



## Summer Camp Policies at MBCM

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### Camp Cancellation / Camp Transfers

- We understand that unexpected events and emergencies do occur. However, we also hope you understand our commitment to all of our campers and the preparation that goes into creating successful camp experiences. For this reason, we ask that cancellations or transfers be made by phone or email at least two weeks (fourteen days) prior to the first day of camp in order to receive a full refund less a \$15 processing fee. Cancellations or transfers made within the 14-day time frame will result in a refund of 50% off the original camp cost.
- No refunds will be given for cancellations made on or after the first day of camp unless an accompanying doctor's note can be provided expressing the necessity for the child to be removed from class.
- All cancellations must be made through the Camp Coordinator by emailing [summercamp@gcmuseum.com](mailto:summercamp@gcmuseum.com).

### Medical Consent

The Miriam P. Brenner Children's Museum, or its representative, reserves the right to seek appropriate medical attention for any camper who experiences an injury or illness while on its premises, including the right to authorize medical treatment in the absence of a parent/guardian. Every attempt to contact the parent/guardian will be made. The parent/guardian is financially responsible for all medical treatment.

### Bug Spray/Sunscreen Release

The staff of the Miriam P. Brenner Children's Museum may apply a DEET-free, plant-based bug spray product to campers when appropriate. Staff will also assist campers with a sunscreen reapplication reminder after lunch. MBCM does not provide sunscreen to campers. It is highly recommended that each child brings their personal labeled sunscreen and bug spray. Please apply both sunscreen and bug spray prior to camp every day. If you do not wish for your child to use bug spray while at the Museum, please submit your request to [summercamp@gcmuseum.com](mailto:summercamp@gcmuseum.com) prior to camp commencing.

### Dietary Restrictions

- Many classes and programs at MBCM feature food preparation and eating elements. When signing up for a class or program please be sure to utilize our registration page and fill out our allergies and dietary restrictions section. You may also email our coordinator directly with any special needs or requirements for your child at [mcabel@mbcmuseum.com](mailto:mcabel@mbcmuseum.com)

## **Photography Policy**

We take photos and videos of camp participants to share with caregivers and for future use. If you do not wish your child to be photographed and/or do not release the image rights to The Miriam P. Brenner Children's Museum, please submit your request to [summercamp@gcmuseum.com](mailto:summercamp@gcmuseum.com) prior to camp commencing.

## **Minimum Age Requirements**

Summer Camp at MBCM is designed to be both fun and educational! Our educators choose themes, skills, activities, and equipment for each camp that are geared toward the specified ages. For the safety and quality of experience of all campers, we require that your child has turned the minimum age of each camp prior to that camp's commencement. Exceptions will be made for children whose birthday falls within the camp week.

During registration, please double-check to make sure that you sign your child(ren) up for the appropriate age groups and birthdates are entered correctly. Falsifying/incomplete birthdates during the registration process will result in a cancellation without refund.

## **Bathroom Independence**

Our camps are designed to be fun, learning opportunities for kids who have turned the minimum enrollment age before the first day of camp and are bathroom independent.

## **Illness Policy**

We are committed to providing a safe, fun, learning experience for all children through our camp program. A child should stay home if they have:

- A fever higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Coughing that disrupts normal activity
- Persistent pain (tooth, ear, stomach, etc)
- Eye inflammation or discharge
- Head lice
- Hand, foot, & mouth

Children that have a fever may return once they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medications. If they have experienced vomiting or diarrhea, they should have had no new episodes for at least 24 hours. Children should feel well enough to fully participate in camp activities.

## **Behavioral Guidance**

At the Miriam P. Brenner Children's Museum, we believe that as educators we have the responsibility to guide each child's learning experience and development while they are with us. This means that in every way possible, we choose to build connections with each individual child and open channels of communication that will help campers and camp staff build trust, stay safe, and include everyone in the fun.

Our instructors review all camp rules at the beginning of each camp week with our campers, to ensure a positive experience for all and a healthy camp community.

## The Camp Rules are for Everyone:

- Be Respectful

*We use equipment and tools for the purpose they are intended and return them to their place when we are finished. We respect one another by listening when another is speaking, following directions, and raising a quiet hand to share a thought or question.*

- Be Safe

*Whether we're mixing solutions in a chemistry camp, using knives in the kitchen, or simply playing with new friends; we are mindful of our safety and the safety of others while at the Museum.*

- Be Positive

*At the Museum, we like to try new things, make new friends and have fun. We encourage kids and staff to help each other make each week great!*

- Be Kind

*We choose kind words, a kind tone, and kind actions to make sure that everyone can join in, learn, and have fun.*

## Our Approach:

1. Conversation, Understanding, and Redirection: Through active listening and varied engagement strategies, we strive to create a positive camp experience for every camper to the best of our abilities and capacity. We respond to campers' needs and work on solutions that ensure that everyone is learning and practicing the camp rules.
2. Removal from Specific Activity: When conversation and redirection has been pursued and behaviors continue to disrupt the experience of the group, we may have the camper step away from the activity under the direction of a camp instructor until the camper is ready to rejoin the group.
3. Communicating with Parents: For behaviors that are persistent or severe, we may reach out to parents to dialogue about possible strategies.
4. Removal from the Program: When the actions of a camper place him/herself or another person at risk, and reasonable accommodations cannot be attained to ensure safety, the Miriam P. Brenner Children's Museum reserves the right to remove a camper from the program. In this unlikely event, the refund policy will apply as stated.

## Commitment to Inclusion

At the Miriam P. Brenner Children's Museum, it is our mission to serve all children and families. While we work hard to ensure that every child has the opportunity to have an amazing experience at the Museum, we understand that our summer camp program may or may not be the right fit for your family. If you would like more information about summer camp at MBCM, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [summercamp@gcmuseum.com](mailto:summercamp@gcmuseum.com) or 336.574.2898 ext. 302.