchen Chemistry Lego Robotics Master Spy Camp Minecraft™ Mania Werid Science Wizard Science Academy	Advanced Crime Scene Investigators Backstage Pass Camp Half Blood Ecology Engineers Escape Camp Full Tilt Physics Get Set to Be a Vet Mad Scientist Museum District Explorers** Senior Space Commanders

SUGAR LAND

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
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No camps available at the
Sugar Land location

June
22
THROUGH
26

FIVE-DAY WEEK
MEMBER \$295
NON-MEMBER \$355

HERMANN PARK

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Booms and Blastoffs Build it Big Creepy Crawlies Junior Paleontologist Junior Science Magic Kitchen Chemistry Riveting Robots Space Cadet Waterworks Wizard Science Academy	Amazing Animals Bedazzled Camp Half Blood Camp Jupiter Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead Lego Robotics Master Spy Camp Minecraft™ Mania Star Warriors Academy Super Science Magic Trainer Camp Weird Science	Advanced Crime Scene Investigators Backstage Pass Camp Half Blood Design and Destroy Ecology Engineers Get Set to Be a Vet Maker Lab Beta Master Spy Camp Paleontology 101 Senior Space Commanders

SUGAR LAND

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Booms and Blastoffs Junior Paleontologist Story Lab	Minecraft™ Mania Super Science Magic	Camp Jupiter

Calendar

June 29 THROUGH July 2

FOUR-DAY WEEK DUE TO JULY 4TH HOLIDAY OBSERVED ON JULY 3RD
MEMBER \$236
NON-MEMBER \$284

HERMANN PARK

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Booms and Blastoffs Build it Big Creepy Crawlies Junior Paleontologist Junior Science Magic Man's Best Friend Riveting Robots Space Cadet Star Warriors Academy Waterworks	Bedazzled Camp Half Blood Camp Jupiter Extreme Machines Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead Kitchen Chemistry Master Spy Camp Minecraft™ Mania Super Science Magic Trainer Camp Weird Science Wizard Science Academy	Advanced Crime Scene Investigators Backstage Pass Camp Half Blood Culinary Hero Design and Destroy Lego Robotics Maker Lab Beta Master Spy Camp Paleontology 101 Wizard Science Academy II

SUGAR LAND

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Art Smart Booms and Blastoffs	Minecraft™ Mania Super Science Magic Weird Science	Movie Monster Maker

July 13 THROUGH 17

FIVE-DAY WEEK
MEMBER \$295
NON-MEMBER \$355

HERMANN PARK

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
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No camps available at the Hermann Park location

SUGAR LAND

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Art Smart Junior Science Magic Riveting Robots	Master Spy Camp Weird Science	Lego® Robotics

July 6 THROUGH 10

FIVE-DAY WEEK
MEMBER \$295
NON-MEMBER \$355

HERMANN PARK

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Booms and Blastoffs Creepy Crawlies Junior Paleontologist Junior Science Magic Kitchen Chemistry Riveting Robots Space Cadet Star Warriors Academy T. rex Explorers Trainer Camp Waterworks Wizard Science Academy	Bedazzled Build it Big Camp Half Blood Crime Scene Investigators Extreme Machines Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead Lego Robotics Master Spy Camp Minecraft Mania Super Science Magic Survivor	Backstage Pass Camp Half Blood Camp Jupiter Culinary Hero Design and Destroy Get Set to Be a Vet Maker Lab Beta Master Spy Camp Paleontology 101 Wizard Science Academy II

SUGAR LAND

No camps available at the Sugar Land location

July 20 THROUGH 24

FIVE-DAY WEEK
MEMBER \$295
NON-MEMBER \$355
**MUSEUM DISTRICT EXPLORERS MEMBER \$630
NON-MEMBER \$770

HERMANN PARK

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Art Smart Booms and Blast Offs Build it Big Gadgets & Gizmos Junior Paleontologist Junior Science Magic Riveting Robots T. rex Explorers Wizard Science Academy World Explorers	Camp Half Blood Camp Jupiter Crime Scene Investigators Kitchen Chemistry Master Spy Camp Minecraft Mania Space Pilot Star Warriors Academy Super Science Magic Survivor	Backstage Pass Camp Jupiter Culinary Hero Get Set to Be a Vet Lego Robotics Maker Lab Alpha Master Spy Camp Movie Monster Maker Museum District Explorers** Tranier Camp II

SUGAR LAND

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Junior Science Magic Kitchen Chemistry Riveting Robots	Master Spy Camp Minecraft™ Mania	Camp Half Blood

Calendar

SUMMER CAMPS AT HMNS

July
27
THROUGH
31

FIVE-DAY WEEK
MEMBER \$295
NON-MEMBER \$355
**MUSEUM DISTRICT
EXPLORERS
MEMBER \$630
NON-MEMBER \$770

HERMANN PARK

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Art Smart	Camp Jupiter	Backstage Pass
Booms and Blast Offs	Crime Scene Investigators	Camp Half Blood
Gadgets & Gizmos	Master Spy Camp	Camp Jupiter
Junior Paleontologist	Minecraft Mania	Culinary Hero
Junior Science Magic	Space Pilot	Get Set to Be a Vet
Kitchen Chemistry	Star Warriors Academy	Lego Robotics
Riveting Robots	Super Science Magic	Maker Lab Alpha
T. rex Explorers	Survivor	Master Spy Camp
World Explorers	Wizard Science Academy	Movie Monster Maker

SUGAR LAND

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Riveting Robots	Camp Half Blood	Master Spy Camp
Waterworks	Kitchen Chemistry	
	Minecraft™ Mania	

August
3
THROUGH
7

FIVE-DAY WEEK
MEMBER \$295
NON-MEMBER \$355

HERMANN PARK

Ages 6–7	Ages 8–9	Ages 10–12
Booms and Blastoffs	Crime Scene Investigators	Backstage Pass
Junior Science Magic	Lego Robotics	Camp Half Blood
Kitchen Chemistry	Master Spy Camp	Camp Jupiter
Riveting Robots	Minecraft™ Mania	Culinary Hero
Star Warriors Academy	Space Pilot	Escape Camp
T. rex Explorers	Super Science Magic	Master Spy Camp
Wizard Science Academy	Survivor	Movie Monster Maker

SUGAR LAND

No camps available at the
Sugar Land location

Health and Safety Summer Camps at HMNS

The museum is continuing to partner with CampDoc to provide an online health information management tool for summer campers at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Registered patrons will be asked to complete a confidential online health profile for their camper. The profile will include: General Information, Emergency Contacts, Diet and Activity, Allergies, Medications, Over the Counter Drugs, Health History, Immunizations, Healthcare Providers, Authorizations, and Authorized Pick-Ups.

