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SCORPION STEAM ACADEMY

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ABOUT THE ACADEMY

WHAT IS THE SCORPION STEAM ACADEMY?

Students in our program enroll in a single course/topic for a week-long camp; they will be in the same class from Monday-Friday of their enrollment week. During the camps, students will mostly participate in hands-on learning experiences within their designated topic, however, they might also partake in at-large instruction during which they will get to learn from an instructor in a different STEAM field. Students will also have the opportunity to learn from educational and workforce speakers and presenters. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a weekly field trip sponsored by a partner organization; camp staff will facilitate this trip.

WHAT AGE GROUPS ARE THE SUMMER CAMPS DESIGNATED FOR?

Scorpion STEAM Academy caters to elementary to middle school aged students; grades 4-8 (both incoming and outbound students). Each camp is specifically designed to match the developmental and interest levels of its intended age group; please refer to each camp's description for age requirements. However, we understand that some children might have previous experience in the field of interest and might want to enroll in the older age group. We welcome participants to enroll in the courses they believe will be most enjoyable and of interest to them.

WHAT IS THE INSTRUCTOR-TO-CAMPER RATIO?

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To ensure a high-quality and personalized experience, we maintain a low ratio with a maximum of 20 children per classroom. Students are supervised by one instructor and an additional teacher's aide per ten students. University administrative staff also assist during lunch hours and field trips to ensure the safety of all students.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

WILL I RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT MY CHILD'S CAMP EXPERIENCE?

Parents will receive a pre-camp email with all the necessary information including, but not limited to, waiver forms, camp rules and policies, lunch menu (if offered), field trip schedule, and "before school" and "after school" programming schedule. Most, if not all, of this information will be regularly updated on our website: <https://scorpionSTEAMacademy.nevadastate.edu>.

WHAT SAFETY MEASURES ARE IN PLACE AT THE CAMPS?

Safety of our students is a top priority. Our program is managed by administrative faculty of the University who take an active role from drop-off to pick-up. We adhere to arrival procedures that notify parents when a student is not accounted for and dismissal procedures that require a designated guardian to sign-out their student. Camp instructors and mentors are employees of Nevada State University and undergo mandatory background checks prior to hire; individuals are also certified in CPR and First Aid prior to starting. Field trips are facilitated by program staff while at partner facilities to ensure participant custody remains with program at all times. Finally, individuals with an active fever are asked to remain home for the safety of campers and staff under our sick person policy

CAMP PREPARATION

WHAT SHOULD WE BRING TO CAMP?

Participants should come to camp in comfortable clothing suitable for indoor and outdoor activities; closed-toed shoes are recommended for field trips as students will be walking. Students should bring a refillable water bottle to remain hydrated throughout the day, even though most camp activities will occur indoors. Parents are also advised to pack their child a shelf-stable lunch (if not offered by the camp) and/or daily snacks – students will be allowed to snack in class.

ARE MEALS PROVIDED DURING THE CAMP?

Yes, during the 2024 camp sessions, meals are included in the registration costs for each participant. Parents of students that do not wish to partake in the day's lunch menu offerings should send their child to camp with a shelf-stable lunch. Weekly recurring menus can be found on our website: <https://scorpionSTEAMacademy.nevadastate.edu>.

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS

WHAT IF MY CHILD REQUIRES SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS?

As part of the Nevada System of Higher Education, our camps will make student accommodations pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Please contact us in advance to discuss any specific requirements and/or to discuss concerns so that we can properly prepare to provide your child with the best experience possible.

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We are always updating our website as needed. Feel free to submit anything you think would be useful to other parents!

