

Biodiversity Camp

Sample Informational Packet for Students

Program Dates:

Friday @ 8:30AM - Sunday @ 3:45PM (*Timing is flexible based on meetings with the Biodiversity Camp coordinator*)

This is a two-night tent camping experience at Molino Basin Campground on Mt. Lemmon (*Location is subject to change based on weather and campsite availability*)!

What to Wear:

Please follow your school's dress code while at camp. Students will be participating in a service project outdoors in the morning on the first day. It is advised to wear long pants, a thin long sleeve and a hat as protection from the desert elements. Students **MUST** wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes daily. Hiking boots are NOT required (though we do have some to lend if desired).

Packing list:

We will provide tents, sleeping bags, and sleeping pads. Students will also be given a reusable water bottle to use throughout the week and keep afterwards. All meals, snacks and drink will be provided.

Students should be prepared to pack two separate bags for camp:

1. A day pack that they will have access to throughout the day.

Day Pack items:

- Change of clothes for Day #1*
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Sun Hat
- Rain jacket/poncho
- Lip balm
- Bug Repellent
- Wallet
- Any other small things that may be needed throughout the day

*After the service project on the morning of Day #1, students will have the opportunity to clean up and change before heading to the campground.

2. A soft-sided duffel or suitcase that they will not have access to during the day (hard-sided suitcases can damage our tents)

Duffel or Suitcase items:

- Small pillow
- Flashlight/headlamp
- Personal hygiene kit (best if in a watertight Ziploc)
 - Toothbrush
 - Deodorant
 - Face soap
 - Brush/comb/hair ties
 - Menstrual products
- Warm Pajamas/Sweatpants
- Clothing for warm & cool weather (bring layers)
- Socks
- Warm coat/sweater (It will be cold! Especially at night. It is advised to bring extra layers to sleep in)
- Warm hat/gloves

Additional items students may want to bring (not required):

- Sleeping bag
- Comfort items (blanket, stuffed animal, etc.)

If students do not have access to any of the supplies listed, please reach out as the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum may have some to lend out. Access to materials should **never** be a reason for students to miss out on camp!

Medication:

Students are not permitted to carry any form of medication while at camp. Please give all student medication to teacher staff upon arrival. All medication should be labeled and stored in the original prescription container accompanied by the doctor's direction with the student's name on it. Staff will ensure that students have access to their prescribed medication when needed. There will be at least one staff member that is trained in Wilderness First Aid present at all times.

Electronics:

Students are welcome to bring their phones with them to camp though we encourage limited cellphone use. Service and charging availability is not guaranteed. There will be time at the end of each day to find service for students to contact their caregivers.

Behavior Guidelines:

The Desert Museum is committed to creating an experience focused on making everyone feel comfortable outdoors. In order to achieve this goal, there are a handful of expectations that must be followed to ensure everyone's safety and comfort.

Students will...

1. Be kind and respectful to all people, plants, animals, and property.
2. Make their best effort to participate in all camp activities.
3. Create a community-focused culture that supports everyone involved.
4. Use encouraging and helpful language.
5. Communicate with staff if any issues arise.
6. Use good judgement when making decisions.
7. Be kind to their own mind and body.

Concerns or Problems?

Before camp, feel free to reach out to the Biodiversity Camp coordinator.

In the case of an emergency during camp, please call 520.883.3025 or 520.883.3022 and ask for Education staff.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if there is any additional information you would like to share with our staff that will help create the best experience for your student!

See you soon!