Registered patrons will receive an email from noreply@campdoc.com with the subject: Houston Museum of Natural Science via CampDoc. Please accept the invite and complete the profile for your registered camper or scout. The first round of emails will be sent in May 2026. Patrons that register after May 2026 will automatically receive the CampDoc invitation email.

The body of the email will include...

You've been invited to manage the CampDoc profile for “name of registered participant” at Houston Museum of Natural Science.

To continue, please click "Accept Invite" below. If you already have a CampDoc account, you can add “name of registered participant” after you sign in. Otherwise, you'll be able to create a new account.

Accept Invite

Please accept the invitation for “name of participant” profile as soon as possible.

Houston Museum of Natural Science has requested that all information be completed by “the day before your camp or class is scheduled” at the latest.





Little Learner LABS!

8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

MEMBER \$25
NON-MEMBER \$35



Insect Investigators

Investigate the creepy crawlies of the world. Campers will transform into insects with insect crowns, build a name caterpillar, and explore the parts of an insect by creating their own with Play-Doh. Snack provided: Cheez-Its.

Monday
June 15, July 13
and August 10

Dinosaur Roar

Explore your favorite dinosaurs in this two-hour class! Get ready to learn about our favorite prehistoric creatures through songs, books, and crafts! Snack: Pepperidge Farm Goldfish.

Tuesday
June 16, July 14,
and August 11

Ocean Explorers

Head down into the deep, blue sea in this two-hour class! Explorers will create ocean creatures, make an ocean in a bag, and build a coral reef. Snack Provided: Pretzel Sticks.

Wednesday
June 17, July 15,
and August 12

Rocket Rangers

3, 2, 1, Blast-off! Discover what is in outer space as you create a helmet ready for space exploration, create your own constellation, and build a space shuttle of your own. Snack provided: Chex Mix

Thursday
June 18, July 16,
and August 13

Animal Adventurers

Get to know your favorite animals up close and personal. Campers will create their own lion mask, paint animals using an unlikely tool, and work to build enclosures for their favorite creatures. Snack Provided: Ritz Crackers

Friday
July 17 and
August 14



These engaging classes, are designed to foster independence and discovery for children ages 4 to 5. Your child's love for science will bloom as they explore, create, and perform in these interactive, hands-on classes. Our expert educators are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and stimulating environment where every child feels encouraged to express their natural curiosity and creativity. At the end of each day, children can showcase what they've learned with a delightful parade and performance during pick-up time. A snack is provided for children in each class. Participating child must be potty trained. Parents must stay on site at the museum for the duration of the class. There will be a classroom available for parents near your child's classroom.

For **FAQs** please scan the QR Code



Summer Camp Email
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Virtual & In Person Summer Scout Information

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In-Person
HMNS In-Person Scout Classes are badge classes for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA and Girl Scouts. Week-long, two-day, and one-day classes are scheduled for the summer. Week-long classes include numerous badges, and two and one-day classes focus on one badge.

Class hours are 10 A.M.–3 P.M. Extended care is available for an additional fee before class begins each day, from 8–10 A.M., and after class ends, from 3–5:30 P.M.

Please Note: Summer Scouts Extended Day is not available at the HMNS at Sugar Land.

DETAILS:

- Girl Scout, Cub Scouts, and Webelos do not need permission from their troop or pack to take a class.
- Scouts BSA must get permission from their Scoutmaster before starting work on a merit badge. If a Scout takes a class without the Scoutmaster’s approval, they may not be given credit for the work. HMNS will not issue a refund in such circumstances.
- For Scouts BSA classes, HMNS issues pre-printed “Blue Cards”, the official BSA form for Merit Badge Counselors, detailing the requirements completed by the Scout during class and verified by the Merit Badge Counselor. The Scoutmaster may require you to bring a signed blue card for the merit badge. The Scout is responsible for turning in their signed merit

badge card to the counselor on the day of the class and submit the completed Blue Cards to their troop after completion of the class.

- Some classes have prerequisites that need to be completed prior to attending class and/or homework assignments during the week. Worksheets for these prerequisites can be found on the Scouts at HMNS website, hmns.org/scouts-resources. Download these worksheets and have your Scout bring the completed worksheets to class and turn them in to the Merit Badge Counselor. Homework should be completed and turned in by the due date provided by the Merit Badge Counselor. At the end of class, any incomplete work (partials) will need to be completed by the Scout afterwards and verified by the Scout Program Manager at scouts@hmns.org for merit badge credit.
- Texas law requires that a health record (Scout health record form, immunizations, or medical affidavit) be on file prior to the start of class for any child participating in HMNS programming. A permission slip, which informs parents about where, when, and how the class is going, is required when Scouts leave HMNS property, including trips by bus, METRO light rail, and on foot. Both documents give HMNS staff permission to authorize medical treatment in case of an emergency. Please fill out the health profile tool via Campdoc Online Management Tool sent by email. Which includes, health information, permission slips and curbside pickup for Scouts BSA and Cadette Girl Scouts. Please email ssummercamps@hmns.org if you have not received this email.
- For Scouts BSA, daily class attendance is required to complete the merit badges. A Scout cannot make up a class by attending another

session without registering for the full week. If a Scout misses a class, they will need to meet with their Merit Badge Counselor to find out what they missed and if there is a possibility to make up the work, depending on the activities missed. The Merit Badge Counselors may assign homework for the Scout to complete. If a Scout does not make up the missed work, they will get a partial on their Blue Card.

- A parent must accompany the scout to the classroom on the first day of class. For summer classes, you do not need to check in at the box office; go directly to the classroom. It is helpful to bring the registration confirmation printout. Classroom doors open at 9:40 A.M. on Monday or first day and 9:45 A.M. Tuesday-Friday. Class starts at 10:00 A.M. Expect to spend about 10-15 minutes for the check-in process on the first day of class. The Teaching Assistant will have you fill out a sign-in card with your child’s name and emergency information.

CURBSIDE PICKUP:

- For Curbside Pick-up, Scouts who are in SCOUTS BSA, CADETTE Girl Scouts, or SENIOR Girl Scouts may participate in this option, pending signed authorization by a guardian for curbside pick-up on the back of the scout cards in the classroom.

