

EBENEZER'S EXPLORERS DAY CAMP



GENERAL INFORMATION

Warning: Your camper will have lots of fun at Ebenezer's Explorers Day Camp! You'll find general information below to make sure campers are prepared and ready to explore and make awesome memories.

Drop-off and pick-up will be located on the University of Montevallo campus. The location will be shared with registered participants the week before summer camp.

During day camp, we may go on field trips to the UM Environmental Education Program's various locations including — Ebenezer Swamp Ecological Preserve, James Wylie Shepherd Observatory, UM Organic Community Garden and University Lake. Parents will be notified beforehand of the location and duration of that day's field trip options. Please note that field trips are subject to change.

The lessons and activities for each day camp are age appropriate and cover a wide range of STEM and nature-based topics.

Camp will be held rain or shine. Make sure campers are weather-prepared. We will try to stay outside as long as possible. However, we will go indoors in cases of extreme temperatures and if there is thunder and/or lightening.

Lunch and snack are provided and are included in the price of camp. Be sure to include dietary restrictions on the registration form and we will accommodate all dietary needs.

Camp is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aftercare is available from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for an additional program cost. If aftercare is needed, the camper must be registered for aftercare beforehand.

WHAT TO BRING

It is highly recommended that campers bring the following items:

- Daypack (or backpack)
- Refillable water bottle
- Bugspray
- Sunscreen
- Sturdy, closed-toed shoes that may get muddy
- Raincoat
- Light jacket or layers
- Pencil or pen
- Notebook
- BIG SMILES and positive attitudes

WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a typical day for camp — we may switch it up due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Time	Activity
8:30 a.m.	Parents drop-off
8:30 to 9 a.m.	Welcome meeting and theme of the day!
9 to 11 a.m.	Field trip and lunch outside
11 a.m. to noon	Big field activity
Noon to 1 p.m.	Makerspace/craftivity
1 to 1:30 p.m.	Afternoon snack
1:30 to 2 p.m.	Teamwork challenge
2 to 3 p.m.	Science investigation
3 to 3:30 p.m.	Closing and clean-up
3:30 p.m.	Parents pick-up
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.	*Aftercare for pre-registered campers

To register your camper, you must first pay the program fee online at montevallo.edu/eeprograms. You will receive a confirmation email with a link to the registration form. Registration is only complete once the form has been submitted.

If your camper qualifies for a scholarship, contact the program director for instructions on how to register your camper. Scholarships for day camp are not always available and qualifications are subject to change from year-to-year.

During day camp, if you need to reach your camper or the program director for a non-urgent matter, it is best to email. If a matter is urgent or requires a quick response, please call or text the program director's cell phone.

For any additional questions or concerns, please contact program director Jecca Shumate via email at jshumate@montevallo.edu or leave a voicemail at 205-665-6195.



EBENEZER'S EXPLORERS DAY CAMP POLICIES 2022

Dress Code

- Clothing should be appropriate for a K-12 school-related function. This includes clothing length, body coverage, themes, etc.
- Clothing exhibiting inappropriate graphics, foul language or adult themes is prohibited. The UM camp/workshop director(s) will determine if clothing could be considered inappropriate or offensive.

Cell Phones

- Students are permitted to bring cell phones in order to remain in contact with friends and family prior to and after instruction and during breaks.
- Cell phones will remain off during instruction time.
- Camp/workshop directors and counselors are not responsible for loss or damage caused to cell phones.

Prohibited Materials

- It is expected that all camp/workshop participants behave as if they were on their K-12 school campus. Simply put, if a behavior is prohibited on a typical K-12 school campus, it is not allowed at a camp/workshop on the UM campus.
- Weapons of any kind, including firearms, knives of any type and blade length, throwing stars, nun chucks, batons or toys resembling such items are prohibited. As this campus is a "gun free zone," it may be necessary to involve campus police should weapons be discovered.
- Flames of any kind, including cigarette lighters, incense or candles are prohibited.
- The camp/workshop director(s) will determine if personal items could be considered inappropriate or dangerous. Dangerous or inappropriate personal items will be confiscated by the camp/workshop director(s) or campus police if necessary, held for the duration of the camp/workshop and returned to parents upon check-out as appropriate.

Illegal Substances

- Possession or use of cigarettes and any other form of tobacco is prohibited and will result in dismissal from the camp/workshop.

- Possession or use of alcohol in any form is prohibited at the camp/workshop and will result in dismissal from the camp/workshop and contact with campus police.
- Possession of or the use of drugs, including marijuana and prescription drugs that are not prescribed to the user, are prohibited at the camp/workshop and will result in dismissal from the camp/workshop and contact with campus police.
- Prescribed medication for allergies or special medical problems should be listed on the medical form. It is the student's responsibility to take the prescribed dosage. Camp/workshop participants should not share prescription or non-prescription medications with other participants.

Interactions with Others

- For the safety of all involved, camp/workshop participants are prohibited from socializing with University of Montevallo students or those participating in other camps, workshops or campus activities.
- At no time will camp/workshop participants travel between activities or be left alone in the dormitory, dining hall or academic facilities without the supervision of a camp/workshop director or counselor. All camp/workshop activities are intended to be group activities.
- Camp/workshop participants will refrain from physical contact with other participants, including personal displays of affection, wrestling, horseplay, fighting, etc.
- There will be no running, wrestling, horseplay, athletic activities, pranking, etc., in the dormitory, dining hall or academic facilities.
- Inappropriate behavior will result in a warning, followed by parent contact, and perhaps dismissal from the camp/workshop and/or contact with campus police as appropriate.
- Bullying of any type is prohibited by participants and will result in immediate dismissal from the camp/workshop.
- For the safety of all our participants, unannounced visitors, regardless of their relationship to participants, will not be allowed to enter dormitories or academic facilities in which camp/workshop activities are being held.

Other

- If a student must leave Ebenezer's Explorers Day Camp early for any reason (including an emergency), the student **MUST** be checked out by a parent or legal guardian as indicated on their emergency contact list.