



SUMMER CAMP

theNAT
SAN DIEGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Pre-K/Kindergarten – Half Day Camps

Digging Into Dinosaurs

Stomp, dig, and roar with the dinosaurs! Join us as we journey into dinosaur realms, explore *Fossil Mysteries*, and investigate some of your favorite ancient reptiles. Go on a fossil hunt, sing, play, and create dino-inspired crafts. Spend the week learning about these magnificent creatures from our past.

Monday, June 16 to Friday, June 20; 9 AM–noon

Monday, July 7 to Friday, July 11; 9 AM–noon

Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25; 9 AM–noon

Ocean Wonders

Slip on your imaginary wetsuit and dive into the wonders of our open ocean. Investigate sea life, kelp forests, and ocean critters living off San Diego's coast. Marvel at the ancient whales that were recently discovered by our Paleontology Department. Join us as we sing sea shanties, make fishy art, and dive into the depths of our oceans. It is sure to be a whale of a time!

Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27; 9 AM–noon

Pee Wee Pirates

Get ready to join the crew as a pirate ship will drop anchor at the NAT this summer. Join us for this specialty camp as we celebrate and visit the new exhibition *Real Pirates: The Untold Story of the Whydah from Slave Ship to Pirate Ship*. We'll spend the week discovering what it's like to be a pirate. We'll explore life at sea, hunt for treasure, and take part in all things pirate. ARRRR!!

Monday, June 16 to Friday, June 20; 9 AM–noon

Monday, July 28 to Friday, August 1; 9 AM–noon

Grades 1 & 2 – Full Day Camps

Anchors Away! Pirate Camp

Ahoy, matey! Set sail for a week of pirate adventure. Join us for this specialty camp as we celebrate and visit the new exhibition, *Real Pirates: The Untold Story of the Whydah from Slave Ship to Pirate Ship*. Spend the week in the boots of a pirate and learn all about life at sea. We'll embark on activities of voyage and discovery and learn all about the Golden Age of Piracy.

Monday, July 7 to Friday, July 11; 9 AM–4 PM

Monday, August 4 to Friday, August 8; 9 AM–4 PM

Animal Extremes

Let's get wild and investigate the wonderful and wacky survival techniques of animals. We'll spend the week exploring some of the most extreme features of the animal kingdom such as speed, anatomy, behavior, and diet. We'll visit the Museum, the San Diego Zoo and take hikes in the Park. Let's get extreme!

Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25; 9 AM–4 PM

Monday, August 18 to Friday, August 22; 9 AM–4 PM

Dinosaur Detectives

Wish you had a time machine? Become a dinosaur detective and dig into the lives of these giant reptiles as we step back millions of years. Our journey to the age of dinosaurs is packed with crafts, games, and activities that explore the secrets of a strange pre-historic world. We'll tour the Museum's exhibitions, go on field excursions, and view a 3D film in our giant screen theater.

Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27; 9 AM–4 PM

Monday, July 28 to Friday, August 1; 9 AM–4 PM

Sea Monsters

Get ready to submerge yourself in the prehistoric world of marine reptiles! We'll investigate the mosasaurus, elasmosaurus, and megalodon, just to name a few. We'll also take a look at some modern-day sea monsters and visit our newest exhibition *Real Pirates: The Untold Story of the Whydah from Slave Ship to Pirate Ship*. Come and take the journey to an underwater pre-historic world.

Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18; 9 AM–4 PM

Monday, August 11 to Friday, August 15; 9 AM–4 PM

Grades 3 through 5 – Full Day Camps

Cold-Blooded Critters

Slither your way into an unforgettable week of reptile and amphibian exploration. Dispel common "tall tales" about these fascinating cold-blooded creatures with a visit to the Museum's living herpetological collection and a field trip to the San Diego Zoo's Reptile Walk. Investigate these diverse animals as you track them on hikes through Balboa Park. Camp includes visits to Museum exhibitions *Fossil Mysteries* and *Water: A California Story*.

Monday, August 18 to Friday, August 22; 9 AM–4 PM

Explore Balboa Park

How lucky are we to live in a city that is home to Balboa Park? In this camp, we'll explore the Park's gardens, learn its history, and discover its natural beauty each day! We'll visit other museums and take an extra special look at theNAT, the oldest scientific institution in Southern California. We'll hike, make art projects, and uncover the hidden secrets of the Park. As the 100th anniversary of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition grows closer, we'll celebrate all things Balboa Park. Put on your walking shoes!

Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18; 9 AM–4 PM

Monday, August 11 to Friday, August 15; 9 AM–4 PM

I'm an "Ologist" (Grades 3–5)

Ever wonder what it would be like to be a scientist at theNAT? Spend the week in the shoes of a paleontologist, entomologist, herpetologist, ornithologist, and a botanist! Each day we'll discover a new natural science and conduct experiments, create crafts, and spend time in our natural world. We'll take a field trip to the San Diego Zoo and meet with scientists behind the scenes at theNAT!

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Monday, July 28 to Friday, August 1; 9 AM–4 PM

Rock On! (Grades 3–5)

Discover the splendor and science hidden right under your feet! San Diego is one of the most famous gem-producing regions in the world, but where do these minerals come from and how are they formed? We will answer these questions and more as we explore the dynamic forces that continually change the Earth. Build a volcano and create a rock and mineral collection. We'll make crafts, perform experiments, and visit the gardens of Balboa Park. Rock on!

Monday, July 7 to Friday, July 11; 9 AM–4 PM

The Science of Pirates (Grades 3–5)

Did you know that pirates were some of the first citizen scientists? Join us for this specialty camp as we celebrate and visit the new exhibition, *Real Pirates: The Untold Story of the Whydah from Slave Ship to Pirate Ship*. We'll dispel stereotypes, follow trade routes, and learn about the science behind life at sea. Step into the role of a modern pirate hunter as we look at the technology and conservation behind the recovery of the *Whydah*. It's sure to shiver ye timbers!

Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25; 9 AM–4 PM

Monday, August 4 to Friday, August 8; 9 AM–4 PM

NEW! Grades 6 through 8 – Full Day Camps

Exhibit Explorers (Grades 6-8)

Learn what it takes to develop, design, and build an exhibit component at the NAT. Spend the week as an exhibit developer/ designer/builder in this new camp for grades 6-8. We'll visit the Museum's exhibitions (including *Real Pirates*) to inspire you. Then you and your fellow campers will work as a team with our exhibit technicians to build an exhibit. The week will end with a gallery opening of your exhibit for your friends and family.

Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18; 9 AM–4 PM

Monday, August 11 to Friday, August 15; 9 AM–4 PM