A parent must come in with their scout on the first morning of class to give permission for their scout for curbside pickup and to sign themselves in the next morning of class.. At the main museum, Scouts will be released with their teaching assistants at 3:00P.M. and escorted up to the designated Scouts pick-up location on Hermann Park Drive. Parents will pick up their child from this location only and will not be able to park in this loading area. All scouts who have not been picked up by 3:30P.M., will be escorted back to extended day.

- Extended day self-checkout for Scouts BSA or Cadette or Senior Girl Scouts: parents will need to call their scout when they have arrived and teaching assistants will escort them upstairs. If you cannot reach your child by phone, due to poor phone reception on the lower level of the museum, parents will need to call the scout office at **713-639-4631**, before their child can be released.

HMNS Virtual Summer Scout Classes are summer scout classes that have been specifically designed for a virtual format. Virtual Summer Scout Classes provide around 3-4 hours of educational engagement, live interaction with one of our skilled Scout educators, and workbooks to guide scouts through the requirements of the merit badge.

An HMNS Scout Educator will be on a virtual call with the class to interact with scouts, lead them in activities, and answer questions. We will also have a moderator for each class managing the logistics of the class and offering tech support if needed.

DETAILS:

- Classes are delivered via Zoom and facilitated by one museum educator and one moderator. You will receive an email delivering additional information the Friday prior to your start date for each virtual class booked.
- Merit badge workbooks will be emailed to you for some virtual classes. We assume Scouts have basic school supplies such as washable markers, scissors, tape, etc. for some activities as needed.

Ages

Classes follow the same guidelines as the BSA and Girl Scouts, as applicable, and are generally based on the grade that the Scout will be attending in the fall.

SCOUTING AMERICA	GIRL SCOUTS
Tigers: 1 st grade	Daisy: K– 1 st grade
Wolves: 2 nd grade	Brownies: 2 nd –3 rd grade
Bears: 3 rd grade	Juniors: 4 th –5 th grade
Webelos: 4 th grade	Cadettes: 6 th –8 th grade
Arrow of Light: 5 th grade	Seniors: 9 th –10 th grade
Scout BSA: 6 th grade – 17 years old	

Class available at:

HP

HERMANN PARK

SL

SUGAR LAND

Additional Information Key:

Field Trip Permission Form Required

Outside Work is Required

STEM subject areas

Distinguished Conservation Service Awards Program Elective Badge

E

Eagle Scout Badge

Scouts BSA

(6th grade – 17 years old)

Week-Long Summer Classes

Be Prepared

HP

SL

5 Day Class

Learn to be prepared for emergencies, including certification in First Aid/CPR, and to prevent incidents/emergencies using proactive safety practices.

Badges Earned: Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Fire Safety, and Safety

Prerequisites: Emergency Preparedness 3b, 4a, 9bd, Fire Safety 5deg, 8cde, First Aid 2b1 and Safety 1abcd, 2ab

Designing Your World

HP

5 Day Class

Learn how architecture is more than just a building but a work of art that requires thought and planning. Similarly, learn how landscape architects design and plan outdoor spaces that people will want to visit. A field trip to downtown Houston is included.

Badges Earned: Architecture and Landscape Architecture

Prerequisites: None

Captured Light

HP

4 Day Class

Discover art by using various mediums to draw. Explore the printing industry from digital design to screen printing and more. Design and produce original printed work and learn the skills to become a better photographer. Investigate natural and synthetic textiles that protect you from changing temperatures fibers, fires, and fumes.

Badges Earned: Art, Graphics Arts, Photography and Textiles

Prerequisites: None

Death By Natural Causes

HP

4 Day Class

Take a spine-tingling look at human health from ancient times to the present day, studying public health through Museum exhibits and exploring health care professions. Have a close encounter with some of the Museum’s amphibians, insects and reptiles.

Badges Earned: Health Care Professions, Insect Study, Public Health and Reptile and Amphibians

Prerequisites: Prerequisites Health Care Professions requirement 9 & Reptile and Amphibians 8a or b & 9 a or c.

Planes, Trains, and Submarines

HP

4 Day Class

Discover how planes fly, the history of railroads, and the wonders of the ocean depths. A field trip to Galveston includes the Railroad Museum, Lone Star Flight Museum, and Moody Gardens Aquarium

Badges Earned: Aviation, Oceanography, and Railroading

Prerequisites: None

Law & Order

HP

4 Day Class

Learn about the ways in which the past has led to our present nation and what it means to be an American. Explore crime prevention in your school and neighborhood, learn about the criminal justice system, then try your hand at taking fingerprints.

Badges Earned: American Heritage, Crime Prevention, Fingerprinting, and Law

Prerequisites: None

Power of Engineering

HP

SL

5 Day Class

Build electrical circuits, perform an electrical safety inspection, and design and build a solar cooker as you explore how science, technology, and mathematics turn ideas into reality.

Badges Earned: Electricity, Engineering, and Nuclear Science

Prerequisites: None

Robot Inventors

SL

5 Day Class

Design and build a robot as you explore how robots move, sense the environment, and are programmed. Discover how inventing involves finding solutions to real-world problems that improve lives.

Badges Earned: Inventing and Robotics

Prerequisites: None

That’s Entertainment

HP

5 Day Class

Create a short film from start to finish using stop-motion animation. Explore broadcasting and record your own. A field trip to a local radio/television studio is included.

Badges Earned: Animation, Movie Making, and Radio

Prerequisites: None

1-2 Day-Long Summer Classes

Archaeology

HP

Explore human cultures through the clues they left behind. Examine Museum artifacts, complete a mock dig, and create a cuneiform tablet.

Badges Earned: Archaeology

Prerequisites: None

Class available at:

HP

HERMANN PARK

SL

SUGAR LAND

Additional Information Key:

Field Trip Permission Form Required

Outside Work is Required

STEM subject areas

Distinguished Conservation Service Awards Program Elective Badge

E

Eagle Scout Badge

Scouts BSA

(6th grade – 17 years old)

1-2 Day-Long Summer Classes

Chemistry

HP

Put on your goggles and gloves and conduct your own experiments. Learn safety procedures and proper techniques as we investigate how substances react with one other.

Badges Earned: Chemistry

Prerequisites: None

Citizenship in the Community

HP

SL

Explore how our local governments work within their community and their part within the community.

Badges Earned: Citizenship in the Community

Prerequisites: Requirements 3 & 7a, b,& c

Citizenship in the Nation

HP

SL

Scouts will learn the rights, liberties, and responsibilities of being a citizen of our nation.

