

STEM Summer Camp Announcements

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No information on this form shall replace information provided on the UNI Youth Activities/Summer Camp Medical Release or registration forms. The University of Northern Iowa Medical Authorization Summer Camp/Youth Programs Release MUST be completed and signed before campers are allowed to participate in camp activities, which is generally completed electronically as a part of registration (see: <https://stem.uni.edu/k12-students-families/about-uni-stem-camps>)

Camp Behavior Guidelines: All Campers are expected to follow the [Camper Behavior Guidelines](#), including these general rules:

- Campers will treat themselves, fellow campers, staff, and volunteers with respect at all times.
- Campers will ask permission of a staff person before leaving the group.
- Campers will follow any safety precautions explained at the start of each activity and ask questions if they do not understand a safety precaution.

Camp Directors may have additional rules for their camp. Rules will be explained to campers on the first day or at the start of a new activity and campers will be provided an opportunity to ask questions. Camp Directors may remove campers who misbehave or neglect safety procedures from camp activities including (in extreme cases) barring a camper from returning to camp. Camp staff and volunteers have agreed to follow our [Standard of Behavior for Youth Program Personnel](#).

Contacting Camp Staff/Your Child in Case of Emergency: The directors will not have regular access to their office phones during camp hours because they are in the classroom, lab, or outside with campers. In an emergency, you may try contacting your director by email/phone and you may contact Shelia Kelly at 319-273-7399 or STEMcamps@uni.edu.

Emergencies Including Weather Related Emergencies: In case of Emergency, campers are instructed to follow the directions of the Camp Director or a camp leader appointed by the Director. Fire exits and severe weather shelter areas are labeled with appropriate signage in each University building. During severe weather, fire, or other emergency, directors will follow University Emergency Procedures (see http://www.uni.edu/resources/sites/default/files/UNI_Emergency_Tip_Sheet.pdf).

If your child becomes sick or injured at camp, the director or a camp staff member will contact you. Depending on the nature of the illness/injury, staff may contact you immediately or at the end of the day. The camp first aider will treat all non-emergencies (such as providing band aid, offering an area to rest, providing a space to cool off). UNI Staff cannot give your child medications unless it is described specifically on the medical release form and the medication is provided in its original packaging by the family. In the case of a medical emergency, camp staff will call 911 and seek immediate medical attention for those injured. In the case of an emergency, once all campers are safe or in the care of emergency services, staff will attempt to contact the parent/guardian listed on the camp registration. If that person can not be reached, then staff will attempt to contact the emergency contact person.

Please do not send your child to camp if they are sick. We ask all staff and campers to monitor their own health and stay home if sick. All campers and staff are welcome to wear masks.

Camp Attendance and Missing Camper Procedures: Any camper who does not arrive at camp will be considered *absent for that day*. Camp directors will not contact parents to inquire about absent campers. If a camper leaves the group without permission, does not return promptly after leaving the group with permission, or otherwise disappears during camp activities then that camper is considered *lost*. In case of a lost camper, camp staff shall search the immediate area. If the camper is not found within 10 minutes, then camp staff will contact STEM Support Services staff to assist and contact parents/guardians. Camp staff and STEM Support Services staff will search a wider area (the entire building in which activities are taking place). If a camper is missing more than 20 minutes or suspected of leaving camp then the UNI Department of Public Safety will be contacted and take over the search.

Questions? Contact your Camp Director; or UNI STEM Coordinator, Marcy Seavey, seavey@uni.edu; or UNI STEM Secretary, Shelia Kelly, STEMCamps@uni.edu.