

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This summer we are excited to expand our camp opportunities across the Sacramento River! We will have two separate “Home Bases” – one at the Museum and the second at the Turtle Bay Nursery – housed in our new Environmental Resources Building! Both camp locations will interact with each other and explore Turtle Bay including animals, exhibitions, gardens, and more! Themed activities will be the same no matter which location is a camper’s Home Base. Upon registration, please pay careful attention to which Home Base location that you are registering your child for. Below are the schedules and theme descriptions:

Museum Home Base Schedule	
844 Sundial Bridge Drive	
Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm	
June 17 – 21	Patterns of Nature
June 24 - 28	Patterns of Nature
July 1 – 5	<i>No Camp</i>
July 8 – 12	SENSE-sational Science
July 15 – 19	SENSE-sational Science
July 22 – 26	History & Mysteries
July 29 - August 2	History & Mysteries

Nursery Home Base Schedule	
1100 Arboretum Drive	
Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm	
June 17 – 21	Patterns of Nature
June 24 - 28	Patterns of Nature
July 1 – 5	<i>No Camp</i>
July 8 – 12	SENSE-sational Science
July 15 – 19	SENSE-sational Science
July 22 – 26	<i>No Camp</i>
July 29 - August 2	<i>No Camp</i>

Patterns of Nature

June 17 – 21 | June 24 – 28

The symmetry of a sea star, the geometric shapes of crystals, the colors and stripes of flowers that attract bees, the spirals within a sunflower’s seed head. There are patterns creating natural works of art all around us in living creatures, plants, and in us too! In this camp we’re going to be creating amazing artwork based on nature along with learning the science behind how and why these are made in the world around us.

SENSE-sational Science

July 8 – July 12 | July 15 – 19

Curious minds are embarking on a thrilling journey to explore the wonders of the five senses! Campers will delve into interactive experiments and activities that stimulate each of the five senses. From dissecting mystery scents to observing the magic of optical illusions, every day brings a new adventure, fostering a deep appreciation for the world around them.

History & Mysteries

July 22 – 26 | July 29 – August 2

There are mysteries afoot at Turtle Bay! Embark on an epic journey through time at our History and Mysteries Camp. Join us for an adventure packed week where young explorers will uncover the secrets of ancient civilizations, decode hidden messages from the past, and investigating thrilling historical mysteries. Through interactive games, captivating stories and immersive activities, campers will experience the thrill of discovery while learning about the wonders and mysteries of our worlds intriguing past.

At Turtle Bay, we encourage interactive and hands-on learning that builds on prior knowledge. We encourage campers to try new and different activities and experiments. Sequential days will build off previous day's work as we explore science, arts, and the surrounding natural world. Throughout the week, campers will also have opportunities to attend Turtle Bay programs, visit the Parrot Playhouse, enjoy the playgrounds, and explore our exhibitions, gardens, and more. The week after camp has ended, a brief survey will be sent out to parents via email so that we can hear about you and your child's experience.

Please read over all of the enclosed information very carefully and keep it close at hand when your child is at camp. If you have any questions about the enclosed information, please contact Melissa Maney, Education Coordinator at 530-242-3108 or email mmaney@turtlebay.org. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,
Education Staff at Turtle Bay

Registration

Registration opens on our website at www.turtlebay.org/camps on March 1, 2024. Registration is on a first come first served basis, so sign up early! Payment is made at the time of registration. Camp registration for members is \$225/week and \$250/week for nonmembers. Please double check your Home Base location selection before completing your payment. If registration is full, you may be added to the waitlist upon request.

Scholarships

This summer, Turtle Bay has a limited amount of half scholarships available. Scholarship [application](#) and more information can be found on our website. Scholarship applications are accepted March 1 – March 15, 2024. Scholarship recipients will be notified by March 31, 2024.

Extended Care

For \$30/week, supervised extended care passes are available. Camp activities will end at 4:00 pm however, campers can enjoy a snack and our LEGOs, Keva Planks, books, and more between 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm until they are picked up by their parent/guardian or authorized adult.

Cancellation & Refunds

A full refund will be given if camp is cancelled by Turtle Bay due to lack of registration or unforeseen circumstances. If you wish to cancel, your request must be via email by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 24 to qualify for a refund. A non-refundable administrative fee of \$25 will be deducted from all refunds. After May 24, only partial refunds will be available.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Campers should be dropped off at their camp's Home Base location between 8:30 am and 9:00 am and picked up between 4:00 pm and 4:15 pm (unless registered for Extended Care). All campers must be signed in/out by the parent/guardian(s) or authorized pick-up person noted on the registration form. For your camper's safety, campers are not allowed to sign themselves out. The person authorized to pick-up a camper will be required to show identification if they are unknown to Discovery Camp staff. Your child will not be released to an adult that is not on your authorized release list. Please check the sign-in sheet to make sure the person picking up your camper(s) is listed. Your child's safety is our primary concern.