Badges Earned: Citizenship in the Nation

Prerequisites: Requirements 5, 7 & 8

Citizenship in the World

HP

SL

How do different countries get along? Do events affect a country’s economy, security, and health of its citizens? Scouts will discuss international relations, various political systems and what it means to be a world citizen.

Badges Earned: Citizenship in the World

Prerequisites: None

Communications

HP

SL

We use communication skills throughout our lives. Scouts will prepare and participate in effective communication skills from public speaking to digital communication.

Badges Earned: Communications

Prerequisites: Requirements 4, 5 & 8

Disabilities Awareness

HP

Learn to understand and appreciate each individual’s strengths and challenges while exploring how the Museum provides resources to meet the needs of our patrons.

Badges Earned: Disabilities Awareness

Prerequisites: 2 & 4 Option A, just one other place to visit, the museum will count as 1 of the 2 visits.

Electronics

HP

SL

Investigate electrical devices and how they work while exploring circuits, soldering, and Ohm’s Law.

Badges Earned: Electronics

Prerequisites: None

Energy

HP

Explore how energy works, find out about energy conservation, natural resources, and different forms of energy.

Badges Earned: Energy

Prerequisites: Requirements 4 Home Energy Audit and 14 Day Log, 4a

Environmental Science

HP

SL

2 Day Class

Investigate the interactions between air, land, water and life and the human impact on each of them as you complete this badge at HMNS.

Badges Earned: Environmental Science

Prerequisites: None

Family Life

HP

SL

Scouts will learn the roles families play within the community, the importance of family life, and how to strengthen their own families.

Badges Earned: Family Life

Prerequisites: Requirements 3, 4, 5 and 6ab – family meeting instructions are found in the prerequisite workbook

Geology

HP

Examine fossils, explore the history of the Earth and the processes that have shaped it over time. Visit the Morian Hall of Paleontology to see how HMNS preserves and displays fossils.

Badges Earned: Geology

Prerequisites: None

Mining in Society

HP

From deep in the ground to your dinner table, learn the processes, dangers, and environmental impacts of mining.

Badges Earned: Mining in Society

Prerequisites: None

Class available at:

HP

HERMANN PARK

SL

SUGAR LAND

Additional Information Key:

Field Trip Permission Form Required

Outside Work is Required

STEM subject areas

Distinguished Conservation Service Awards Program Elective Badge

E

Eagle Scout Badge

Scouts BSA

(6th grade – 17 years old)

1-2 Day-Long Summer Classes

Soil & Water Conservation

HP

Explore the practices of conservation involving soil and water and the care of these natural resources.

Badges Earned: Soil & Water Conservation

Prerequisites: Requirement 7e

Arrow of Light

(5rd grade)

4 and 5 Day-Long Summer Classes

Cub Scouts

(1st–3rd grade)

4 and 5 Day Summer Classes

Personal Management

HP

SL

Explore budgets, finance, and investment strategies. This merit badge is recommended for older scouts.

Badges Earned: Personal Management

Prerequisites: Requirements 2a, b, c & d, 8a–d

Weather

HP

Study the Earth’s atmosphere, learn about the water cycle, predict the weather, and discuss extreme weather.

Badges Earned: Weather

Prerequisites: None

Arrow of Light Adventures

HP

 4 Day Class

SL

 5 Day Class

Become certified in First Aid, lean how to design using the engineering process, and explore wildlife, trees and food grown in our state.

Badges Earned: First Aid, Engineer, Into the Wild, Into the Woods and Champions for Nature

Prerequisites: None

Field Trip Permission Form Required

Bear Sleuths

HP

SL

 5 Day Class

Learn how to play with marbles and discover the world of super science and crime investigation. A field trip around the Museum area is included.

Adventures Earned: Champions for Nature Forensics; Marble Madness; Critter Care; and Super Science

Prerequisites: None

Reptile and Amphibian Study

HP

Learn about reptiles and amphibians and their similarities and differences with the Museum’s live animal collection!

Badges Earned: Reptile and Amphibian Study

Prerequisites: Requirements 8a or b & 9a or c

Webelos

(4th grade)

Week-Long Summer Classes

Wolf Pack

HP

 4 Day Class

SL

 5 Day Class

Discover the physical properties of air and learn how to read maps. Explore how we use math in our daily lives, coins, and their markings, and how people with physical disabilities meet challenges. A field trip around the museum is included.

Adventures Earned: Adventures in Coins; Air of the Wolf; Code of the Wolf; Cubs Who Care; and Finding Your Way

Prerequisites: None

Signs, Signals & Codes

HP

Discover the history and development of ciphers and codes and the importance of the signs and signals in our everyday lives.

Badges Earned: Signs, Signals & Codes

Prerequisites: None

Webelos S.T.E.A.M. Explorer

HP

SL

 5 Day Class

Learn to prepare for a hike, grasp concepts in art, explore geology and endangered species, and build a carpentry project.

Badges Earned: Art Explosion, Build It, Champions for Nature, Earth Rocks and Webelos Walkabout

Prerequisites: None

Class available at:

HP

HERMANN PARK

SL

SUGAR LAND

Additional Information Key:

Field Trip Permission Form Required

Outside Work is Required

STEM subject areas

Distinguished Conservation Service Awards Program Elective Badge

E

Eagle Scout Badge

Girl Scouts

Week-Long Summer Classes

Brownies Discovery

SL

5 Day Class

Learn steps for First Aid and game design. Explore nature’s wonders, to create outdoor-inspired art with different mediums.

Badges Earned:

First Aid, Making Games, Bugs, Outdoor Creator, Shapes with Nature

Prerequisites:

None

Brownies on the Go!

HP

5 Day Class

Discover facts about your community and family. Learn about the moon, stars, and the universe. Then, explore Hermann Park while hiking and hunting for letterboxes.

Badges Earned:

Celebrating Community, My Family Story, Hiker, Space Science Adventurer, and Letterboxer.

Prerequisites:

None

Cadette Career Carousel

SL

5 Day Class

Cadettes will discover the world of comics from newspapers to graphic novels, learn about culinary dishes from around the world, and explore what it takes to write the twists and plots that a screenwriter does! Explore the world of Forensic Science and Criminal Psychology, while becoming certified in Red Cross First Aid and CPR

Badges Earned:

Comic book artist, First Aid, New Cuisines Badge, Screenwriter, and Special Agent

Prerequisites:

None

Cadette Coder

HP

5 Day Class

Explore how robots work, how programmers solve problems, and complete a Take Action Project at the museum.

