

## **Summer Camp 2009**

### **Dear Parent or Guardian:**

Welcome to the 43rd Annual Miami Science Museum Summer Camp. This year promises to be fun, exciting and educational! This letter contains some important information and helpful reminders to make sure that your camper's experience is as pleasant and rewarding as possible.

### **Times & Details**

**Class Times:** Morning classes 9:00-11:45 a.m.; afternoon classes 12:15-3:00 p.m.; all-day classes 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Arrival:** On Monday of each weekly session, campers should arrive a little early, between 8:30-8:45 a.m. Parents are asked to visit the registration area in the main lobby and then escort their child to the room in which the morning class is being held (signs will be posted).

**Departure:** 11:45 for a.m. for morning classes only; 3:00 p.m. for afternoon and all-day classes. Please pick up your child promptly from his/her class. Campers will be released only to those who have been listed by you as authorized to pick up your child. Parents or other individuals who are not listed on your original registration form, or on an Authorization for Release Form, will be unable to pick up your child. For your convenience, the form is available on the museum website.

**Pre-Camp Care:** Campers signed up for the Pre-Camp program can be dropped off anytime between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Campers not enrolled in the Pre-Camp program may not arrive before 8:45 a.m.

**Lunch:** Staff supervised, from 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Please send food that does not require refrigeration, and put your camper's name on their lunch bag or box. Snack and beverage machines are available for campers in the patio.

**After-Camp:** The After-Camp program runs from 3:00-6:00 p.m. If you are not already signed up for this extended day program, you may do so on the first day of each camp week. This recreational period allows children to rotate through a series of activities with a particular focus each week. All activities are supervised and a light snack will be provided.

**T-shirts:** If you ordered a T-shirt, you may pick it up at the T-shirt table in the front lobby on Mondays from 8:30–9:00 am. Additional Museum T-shirts will be available for purchase at this time as well.

**Attire Tips:** In general, campers using messy materials like clay, paper maché and paint, or those experimenting with water should wear old clothes and/or bring a change of clothes.

**Classes Involving Outdoor Activity and Exploration:**

*"Wading Into Wetlands," "Life Between the Tides", "South Florida Field Trips", "Environmental Explorers"*

Campers should wear clothes and sneakers that can get dirty or wet. Each camper should bring insect repellent, water and sun protection gear (sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, etc).

**Water and Water Sports Classes:**

*"Snorkeling and Water Safety," "Sport Fishing," "Sailing"*

Campers should wear a bathing suit, bring a towel and a dry change of clothes. Sunscreen, hat and water bottle are highly advised. In addition, campers enrolled in Snorkeling and Water Safety, are required to bring a mask, snorkel, fins and gear bag each day. Good swimming skills, including a 200-yard swim and ability to tread water for 15 minutes, are required, and on each Monday there will be a swim test.

**Photography:** Whenever possible campers should bring their own digital camera. The class does provide cameras when necessary.

**Theater:** Parents and loved ones are invited to join the audience at the end of week three for a theater production at the museum.

**Rocketry:** Parents and loved ones are welcome to attend their child's launch each Friday at Peacock Park. A more detailed flyer and map will be sent home midweek.

**Lost, Broken or Stolen Possessions:** The Museum makes every reasonable attempt to safeguard our campers' possessions; however, the Museum cannot be held responsible for any loss of equipment, clothing, games, electronics, toys, etc.

**For Your Convenience:** Visit our "Registered Camp Forms" found on the Summer Camp 2009 website [www.miamisci.org/summercamp](http://www.miamisci.org/summercamp).

Authorization for Pick Up and a variety of release forms for our off-site classes may be printed from this site. Please call us if you have any questions at any time concerning your child's experience or the camp program at (305) 646-4204.

We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

***Your Summer Camp Staff***