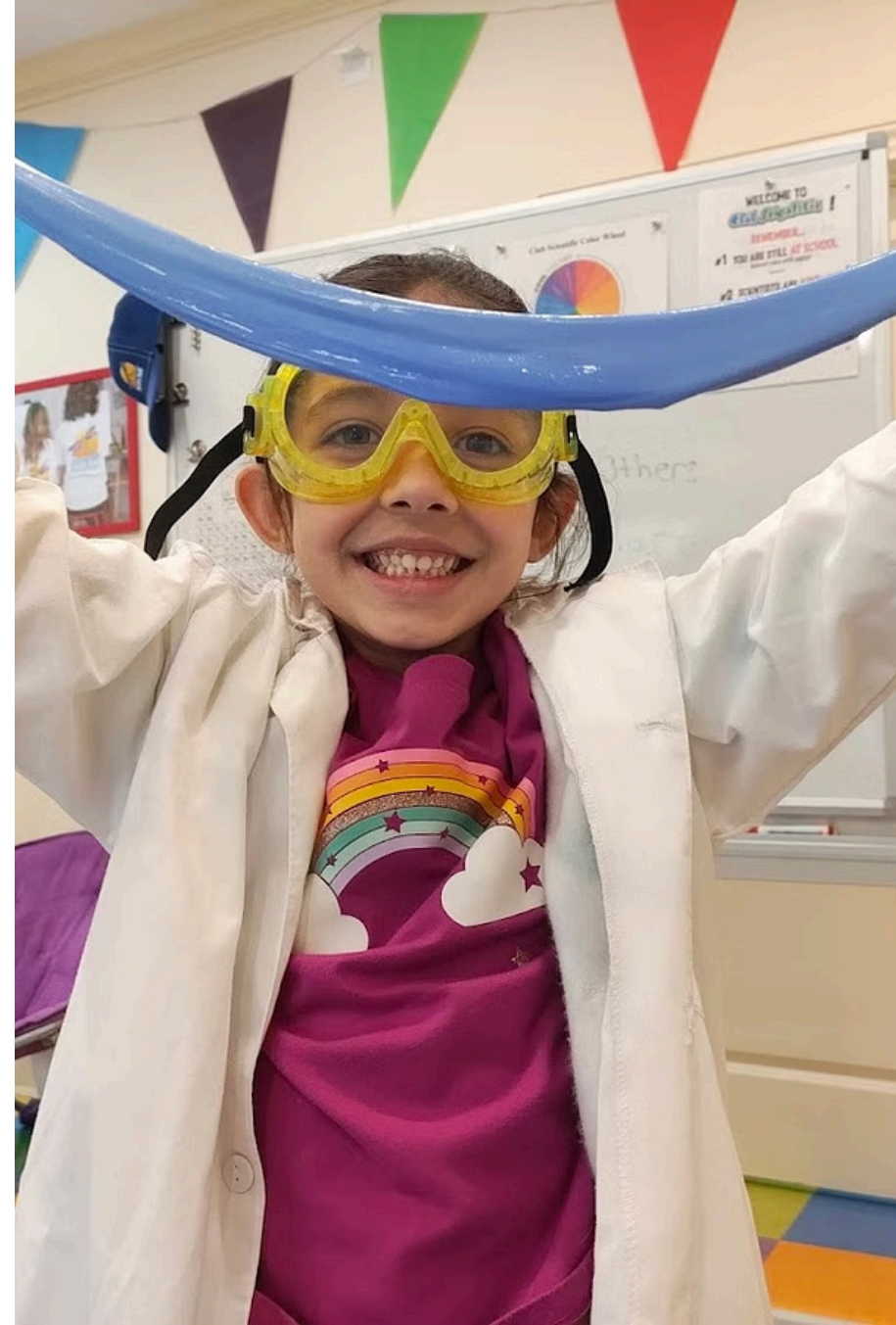


Club Scientific Camp Welcome Packet - Waypoint

Welcome to the Club Scientific summer camp at Waypoint! This comprehensive guide provides all the essential information parents need to help their children prepare for an enriching scientific adventure. From daily schedules and drop-off procedures to health policies and what to bring, we've compiled everything to ensure a smooth, educational, and fun experience for your young scientist.



Camp Structure and Daily Schedule

At Club Scientific's Waypoint location, we've carefully designed our camp experience to balance educational enrichment with social development and physical activity. Your child will participate in a variety of engaging hands-on science activities throughout each day, fostering both intellectual growth and a love of discovery.

Daily Schedule Breakdown

Each camp day is structured into four major time slots, allowing most campers to complete four different hands-on science activities daily. You'll receive a detailed activity schedule via email on the morning of the first day of camp, outlining all the exciting scientific explorations your child will undertake during their time with us.