Badges Earned:

Think like a Programmer Journey, Programming Robots badge, Designing Robots badge, Showcasing Robots badge.

Prerequisites:

None

Cadette Journeys

HP

4 Day Class

Cadettes will explore the multitude of roles available to them. Examine today’s messages in the media. Volunteer to collect data for scientific use and research the air around them. While working on their Take Action projects.

Journeys Earned:

Amaze, Breathe, Citizen Scientist and MEdia

Prerequisites:

None

Juniors Techno-Investigators

SL

5 Day Class

Discover the science of forensic investigation and the art of photography. Create your own special effects and explore how products are invented. Then participate in a scavenger hunt using a GPS.

Badges Earned:

Detective, Digital Photographer, Entertainment Technology, Geocacher, and Product Designer

Prerequisites:

None

Mechanical Juniors

HP

5 Day Class

Juniors will explore the engineering process, while designing a balloon car, crane, and a paddle boat. Girls will earn their Think Like an Engineer journey and do their Take Action Project at the Museum.

Badges Earned:

Think like an Engineer Journey, Balloon Car Design Challenge, Crane Design Challenge, and Paddle Boat Design Challenge

Prerequisites:

None

Program Your World Juniors

HP

4 Day Class

Discover how programmers solve problems and complete a Take Action Project at the museum.

Badges Earned:

Think Like a Programmer Journey, Programming Robots badge, Designing Robots badge, Showcasing Robots badge.

Prerequisites:

None

Brownies and Daisies Sugar Land Trails

SL

5 Day Class

HMNS exclusive! Explore insects, dinosaurs, and the depths of the Earth. Conduct science experiments, and discover our Texas wildlife!

Badges Earned:

None

Prerequisites:

None

Brownies and Daisies Trails

HP

4 Day Class

HMNS at Hermann Park exclusive! Discover the cultures and customs of ancient Egyptians and the Indigenous peoples of North America. Uncover unique adaptations of African wildlife as well as exploring the wonders of space. Girls will receive an HMNS Dinosaur Patch and strip patch for each of the four trails.

Badges Earned:

None

Prerequisites:

None

Calendar

WEEK-LONG SCOUT CLASSES AT HMNS IN PERSON

June

8

THROUGH

12

FIVE-DAY WEEK
MEMBER \$235
NON-MEMBER \$265

** ARROW OF LIGHT
ADVENTURES, BE PREPARED
MEMBER \$275
NON-MEMBER \$315

HERMANN PARK

Scouts BSA	Arrow of Light	Cub Scouts	Girl Scouts
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No classes available at the Hermann Park location

SUGAR LAND

Scouts BSA	Arrow of Light	Cub Scouts	Girl Scouts
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Be Prepared**	Arrow of Light Adventures **	No Classes Available	Brownies Discovery
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July

13

THROUGH

17

FIVE-DAY WEEK
MEMBER \$235
NON-MEMBER \$265

**BE PREPARED
MEMBER \$275
NON-MEMBER \$315

HERMANN PARK

Scouts BSA	Webelos	Cub Scouts	Girl Scouts
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Be Prepared** Designing Your World Power of Engineering That's Entertainment	S.T.E.A.M. Explorers	Bear Sleuths	Brownies on the Go! Cadette Coder Mechanical Juniors
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SUGAR LAND

Scouts BSA	Arrow of Light	Cub Scouts	Girl Scouts
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No classes available at the Sugar Land location

June

15

THROUGH

18

FOUR-DAY WEEK
MEMBER \$188
NON-MEMBER \$121

** ARROW OF LIGHT
ADVENTURES, PLANES, TRAINS,
AND SUBMARINES
MEMBER \$220
NON-MEMBER \$252

HERMANN PARK

Scouts BSA	Arrow of Light	Cub Scouts	Girl Scouts
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Captured Light Death By Natural Causes Law & Order Planes, Trains, and Submarines**	Arrow of Light Adventures **	Wolf Pack	Brownies and Daisies TRAILS Cadette Journeys Program Your World Juniors
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SUGAR LAND

Scouts BSA	Webelos	Cub Scouts	Girl Scouts
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No classes available at the Sugar Land location

August

3

THROUGH

7

FIVE-DAY WEEK
MEMBER \$235
NON-MEMBER \$265

HERMANN PARK

Scouts BSA	Webelos	Cub Scouts	Girl Scouts
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No classes available at the Hermann Park location

SUGAR LAND

Scouts BSA	Webelos	Cub Scouts	Girl Scouts
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Robot Inventors	No classes available	Bear Sleuths	Brownies and Daisies Sugar Land TRAILS Juniors Techno-Investigators
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July

6

THROUGH

10

FIVE-DAY WEEK
MEMBER \$235
NON-MEMBER \$265

HERMANN PARK

Scouts BSA	Webelos	Cub Scouts	Girl Scouts
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No classes available at the Hermann Park location

SUGAR LAND

Scouts BSA	Webelos	Cub Scouts	Girl Scouts
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Power of Engineering	S.T.E.A.M. Explorers	Wolf Pack	Cadette Career Carousel
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Calendar

1-2 DAY LONG SCOUT CLASSES AT HMNS IN PERSON

Scouts BSA	1-2 DAY LONG SCOUT CLASSES IN PERSON AT HMNS HERMANN PARK		
	June 15	Communications	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
		Electronics	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
		Family Life	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
	June 16	Citizenship in the Nation	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
		Energy	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
		Mining in Society	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
	June 17	Archaeology	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
		Citizenship in the World	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
	June 17-18	Environmental Science 2 DAY	MEMBER \$152 / NON-MEMBER \$187
	June 18	Citizenship in the Community	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
		Personal Management	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
	July 13	Chemistry	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
		Citizenship in the World	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
		Reptile & Amphibian Study	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
	July 14	Citizenship in the Community	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
		Disabilities Awareness	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
		Personal Management	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
	July 15	Citizenship in the Nation	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
		Family Life	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
		Soil & Water Conservation	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
	July 16	Signs, Signals, & Codes	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
		Weather	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
	July 16-17	Environmental Science 2 DAY	MEMBER \$152 / NON-MEMBER \$187
	July 17	Communications	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
		Geology	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
	1-2 DAY LONG SCOUT CLASSES IN PERSON AT HMNS SUGAR LAND		
	June 8	Citizenship in the Community	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
	June 9-10	Environmental Science 2 DAY	MEMBER \$152 / NON-MEMBER \$187
	June 11	Communications	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
	June 12	Family Life	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
	July 6	Citizenship in the Nation	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
	July 7	Citizenship in the World	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
	July 8-9	Environmental Science 2 DAY	MEMBER \$152 / NON-MEMBER \$187
	July 10	Communications	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81

Scouts BSA	August 3	Citizenship in the World	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
	August 4	Personal Management	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
	August 5	Communications	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81
	August 6	Electronics	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
	August 7	Citizenship in the Nation	MEMBER \$61 / NON-MEMBER \$81

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Museumstore.hmns.org



Class available (at):

HPHERMANN PARK

SLSUGAR LAND

VVIRTUALLY

Additional Information Key:

Field Trip Permission Form Required

Outside Work is Required

STEM subject areas

Distinguished Conservation Service Awards Program Elective Badge

Eagle Scout Badge

Scouts BSA

Virtual Classes

Citizenship in the Community

Explore how our local governments work within their community and their part within the community.

