



FROM DINOSAURS TO ENGINEERING,

FROM ART TO THE ZOO,

THERE IS A CAMP FOR ALL KIDS AND THEIR FRIENDS, TOO!

WELCOME TO CAMP DISCOVERY!

Don Harrington Discovery Center makes science exciting, relevant, and interesting to all types of learners by providing interactive exhibits and programs that actively engage children, adolescents, and their families. Our mission is to create moments of discovery that reveal the inner workings of our world to learners across the High Plains. The Discovery Center's innovative programs spark curiosity, inspire lifelong learning through play, and coax the individual genius within each of us to engage confidently in our world.

Parent Responsibilities:

Parents must follow all established policies and procedures outlined in the Camp Handbook, including but not limited to the pick-up policy, supervision policy, medication policy, behavior policy, etc. All participating campers and families are expected to behave respectfully toward others at all times. Any concerns about parent behavior should be reported to the Community Programs Manager immediately.

Camp Discovery offers week-long summer camps and individual day camps for children 3+ years old to entering 5th grade.

The learning opportunities are endless with so many exciting themes to choose from! Campers will learn on their level with a science-based curriculum and qualified teachers.

Camp Discovery Details

What to Bring and What to Expect

Welcome to camp! We are so excited to welcome your camper to a day of fun and educational activities! Campers should wear comfortable clothing and shoes, and it helps to bring a water bottle. Campers will also need to bring their own lunch if they are staying the full day. On some days, campers may be participating in messy activities and may want to bring older clothes or a change of clothes.

Please enter the front door to drop off and pick up campers. Parents or guardians **MUST** sign campers in and out each day, no exceptions. Every person will have their ID checked before they are permitted to pick up a camper. They must be listed as a parent/guardian or on the authorized pickup list, which can be found and changed online where camp registration is located.

Please disclose any allergens or additional supports your camper may need during the day in order to make their experience at camp the best it can be!

Day Camp Hours

- Half Day Camp: 4+ Years Old – 9:00 am - 12:00 pm OR 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- Full-Day Camp: 5+ Years Old – 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Pre-care: 7:45 am - 9:00 am
- After-care: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Wildcat Bluff Nature Center Day Camps

If participating in a Wildcat Bluff Day Camp, please drop off and pick up your camper at Wildcat Bluff in the Gilvin Education Building. All policies and procedures in this document apply to both Wildcat Bluff and Discovery Center Day Camps.

Please be prepared with sunscreen, hiking clothes/shoes, and a water bottle on that day. Dress in lightly colored clothing and have a light jacket on days that may be cool.

Medication and Medical Policies

Camp Staff are not allowed to administer any medication to campers except in emergencies, such as using epinephrine to stop anaphylactic shock. Parents are welcome to come to the Discovery Center, AISD campuses, and/or Wildcat Bluff to administer medication as needed. Any concerns can be addressed with the Camps Coordinator.

Due to licensing, DHDC staff are unable to assist with toileting or personal care.

In the event of an injury, camp staff will notify the emergency contacts and take appropriate action as needed.

Personal Items Policy

The Discovery Center is not responsible for any valuables or lost personal items. There is no need to have cell phones or toys that they wouldn't want to lose. We have so many fun activities planned that they won't even miss their toys from home!

Age Policy

Campers must be 5 years old on or before their first day of full-day camp. All campers under 5 must attend the half-day camps. This is a legal requirement. Please verify that campers are at least 5 years old if they are attending a full-day camp.

If it becomes clear that the child does not satisfy the age guidelines, they may be dismissed without a refund.

Supervision Policy

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian except when not under the direct supervision of camp instructors. Children may not be left unattended before or after camps. A parent or guardian must sign them in and out each day.

Campers must be checked in their classroom or with the early care teacher upon arrival.

Campers should be brought to their class no more than 10 minutes before start time unless enrolled in Pre-Care.

Campers should be picked up promptly at the end of each camp. For the child's safety, we will release campers only to those listed on the registration. NO EXCEPTIONS! Parents must present a photo ID when they pick up their children so we can identify them.

Late Policy

A charge of \$10 plus \$1 per minute will be incurred after 4:15 pm for campers not in after-care.

A charge of \$10 plus \$1 per minute will be incurred after 5:30 pm for campers in after-care.

Behavior Policy

The Discovery Center is committed to providing a safe and friendly environment where campers can learn. Any dangerous, disruptive, or unkind behavior will be subject to behavioral consequences.

Unacceptable Behaviors:

- Bullying
- Fighting
- Threatening others
- Using profanity or slurs
- Stealing or damaging property
- Leaving a program or activity without permission; eloping
- Endangering anyone's health or safety

Behavior Consequences:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Time out (1 minute for each year old)
3. Teacher or camp staff call home
4. Camps Coordinator involvement
 - a. Suspension for the remainder of the day
 - b. Suspension for the remainder of the week
 - c. Expulsion from camps

Should a camper be suspended or expelled, a refund will not be issued. DHDC reserves the right to begin disciplinary actions at any step deemed necessary according to the severity of the behavior.

REPORTING OF INAPPROPRIATE BOUNDARY CROSSINGS

Camp staff will not be alone with a camper at any time. Camp staff cannot use any physical punishment. Camp staff are not permitted to engage in any type of behavior that might have the appearance of impropriety if observed by others. Additional restrictions are described in the Camp Teacher Handbook. Anyone who believes a boundary has been crossed should bring such information to the Community Programs Manager immediately.

Parent/Guardian Agreement

I have read and understand the Discovery Center Day Camp Parent/Guardian Handbook. I agree to abide by Discovery Center policies as outlined in this document.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____