Camp Hours	
Drop Off <i>Museum Entrance or Nursery, depending on Home Base location</i>	8:30 am – 9:00 am
Camp	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Pick-Up <i>Branch House Patio or Nursery</i>	4:00 pm – 4:15 pm
Extended Care Pick-Up <i>Museum Front Desk or Nursery, depending on Home Base location</i>	4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

If no one has picked up your child by 4:15 pm, we will call those you have listed as an authorized pick-up/emergency contact. Families will be charged \$30 for an extended care pass for each camper left after 4:15pm.

At the Museum Home Base, parents/guardians may temporarily park on the driveway along the areas where the curb is straight and painted yellow. Do not block the loading dock access or ramp between the planters at any time so cars are still able to turn around. Turn hazard lights on to indicate that you will be there temporarily to drop-off or pick-up a camper if leaving your car.

At the Nursery Home Base, parents/guardians may use the Nursery parking lot to temporarily park in order to drop-off or pick-up a camper.

Absences & Late Arrivals

If you know that your child will be absent or late for camp, please leave a courtesy message at 530-242-3108 or 530-242-3111 or email to mmaney@turtlebay.org by 8:30 am on the day of or earlier. We expect campers to attend the entire camp day. To ensure all campers receive proper supervision while at camp, it is very important that your camper be dropped off by 9:00 am or you have made other arrangements in advance. If your camper needs to be picked up before 4:00 pm please inform camp staff at drop off. We discourage parents from taking their campers out to lunch and

bringing them back, as camp groups are frequently away from their classrooms during the mid-day. We also discourage early pick-ups before 3:50pm as we are busy wrapping up and preparing for the end of the day.

Restraining Orders

State law mandates that a camper must be released to either parent/legal guardian(s) regardless of custody arrangements. The ONLY exception is when a copy of a current restraining or court order is provided to Turtle Bay.

Illness & COVID-19

If your child is experiencing any symptoms of illness or needs to quarantine or isolate according to public health guidance, please keep them home. During camp, if a camper is feeling ill or observed to be sick, the parent/guardian/emergency contact person(s) will be contacted and requested to pick up the camper as soon as possible. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 and has shown signs of illness within 2 days after camp attendance, please contact camp staff so we may track any potential outbreaks and report any exposures to close contacts. All personal information will be maintained as confidentially as possible. All COVID-19 related precautions are subject to change as we strive to remain in accordance with public health guidance.

Medication

Turtle Bay Exploration Park policy allows employees to administer first aid ONLY to stop bleeding, start breathing, treat shock and administer CPR. The only medication campers are allowed to have in their possession is an inhaler which must be listed on the registration form. If your camper requires daily medication, please make all efforts to make sure they are taken before or after camp hours.

Lunch & Snack

Time will be scheduled for a snack each day. Turtle Bay will provide snacks for the campers; however, you may provide your child's favorite snack. There will also be a supervised lunch period. Please pack your camper nutritious food and label lunches with camper's first and last name (a refrigerator and microwave will not be available). Please note that lunches are not provided by Turtle Bay. Campers should also bring a reusable water bottle each day.

Dress Code

All campers are required to wear comfortable weather appropriate clothing (shirt, pants/shorts, and hat) and shoes with closed toes and secure heels (sneakers are best). Each camper should have their own backpack to carry personal items, including their snack and lunch. Please have camper's first and last name labeled on the backpack and any other personal items. We request that parents apply sunscreen to their child before camp. Sunscreen will not be provided.

What to Bring

- Lunch (additional snacks are optional)
- Backpack
- Camp T-shirt (provided on first day)
- Reusable water bottle
- Sunscreen and sun hat

What to Leave at Home

- Valuable items
- Cell phones & smart watches
- Electronic devices

Behavior Expectation Policy

Turtle Bay Discovery Camp has basic rules of behavior, including respecting others, museum exhibits and camp materials. These rules are reviewed with the campers each day before the start of camp. Disrespectful behavior, foul or hurtful language, and violence will not be tolerated. If needed, discipline will be administered and maintained in a positive manner which is camper-centered and contributes to the camper's development. Discovery Camp reserves the right to ask campers not to return to camp.

Parent/guardian cooperation and involvement is appreciated! If you have further questions/concerns, please contact us at 530-242-3108.