Prerequisites: 3, 7a, b&c, and 8 to be presented during class

Citizenship in the Nation

Scouts will learn the rights, liberties, and responsibilities of being a citizen of our nation.

Prerequisites: 5, 7 & 8

Citizenship in the World

How do different countries get along? Do events affect a country’s economy, security, and health of its citizens? Scouts will discuss international relations, the various political systems and what it means to be a world citizen.

Prerequisites: 7

Family Life

Scouts will learn the roles families play within the community, the importance of family life, and how to strengthen their own families.

Prerequisites: 3, 4, 5 and 6ab – family meeting instructions are found in the prerequisite workbook

Insect Study

Discover the wide variety of insect life that inhabits the planet.

Badges Earned: Insect Study

Prerequisites: Requirements 3b and 4bcd

Mining in Society

From deep in the ground to your dinner table, learn the processes, dangers, and environmental impacts of mining.

Prerequisites: None

Personal Management

Explore budgets, finance, and investment strategies. This merit badge is recommended for older scouts.

Prerequisites: 2a, b, c, & d, 8A–D, and post-requisites 1, 9 & 10

Reptile and Amphibian Study

Lean about reptiles and amphibians, their similarities, and differences with the Museum's live animal collection!

Prerequisites: 8a or b & 9a or c

Soil & Water Conservation

Explore the practices of conservation involving soil and water and the care of these natural resources.

Prerequisites: 5b & 7e

Scouts BSA	1-DAY VIRTUAL SCOUT CLASSES		
	May 27 @ 1:00 P.M.	Personal Management	MEMBER \$65 / NON-MEMBER \$85
	May 28 @ 1:00 P.M.	Citizenship in the Nation	MEMBER \$65 / NON-MEMBER \$85
	June 2 @ 1:00 P.M.	Citizenship in the Community	MEMBER \$65 / NON-MEMBER \$85
	June 3 @ 1:00 P.M.	Citizenship in the World	MEMBER \$65 / NON-MEMBER \$85
	June 4 @ 1:00 P.M.	Family Life	MEMBER \$65 / NON-MEMBER \$85
	June 9 @ 9:00 A.M.	Soil & Water Conservation	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
	June 10 @ 1:00 P.M.	Citizenship in the Nation	MEMBER \$65 / NON-MEMBER \$85
	June 23 @ 1:00 P.M.	Family Life	MEMBER \$65 / NON-MEMBER \$85
	June 24 @ 9:00 A.M.	Insect Study	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
	June 25 @ 1:00 P.M.	Personal Management	MEMBER \$65 / NON-MEMBER \$85
	July 7 @ 9:00 A.M.	Citizenship in the Community	MEMBER \$65 / NON-MEMBER \$85
	July 8 @ 1:00 P.M.	Reptile & Amphibian Study	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
	July 9 @ 9:00 A.M.	Mining in Society	MEMBER \$46 / NON-MEMBER \$61
	July 21 @ 9:00 A.M.	Personal Management	MEMBER \$65 / NON-MEMBER \$85
	July 23 @ 1:00 P.M.	Citizenship in the World	MEMBER \$65 / NON-MEMBER \$85
	July 28 @ 9:00 A.M.	Family Life	MEMBER \$65 / NON-MEMBER \$85
	July 29 @ 9:00 A.M.	Citizenship in the Community	MEMBER \$65 / NON-MEMBER \$85



9:00 A.M. to
3:00 P.M.

MEMBER \$75
NON-MEMBER \$90

Info



HMNS now offers one-day, in-depth courses for teens who have outgrown camp but are not yet ready to become Teaching Assistants or join the Moran Ecoteen Program. Each session includes a discussion with subject-matter specialists, hands-on problem-solving activities focused on a specific topic and a visit to either a Museum hall, venue, or behind-the-scenes area. Classroom drop-off is required in the morning, but parents may choose a Curbside Pick-up option in the afternoon. Participants should bring a lunch.



For **FAQs** please scan the QR Code

Forensics-Fact and Fiction

Investigate forensic blunders and how they affect outcomes as you gather and analyze evidence. You will gain a deeper understanding of how forensic errors can occur and how the presentation of evidence can change jury perception.

Monday
June 15 and
July 13

Archaeology Uncovered

Analyze real artifacts and modern “middens” to uncover how archaeologists piece together the stories of past cultures from what they left behind.

Tuesday
June 16 and
July 14

Fossil Lab-Tiny Treasures

Find, sort, and identify hidden fossils. Then visit the Paleo Prep Lab and work as a team to assemble a dinosaur skeleton.

Wednesday
June 17 and
July 15

Engineering Explorers

Tackle a series of hands-on design challenges where you'll master the engineering design process and unleash your creativity.

Thursday
June 18 and
July 16

Killer Plants

Uncover the world of carnivorous plants! Explore trapping mechanisms, handle real specimens, and take home a carnivorous terrarium

Friday
July 17

Summer Camp Email
summercamp@hmns.org



Health and Safety

The health and safety of our guests is always our first priority. The Summer Camp at HMNS and Summer Scouts programs have extensive health and safety procedures and staff training in place every year. For this summer, please visit hmns.org/summercamp for updates regarding health and safety information for summer camp and Scouts programming.

Accessibility

We are happy to accommodate children with disabilities. Please notify the Summer Camp Director or the Scout Program Manager of your child’s disabilities and needs PRIOR to your child’s first day in the program.

If you have a Scout or camper who may need assistance to complete activities or badge requirements due to a disability, a parent or caregiver should expect to stay onsite to assist. The individual that accompanies the camper or Scout must pass a background check. Please contact the **Scout Program Manager at 713-639-4631** or the **Summer Camp Director at 713-639-4651** to discuss any accommodations to help your child be successful at the Museum.

