

Bring your curiosity and sense of wonder for hands-on, minds-on, science and fun! McWane camps are designed to ignite a love for further inquiry into science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) topics for children 4 to 12 years old. Campers dive into the deep oceans, journey into outer space, build robots and spend time learning within the center exhibit halls.

REGISTRATION:

Each of our camps is designed for the skill level of that camp, therefore, grade levels must be observed. Campers may attend only those camps for which they are registered. Registration closes the Monday prior to the first day of camp. Please note that 4K-K campers must be four years old and fully potty-trained.

CANCELLATIONS, REFUNDS AND SCHEDULE CHANGES

McWane Science Center reserves the right to cancel camps that do not meet minimum enrollment. If a camp is cancelled by McWane Science Center, a full refund will be returned to the registrant. If a registrant cancels a camp, a 50% refund will be made if the registrant notifies the Camp program in writing, which is emailed, postmarked, or faxed no later than 10 working days prior to the camp. Otherwise, no refunds will be made.

LUNCH & SNACKS

Parents/Caregivers are responsible for lunch every day. Campers may bring a nut-free, packed lunch, or you may purchase lunch through the Bean Sprouts Café. This will be an added cost and the option is available with your camp purchase. For the health and safety of all our campers, peanut butter and nuts are prohibited in packed lunches. Sunflower butter is a good alternative and can be found at most grocery stores. REMEMBER TO INDICATE ALL ALLERGIES AT REGISTRATION.

Snacks are provided in all camps. Campers are welcome to bring water bottles if they would like to, although water is provided in the classrooms. Water bottles must be labeled and secured in a lunch bag or backpack.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

You must come in with your camper to sign them in before camp and sign them out after camp. Feel free to use our parking deck located on 2nd Avenue North. Parking tokens will be provided for you to exit the deck, free of charge. The loading zone on 2nd Avenue North is also available for quick drop off and pick up, however McWane Science Center cannot guarantee that you won't be ticketed. The person signing in your child at the beginning of camp each day will be given a CAMPER CHECK OUT CARD. The person who picks up your camper MUST present that card. If they do not have the card, we will check to see if their name is on the approved sign out list and will check their ID. If we do not have a person's name on the approved sign out list, we will not release your child to them, and we will call the number on the daily sign in sheet for clarification.

BEFORE AND AFTER CARE

Before Care is available from 7:45am-9:00am for all campers, at no additional charge. After Care, for 1st-7th grade camps, is from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm, also at no additional charge. Activities and games will be provided during these times.

SCHEDULE

- 4K-Kindergarten camps start at 9:00AM and end at 12:30PM, with lunch from 12:00 to 12:30. Campers may be dropped off no earlier than 7:45AM and must be picked up no later than 1:00PM.
- 1st-7th grade camps begin at 9:00AM and end at 4:00PM, with lunch from 12:00 to 1:00. Campers may be dropped off no earlier than 7:45AM and can be picked up as early as 4:00PM and no later than **5:30PM**.

LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY PICK-UP

If you arrive after sign-in, or need to pick your child up early, please proceed to the security desk or ticketing counter, and they will call a camp representative. Please remain in the lobby until your child is signed in or out. *Note: there will be no early pick-up/drop-off between 11:45 to 12:00 and 3:45 to 4:00. These are transition times for campers and staff, so please plan accordingly.

Late Arrival

A camp representative will meet you in the lobby to sign in your child. They will provide you with a camper check-out card and parking token, if needed.

Early Pick Up

Provide the child's name and age group/camp name to security or ticketing staff. A camp representative will escort your child to the lobby. You will need to present the camper check-out card or a valid ID to sign out your child. Please remain in the lobby until your child is brought to you. To ensure the safety of all campers, your child will not be dismissed until a camp representative has brought them to you and you have signed them out. Please **DO NOT** leave with your child if you have not spoken to a camp representative **AND** signed them out. Campers will not be allowed to meet parents outside of the designated pick-up area.

CAMP INCLUSION

We work to ensure that everyone, regardless of ability, cultural background, faith, gender identity, income, race, or sexual orientation can reach their fullest potential with dignity. We strive to ensure that our camper community reflects our larger community's demographics. Campers and staff can look forward to interacting and learning within this supportive environment.

LATE FEES

4K-Kindergarten campers MUST be picked up by 1:00PM. All other campers MUST be picked up by 5:30PM for afternoon camps. There will be a \$5 late pick up charge for every 10 minutes your camper stays after pick-up time.

CAMP BEHAVIOR POLICY

To successfully attend all McWane Camps, children must be able to independently function in a group setting without consistent one on one support. They must be able to follow verbal instructions and rules and resolve conflicts without physical contact or verbal abuse. Camp management will communicate behavior issues with the camper and with parents when necessary. Repeated behavior issues may result in dismissal from the program.