



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Camp Wonderopolis[™]?

Camp Wonderopolis is a free online summer-learning resource fueled by the imagination and expertise of the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL). As an extension of Wonderopolis, Camp is designed to pique both a child and adult's natural curiosities about the world through Maker activities, 42 Wonder lessons, and lots more fun along the way. Counselors (parents and educators) can track a Camper's or Campers' progress throughout the summer or school year — and even sign up to participate themselves!

What's included in the online content and curriculum?

Camp Wonderopolis offers 42 exciting units of STEM-based Wonders covering six topics ranging from sports to health and technology. Each lesson includes informational text discussing a curious question, an interactive vocabulary study, a video and photo gallery, related activities to extend the Wonder, and a quiz with a chance to earn a Wonder Card. Recommended reading lists and step-by-step instructions for at-home Maker activities are also included.

Which ages is Camp Wonderopolis appropriate for?

Camp Wonderopolis is built for learners of ALL ages, but is especially targeted at summer learners in grades 2–8. Campers under the age of 13 will need to have their registration verified with the email address of a parent or guardian.

What are the dates for Camp?

This year's Camp blasts off June 15 and will be featured on the Wonderopolis.org home page through July 26. Camp will remain open after July 26 at camp.wonderopolis.org.

How much does Camp cost?

Camp is absolutely free for all Campers and Counselors. All you need to register is an email address and Internet access. **Note:** Campsite Kits that include online training sessions for library or afterschool programming are also available at package rates. Kits are tailored to meet needs of Campers, program staff, and providers. Email camp@wonderopolis.org to learn more about these Campsite Kits and available trainings.

What is the deadline to register?

This year's Camp blasts off June 15, but you can register at any time and explore Camp at your own pace. Camp will be featured on the Wonderopolis.org home page June 15–July 26, and Camp will remain open after that date at camp.wonderopolis.org.



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I participated in Camp last year. What's new in Camp this year?

In addition to the six new areas and 42 new lessons to explore, we've made this year's Camp bigger and better than ever. First, we'll welcome our new and returning visitors with an introductory tour of the website, giving you a quick view of everything Camp has to offer. We've also added ways for you to record and share all your Camp activity—from an improved Wonder Wall to sharing your achievements with your social networks to our all-new Camp Journals. You'll also be able to add comments to the Wonder lessons and receive updates and notifications as you make your way through your own Mission to Wonder!

Why should I pre-register, and when will I be able to set up my complete account?

Pre-registration reserves your spot on our Camp ledger and qualifies you for early-bird access to set up your full account. Setting up your complete account will be your first activity when Camp starts on June 15.

I participated in Camp last year. Do I need to register for a new account?

Yes. In the same way you register for clubs and sports each year, a separate registration is needed for each edition of Camp Wonderopolis you want to explore.

Why do I need to register with an email address?

Registration is required to keep track of your individual progress and activities through Camp. Be assured your email address will NOT be shared or sold to any third party. We invite you to read our full privacy policy (camp.wonderopolis.org/privacy) and terms of use (camp.wonderopolis.org/terms).

How do I get to Camp Wonderopolis? Is there a mobile app?

Direct any Internet browser to camp.wonderopolis.org to get to Camp Wonderopolis. There is no separate app for Camp Wonderopolis.

FOR COUNSELORS (Parents, Educators, and Summer Program Directors)

What are the academic benefits of Camp Wonderopolis?

Camp Wonderopolis is a fun, engaging way to keep kids learning over the summer months. The content has been developed to improve reading comprehension of informational text, build background knowledge in different areas of science, and improve vocabulary and literacy skills.

Why should I or someone I know participate in Camp Wonderopolis?

At best, students will show little or no academic growth over summer, according to the National Summer Learning Association. At worst, students will lose one to three months of learning due to lack of mental stimulation. Camp Wonderopolis offers an array of lessons and at-home activities that families can learn and do together to offset "summer brain drain."



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Can I use Camp Wonderopolis as part of my summer-learning program?

Yes! Camp Wonderopolis has been created so individuals, families, and programs can customize the Camp experience to suit their individual needs. There are 42 individual scientific lessons that can be explored at your own pace, on your own schedule. Camp can be used as the foundation of your programming or as an add-on to your existing curriculum.

How long will it take to go through a Camp lesson?

The time will vary by lesson and by Camper, but each lesson is expected to take 10–15 minutes to complete.

I'm a parent. Can I use the same email address to register more than one child under the age of 13?

Yes! The same email address can be used to register any number of Campers. Campers can also be linked to another Counselor's account, if he or she is also involved in a library- or school-based Camp.

I want to be a Camp Counselor. How do I add Campers to my group?

- First, register as a Counselor.
- You'll receive an email notification when your dashboard is ready to use. From your dashboard, select "Add and Invite Camper."
- Fill in Camper's first and last names, Camp screen name, and/or email address. (NOTE: to sign up Campers, you must enter their Camp screen name or email address.)
- Submit the "Add and Invite Camper" form.

If the Camper is already registered:

- The Camper receives an email invitation to connect with you as a Counselor.
- When the Camper accepts your invitation, his/her information is added to your Campers list on your dashboard.

If the Camper is NOT already registered:

- The Camper is invited via email to register for Camp Wonderopolis and connect with you as a Counselor.
- When the Camper registers and accepts your invitation, his/her information is added to your Campers list on your dashboard.

What data is tracked in the Counselor dashboard?

The Counselor dashboard will have the following features and information:

- Roster of Campers connected to you as a Counselor,
- Number of Wonder Cards® earned on each trail, and
- Number of vocabulary terms identified correctly in Wonder Card quizzes.

What if I have more questions or comments?

Please email questions and feedback about Camp to camp@wonderopolis.org.