Help us help your child by completing the health profile tool via the CampDoc Online Management Tool for summer campers and Scouts at the Houston Museum of Natural Science and notifying us of any disabilities, allergies, accessibility concerns, behavioral, psychological or emotional concerns, or any other needs.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather we will make every effort to make an announcement about camp and summer scouts closure as quickly as possible. Updated information will be sent directly to registered patrons via email. Please see Page 49 of the camp catalog for information on Cancellations, Refunds, or Exchanges.

Emergency Contact Information or to Leave a Message

Please call the **Education Office at 713-639-4651 or 713-639-4625** or the **Scout Office at 713-639-4631** and a staff member will deliver your message to the appropriate person. After 5:15 P.M., please contact **Museum Services at 713-639-4601** and a staff member will deliver your message to the staff in the Extended Day program classrooms.

Questions

Email us at summercamp@hmns.org or leave a voice message with the camp registrar at **713-639-4625**. View all camp information at hmns.org/summercamps.

For Scouts, email us at scouts@hmns.org. View all Scout information at hmns.org/scouts.

The Summer Camp courses provided by the Houston Museum of Natural Science (HMNS) are considered Single-Skill Programs and Short-Term Programs and are therefore exempt from Texas Department of Health and Human Services Childcare Licensing regulations. The Summer Camp courses are not regulated by the state of Texas and HMNS is not a licensed child-care facility or day care center.

Before and After Camp or Class

Before and After Camp or Class provide a fun and safe experience for campers or Scouts who need to arrive before 10 A.M. or stay after 3 P.M. All campers and Scouts are supervised by adults. Extended Day is only available to registered HMNS summer campers, scouts or The Lab participants. Extended Day is not available in Sugar Land during Summer Scout weeks.

Note: Not available in Sugar Land the weeks of June 8-12, July 6-10, and August 3-7.

Before Camp or Class

CLASS TYPE	TIMES	PRICE
Five-Day Week	8–10 A.M.	\$60
Four-Day Week	8–10 A.M.	\$48

Registrants must be checked in at the sign-in table in the museum each morning.

Registrants are supervised as they play games or watch a movie. Registrants are escorted to their classroom at 9:45 A.M.

After Camp or Class

CLASS TYPE	TIMES	PRICE
Five-Day Week	3 – 5:30 P.M.	\$70
Four-Day Week	3 – 5:30 P.M.	\$56

Registrants are escorted to the after classrooms at the end of the day. Registrants are supervised as they play games or socialize in the classrooms. A snack is provided in the afternoon.

Registrants **must be picked up by 5:30 P.M.**, after which an extra charge of \$1.00 per minute will be applied.

Parking

Summer can be a busy time at the Houston Museum of Natural Science! Space is limited, please allow yourself some extra time when bringing your child to, and collecting your child from, our summer programs. Parents are welcome to park in the Museum Garage for free.

Parking in the Museum Garage

Summer Camp or Summer Scouts patrons utilizing the Museum Garage will need to display the SUMMER CAMP PARKING PASS hang-tag. The SUMMER CAMP PARKING PASS will be emailed to all registered patrons prior to your scheduled week of camp or scouts. The SUMMER CAMP PARKING PASS will also be available in the Education or Scout Office in the museum. The SUMMER CAMP PARKING PASS will provide FREE exit from the Museum Garage.

Alternate Parking

ADDITIONAL FREE PARKING OPTIONS INCLUDE

- Free 3-hour parking lot directly off the Circle, by the statue of Sam Houston **B**
- Free 3-hour parking lot in the McGovern Centennial Gardens **C**
- Free 3-hour parking lot near Miller Outdoor Theatre **D**
- Free-daily parking near the Zoo **E F G H**

ADDITIONAL PAID PARKING OPTIONS (AT YOUR OWN COST)

- Metered parking on the streets around the Museum District
- Museum Medical Tower
- Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
- Children’s Museum Houston
- Holocaust Museum Houston



A HMNS GARAGE
Free parking with provided coupons

B SAM HOUSTON STATUE
CIRCLE PARKING LOT
Free 3-hour parking available

C MCGOVERN CENTENNIAL
GARDENS PARKING LOT
Free 3-hour parking available

D MILLER OUTDOOR
THEATRE—CONCERT DRIVE
Free 3-hour parking available

E F HOUSTON ZOO PARKING LOTS
G H Free 3-hour parking available

Curbside Carpool Service

**Summer Camper Drop-Off/
Pick-Up Curbside Carpool Service**

Summer Camp at HMNS will operate a camper drop-off and pick-up line during the weeks summer camp is in session. This service will be limited to members of the museum. We will offer a limited number of “Summer Camp at HMNS Carpool Passes” per week when summer camp is in session. The service will be available to purchase online at **hmns.org**

Prior to the camp week, patrons will receive a Summer Camp Carpool email requesting information for the carpool service including names of campers using the service and the authorized adults allowed to pick up those campers. Once that information is completed, they will receive a SUMMER CAMP CARPOOL PASS.

Summer Camp at HMNS patrons utilizing the drop-off and pick-up service will need to display the SUMMER CAMP AT HMNS CARPOOL PASS on their dash. The Drop-off and Pick-up carpool line will be on [Hermann Park Drive](#) in the “Bus Loading Zone.”

NOTE

- The Drop-Off Pick-Up service has a limited number of member spots per week.
- Not available the weeks of June 15-18 and July 13-17.
- Not available at the Sugar Land Museum.

DETAILS

- Available to HMNS Members exclusively.
- \$50 per week for a Summer Camp at HMNS Staff member to escort your camper to and from the camp classrooms and to ensure authorized pick-up and signature.
- Limited availability per week.
- Summer Camp will operate the carpool drop-off and pick-up line curbside in the bus loading zone along Hermann Park Drive.
 - The Drop-Off morning service will operate from 9:00-9:45 A.M., Tuesday-Friday. **NO CARPOOL DROP-OFF SERVICE ON MONDAY MORNINGS*(*or the first day of the week).**
 - The Pick-Up afternoon service will operate from 3:30-4:15 P.M., Monday-Friday*. (*Monday-Thursday the week of June 29-July 2)
- Camper drop-off service not available on Monday mornings (or the first day of the week). 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 1 P.M. the day of service.
- Patrons using the service must display “Summer Camp at HMNS Carpool Pass” on their dash.

