

Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing Mad Science for your child's summer enrichment! This is to confirm your child's participation in the upcoming Mad Science camp. In regards to masking, Mad Science policy is that masks will need to be worn while inside classrooms and while walking to outdoor spaces. Once outside, children are allowed to remove their masks as long as it is okay with their parent/guardian. We ask that you have this conversation with your child and with your instructor on the first day of camp.

Camp Details

Topic: Underground Explorers

Dates: August 16th - 20th, 2021

Location: Windham Town Hall Gymnasium

PREPARING YOUR CHILD BEFORE CAMP:

- Please prepare your child for their first day of camp so as to alleviate anxiety at check in and help us enforce social distancing rules during the camp day. We ask that you also inform your child about our check in procedures (i.e., Temperature check, hand sanitizing, etc.) to also alleviate any surprises on the first day.
- We are providing you with some educational resources on talking to your child(ren) about the importance of and the proper technique regarding [hand washing](#) and how to practice good [respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette](#) in the hopes you can have these conversations before camp begins.

WHAT TO BRING: All personal items **must be** labeled with the owner's name.

- Lunch - we request disposable packaging to minimize items that need to be returned home.
- Snacks
- Water bottle
- Hand sanitizer
- A change of clothes (in case of an accident or if something messy happens.)

We ask for your assistance by not sending any extra items to camp—please avoid sending electronic devices, toys, books, and other games or learning aids, when possible.

Food Restrictions: Please avoid ALL NUT products for our friends with allergies. Thank you very much for your understanding of this.

DROP OFF & PICK UP:

We ask that you park in the parking lot, exit your vehicle and walk your child to entrance. Adults will be asked to wear a mask (regardless of vaccination status) when escorting your child to check-in. Our staff will perform a health screening (**see below**) and then escort your child to camp. We will be wearing a mask during screening. Please make sure to prepare your child before camp so they know of this procedure. We recommend that you designate ONE parent to be a drop off/pick up person for the duration of camp. If possible older people or those with serious underlying medical

conditions should not drop off/pick up children, as they are more at risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

SCREENING DURING DROP OFF:

- We will do a temperature screen of children upon arrival
- Persons who have a fever of 100.4 or above or other signs of illness will not be admitted into the building and we will follow CDC protocols before returning to camp.
- We will make a visual inspection of the child for signs of illness which could include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing or fatigue.
- Hand hygiene stations will be set up outside the entry door, so that children can clean their hands before they enter or alternatively the instructor will apply hand sanitizer once escorted from the car.

LATE PICK UP FEE POLICY: If you are more than 10 minutes late to pick up your child, a late pickup fee will be charged at the rate of \$1.00 per minute and must be paid to the Lead Mad Scientist or to the Mad Science office prior to the start of the next day in order for your child to continue.

WHEN TO STAY AT HOME: We will encourage staff and campers who have recently had a close contact with a person with COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID 19 or are showing symptoms to stay home. Symptoms may include but are not limited to: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

ABSENT FROM CAMP: If your child will be absent from camp on a particular day it would be helpful if you let us know ahead of time by sending an email to **Nichole Troe** at ntroe@madsciencemaine.com and/or **Jenna Matthews** at jenna@madsciencemaine.com You can also leave a message on Nichole's cell phone at (207) 576-8343. If we get the message before camp starts, we will let the instructors know. If the week of camp has already started and your child can no longer attend in part or in full, no refunds are offered.

PHOTO AND VIDEO RELEASE: We enjoy documenting your child's Mad Science Experience at camp with photos and videos so that we can share the experience not only with you but also with other kids and families so that they can see how much fun it is to come to Mad Science camp. It would be wonderful if you would graciously give us permission to use your child's picture, video clips of them in Scientific action for marketing purposes. At the beginning of the camp week, you will be asked if you consent to a photo/video release.

Mad Science Program Intention: Mad Science strives at all times to provide fun science activities to all children. In an effort to fulfill this commitment we ask that all children enrolled adhere to basic behavioral guidelines. We realize that the hands-on, high-energy nature of our program excites and motivates children. Our programs are specifically designed to harness and direct that energy. Our instructors set clear boundaries and expectations as to appropriate conduct and we will hold all students to these expectations. If a child becomes disrespectful of others, we will notify you and ask for your help to reinforce appropriate behavior. Children are also to be expected to be mindful of the health and safety of others including but not limited to- adhering to proper social distancing

measures, hand/respiratory etiquette-if we find your child is having difficulty (i.e., staying in their seats, refusing to wash hands, etc.) we will discuss these issues with you should they happen to arise. The health and safety of our students, staff and their families are of the utmost importance to us here at Mad Science.

Zero Tolerance for Violence and Bullying: Mad Science has a **zero-tolerance policy regarding violence and bullying** of any kind. Mad Science takes this kind of behavior very seriously. Children exhibiting violent behavior or cruelty towards others in the program could be asked not to return to Mad Science camp. If asked to leave camp there will be no refund given.

For a complete list of our camp Policies please visit us on the web at maine.madscience.org
We welcome all children and work to create a fun, safe and comfortable environment. We look forward to seeing your child at camp!

Scientifically Yours,
The Mad Science Team