



Camp Details



The Tech Museum Summer Camps feature a wide variety of engaging hands-on science and technology classes, mixed with camp traditions, teamwork and fun. Campers have the opportunity to connect with other students, as well as staff role models, who share similar passions. Throughout their experience, campers embrace the learning process and find that taking risks and making “marvelous mistakes” leads to creative solutions and great innovation.

Days and Times:

All classes run Monday through Friday. Morning sessions are from 9am–12pm, and afternoon sessions from 1–4pm. We **will** have camp on July 4th. We also offer extended care from 8–9am and 4–5:30pm. You may register for full weeks of extended care in advance by calling us or enrolling online. If you’d like to register for fewer days, you may do so when you arrive at camp.

What to Bring:

- Clothing: Casual with footwear for indoor and outdoor activities. Campers should also bring a long-sleeve shirt or sweatshirt for days when the museum is cool.
- Food: It is strongly recommended that all campers bring a snack for a daily mid-class break. Campers combining morning and afternoon classes will eat lunch from 12pm to 1pm. Campers attending the full day may choose to bring their own lunch or to purchase a lunch from a pre-arranged boxed lunch menu at The Tech's Primavera Cafe for \$5 per lunch. Order forms will be available on Monday morning at check-in. Campers can choose to purchase lunch all week long or for specific days of the week. All boxed lunches for the week must be paid for on Monday.
- Sunscreen: Campers participating in Science of Sports and Green Design: Solar Engineering classes should arrive each day with sunscreen already applied. We will keep some on site just in case.

Drop-off and Pick-up:

All classes are held at The Tech Museum of Innovation, located at 201 South Market Street in downtown San Jose. For directions, visit www.thetech.org/info/directions. Please drop off and pick up your children each day at the Park Avenue museum entrance, which is next to the giant ball machine. To comply with city regulations, please do not double-park and run inside the museum. Camp staff will be outside waiting to escort campers before and after camp. Limited metered parking is available on both sides of Market Street, and a parking garage is located at 2nd and San Carlos. The Tech Museum is not open for validation during morning check-in, but if you validate during museum hours, parking is \$5/day rather than the normal \$2.25/hour.

- **Morning classes:**
 - Drop-off: **Check-in on Monday of each week is held from 8:30–8:50am, followed by a brief parent address from the Camp Director before camp starts off with our morning opening ceremony. A parent or guardian is required to come into the Museum and check in with the camper on Monday, the first day of each session. Every day thereafter, you may drop off your child between 8:50–9:00am on Park Avenue.**



- **Pick-up:** Parents should pick up their children outside the museum promptly at 12:00pm, and will be given more detailed pick-up information when they check-in on the first day of camp. Please arrive on time, and be prepared to wait in a line of cars for 5-10 minutes to pick up your child. **On Friday, the final day of camp each week, parents are invited to come into the Museum and attend their child's camp presentations and graduation ceremony from 11:30am-12:00pm.** Campers also attending an afternoon class will have an additional graduation ceremony in the afternoon from 3:30-4:00pm.
- **Afternoon classes:**
 - **Drop-off:** Check-in on Monday of each week is held from 12:30-12:50pm, followed by a brief parent address from the Camp Director before camp starts off with our afternoon opening ceremony. A parent or guardian is required to come into the Museum and check in with the camper on Monday, the first day of each session. Every day thereafter, you may drop off your child between 12:50-1:00pm on Park Avenue.
 - **Pick-up:** Parents should pick up their children outside the museum promptly at 4:00pm, and will be given more detailed pick-up information when they check-in on the first day of camp. Please arrive on time, and be prepared to wait in a line of cars for 5-10 minutes to pick up your child. **On Friday, the final day of camp each week, parents are invited to come into the Museum and attend their child's camp presentations and graduation ceremony from 3:30-4:00pm.** Campers also attending a morning class will have an additional graduation ceremony in the morning from 11:30am - 12:00pm.

In all cases, if children are dropped off more than 15 minutes early or picked up more than 15 minutes late, you will be charged extended care fees for that day. If children are picked up from extended care after 5:30pm, you will be charged \$1/minute since that requires our staff to stay late.

On-site contact: If you need to contact your child or a staff member during camp, feel free to call Camp Director Stephanie Chang's cell phone at 408-390-1773.

Parent Surveys: On Fridays you will also receive an internet-based survey requesting feedback about your child's experience that week at camp. Please take time to complete this weekly survey as it truly helps us identify opportunities to improve for the following week and also helps us evaluate our camp staff. Parents are a big part of The Tech Summer Camps community, and we truly value your input.

Tech Download: You will receive a copy of our daily newsletter, The Tech Download, during check-out at the end of every day. Please take a few minutes to read it carefully. It is designed to enhance your family's experience with camp, and is packed with useful information about your child's day, important announcements from your camp staff and ideas for extending the camp experience at home.

Emergency Preparedness: The Tech Museum Summer Camps has created a plan in case of fire, earthquake, or other emergency situations. For medical emergencies, the hospital nearest The Tech Museum will be utilized. At least one staff member certified by the Red Cross in first aid and CPR will be present at all times.

Behavior Issues: We believe it is unfair for an individual camper to disrupt the camp experience for others. Campers will receive two warnings, and then parents will be contacted to pick up their children. Refunds will not be issued to campers who are asked to leave.

Refund Policy Reminder:

- No refunds for camp and extended care fees on or after June 1st.
- No refunds if your child misses a day of camp.
- A \$10 fee will be charged per class for any class date changes made starting June 1st. No changes within 7 days prior to the start of any class.
- If you wish to discuss a specific issue, please call Galileo at 800-854-3684