Museum Day/Lunch

Hours

Camp/Class	10 A.M.–3 P.M.	Daily
Extended Day AM	8–10 A.M.	Daily
Extended Day PM	3–5:30 P.M.	Daily

Museum Teachers and Assistants

All of our teachers are certified school teachers or museum professionals. They all have experience working with children and enjoy hands-on interactive activities. All of our teachers and assistants have passed a background check. All merit badge counselors are registered through BSA. Additionally, all BSA class instructors (including Merit Badge Counselors) are required to have current BSA Youth Protection Training certification.

Attire

Campers and Scouts should dress in comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes that may get messy. Scout uniforms are optional unless an activity or field trip requires a uniform.

Electronic Devices

Bringing valuables like cell phones, electronic games, etc. to the Museum for use during lunchtime and extended day is at the discretion of the parent, and HMNS is not responsible for loss or damage to camper or scout’s valuables.

Supervision

Campers and Scouts are supervised at all times and are escorted on restroom breaks. Parents are not permitted to stay in the classroom. If you feel that your child is unable to remain in camp or Summer Scouts without you for more than a few minutes, you probably should wait a year before you send him/her to camp or Summer Scouts. Our summer programs promote independent learning and socialization. Parents are not allowed to remain in the classroom during program hours.

Camper and Scout behavior expectations are posted in each room and are emphasized throughout the week. Classroom rules are: listen carefully and follow instructions, participate in classroom activities, respect others, respect property, and have fun learning. In case of a severe behavior problem, we will call you and ask you to pick up your child. At our discretion, your child may be allowed to return to camp or summer scouts the following day.

Lunch

Campers and Scouts can bring a lunch or order a lunch to be delivered. Campers ages 6-12 are supervised in a camp room while they eat lunch. Campers eat their lunch while watching an educational video. No videos or movies are shown during instructional time in camp. Scouts do watch movies and also have educational videos to complete merit badge requirements.

In case of severe food allergies, it is not possible for us to monitor what other children bring to the Museum. **We are NOT a nut-free zone.**

HMNS Hermann Park

Sodexo offers limited box lunch options from The Periodic Table Café and Elements Grill.

Campers and Scouts can pre-order a meal to be delivered by Catering by Periodic Table. To order a lunch for your child from Catering by Periodic Table, please visit **hmns.ezplanit.com/#!/welcome**. Orders must be placed before 10:15 A.M. the day before. Campers are not permitted to purchase a meal during supervised lunchtime. Contact the Periodic Table Café at **713-639-4699**.

HMNS Sugar Land

For campers and Scouts attending the HMNS Sugar Land location, you may bring a lunch from home. Please check **hmns.org/summercamps** for any updates regarding lunch orders in Sugar Land.

Priority Member Registration Dates

On-line registration for both in-person and virtual summer camps and Scout classes is available at **hmns.org**. Online registration is required for all camps and Scout classes. We are unable to accept registrations over the telephone.

HMNS membership must be current at FAMILY LEVEL OR ABOVE to take advantage of early registration dates. Your membership must be valid at time of registration and during your purchased program. Please upgrade or renew your membership if necessary to enable early registration. You may do this at **hmns.org/member**.

Monday, November 24, 2025
H.P. ATTWATER SOCIETY

Tuesday, November 25, 2025
FAMILY FLEX AND ABOVE

Tuesday, December 2, 2025
FAMILY AND ABOVE

Monday, March 2, 2026
GENERAL PUBLIC

Note: Online registration begins at 12:01 A.M. on the date indicated.

Cancellations, Exchanges, Refunds

Due to the high demand for camp and class spaces, all sales will be considered final.

In the event a camp or scout class does not meet the minimum enrollment, the Museum reserves the right to cancel. If a camp or class is cancelled by the Museum because it did not meet minimum enrollment, patrons will have the option to transfer to another camp or class or receive a full refund.

In the event of a camp or scout class cancellation due to inclement weather, including the period of time required to re-open the facilities after the immediate weather incident has passed, there will be no refunds or exchanges.

Other restrictions:

- Registrations are not transferable from child to child.
- Patrons who cancel a camp or class or want to switch their child from one camp or class to another will receive a 50% refund of the cost of a cancelled or dropped camp or class if notification is received at least 10 business days before that camp or class is scheduled to start.
- In order to receive the 50% refund, patrons must contact the Education Department in writing. Email: summercamp@hmns.org or scouts@hmns.org. Mail: Summer Camps at HMNS, Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Drive, Houston, TX 77030
- There are no refunds for camps or scout classes dropped less than 10 days before the camp or class begins.

- In the event it is necessary to send a child home due to behavior or illness, the Museum is unable to provide either a full or partial refund.

Discounts

REFER A FRIEND

Share your HMNS summer adventures with a friend. Refer a friend to Summer Camp at HMNS or Summer Scouts at HMNS and you'll both receive a discount of \$25! Your friend will get \$25 off one HMNS Summer Camp or one five day Summer Scouts Class and you'll get \$25 credit toward your next purchase.

After your purchase, you will receive a special single-use code to share with a friend. If they use the code to complete an eligible purchase, they will receive the discount automatically in their cart. After they have completed their purchase, please email the confirmation of your purchase as well as theirs to summercamp@hmns.org, and we can issue the \$25 credit to your account for a future purchase.

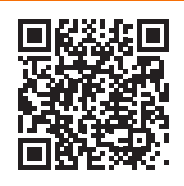
SECOND SUMMER

Are you ready for another summer of science adventures? If you attended Summer Camps at HMNS or Summer Scouts at HMNS in 2024 or 2025 – don't wait! Returning campers or Scouts receive \$25 off one Summer Camp or Five-Day Summer Scout Class.

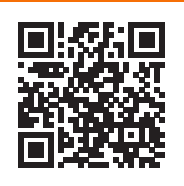
Second Summer discount codes will be sent via email to eligible participants when your member level opens. If you are not a member, you will receive your code when sales open to the general public on March 2. If you have not received your unique second summer discount code when sales open for your membership level, please email summercamp@hmns.org.

Please visit hmns.org/summercamp or hmns.org/scouts or email summercamp@hmns.org for more information. Please note that discounts cannot be combined on one individual Summer Camp or Summer Scout Class. Discounts cannot be applied to Museum District Explorers. Discounts do not apply to Four, Two, and One-Day Summer Scout Classes or Virtual Summer Scout Classes.

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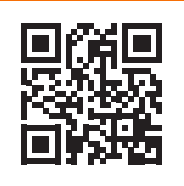
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