In addition to our science-focused activities, we incorporate 45 minutes of outdoor activity time each day. During this period, campers are encouraged to participate in team-building exercises, engage in physical activities, and develop social connections with fellow campers. This outdoor time is crucial for physical well-being and helps children build important interpersonal skills.

Camp Hours

- Regular camp hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Pre-camp/Early Drop-off: Available from 8:00 AM (\$35/week)
- Post-camp/Extended Day: Available until 5:30 PM (\$50/week)

Camp Location

Waypoint Preschool
225 Gospel Drive
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32081

For any questions, please contact:
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Our camp philosophy is built around striking the perfect balance between academic learning, social interaction, and recreational activities. We believe this comprehensive approach maximizes each child's development and ensures they have a memorable, fulfilling camp experience that extends beyond just scientific knowledge.

What to Bring to Camp

Ensuring your child comes to camp properly prepared each day will help them have the best possible experience at Club Scientific. We've prepared this comprehensive packing guide to make mornings easier for both parents and campers.

Essential Daily Items

- Nutritious lunch and healthy snacks (No peanut products, please)
- Refillable water bottle (especially important for staying hydrated during outdoor activities)
- Sunscreen (preferably applied before arrival, but send extra for reapplication)
- Hat for sun protection during outdoor time
- Comfortable backpack to carry personal items

What NOT to Bring

- Cell phones or electronic gaming devices
- Jewelry or other valuable accessories
- Cash or other monetary items
- Any foods containing peanuts (due to allergy concerns)
- Toys or games from home (unless specifically requested for a special activity)

Club Scientific cannot be responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items, so please leave valuables at home.

Camp Attire

Please dress your child in comfortable, casual clothing that allows for freedom of movement and can potentially get messy during science experiments. Sneakers or closed-toe shoes are required for safety. Each camper will receive a complimentary Club Scientific t-shirt on the first morning of camp, and we encourage them to wear this shirt daily. Wearing the camp shirt not only gives campers a sense of belonging and community but also helps staff quickly identify all campers during activities.

We recommend labeling all of your child's belongings with their first and last name to prevent mix-ups or lost items. This includes lunch boxes, water bottles, backpacks, hats, and any other personal items they bring to camp.

For your reference, our Tax ID number is 99-1552451, which may be useful for tax purposes if you're claiming childcare expenses.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures



Car Line Format

At the Waypoint Preschool location, drop-off and pick-up will operate in a car line format. Detailed instructions about this procedure will be sent to you via email before camp begins. This system is designed to make the process as efficient and safe as possible for all families.



Timing

Regular drop-off occurs between 8:50 AM and 9:00 AM, with early drop-off (pre-camp) available from 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM for an additional fee. Please note there is no drop-off between 8:30 AM and 8:50 AM. Regular pick-up takes place between 3:45 PM and 4:00 PM, with extended pick-up (post-camp) available from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM for those enrolled in aftercare.



Security Procedures [Subject to Change]

At check-in on the first day, you'll receive a Car Tag and a unique 4-digit Dismissal Code for your child. For the safety of all campers, you must present either the Car Tag or your child's Dismissal Code when picking them up. If a friend or relative will be picking up your child, ensure they know the dismissal code.



Early Dismissal

If your child needs to leave camp early, please notify the Camp Instructors in writing or contact the Camp Director via text at 904-287-86. Advance notice helps us ensure your child is ready when you arrive and minimizes disruption to activities.

These security measures are in place to ensure the safety of your child. We appreciate your cooperation in following these procedures consistently, even on Family Day. Our staff is trained to be vigilant about dismissal procedures, and we will not release a child to anyone who cannot provide the proper credentials.

Health and Safety Policies

The health and safety of your child is our absolute top priority at Club Scientific. We have implemented comprehensive policies and procedures to ensure all campers remain safe while enjoying their educational experience with us. Our staff is thoroughly trained in safety protocols and emergency response procedures.

Medication Administration

If your child requires medication during camp hours, you and your child's physician **MUST** complete the "Authorization of Medication" form. Please email us at help.stjohns@clubscientific.com for a copy of this form. Completed medication forms should be brought on the first day of camp, along with the medication in its original container. Our staff cannot administer any medication without proper documentation and physician approval. This includes both prescription and over-the-counter medications.



Illness Policy

Please DO NOT send your child to camp if they are feeling unwell. This includes symptoms such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, persistent cough, rash, or any other signs of contagious illness. If your child will be absent due to illness, please notify the Camp Director through email, phone, or text as soon as possible.



Illness at Camp

If your child becomes ill during camp hours, we will contact you immediately using the emergency contact information you've provided. Please ensure these numbers are current and that someone is available to pick up your child promptly if needed.



Minor Injuries

For minor injuries that occur during camp, our staff will provide basic first aid and document the incident. You will be notified at pickup about any minor incidents that occurred during the day.

Allergies and Dietary Restrictions

Due to the prevalence of peanut allergies, we maintain a **strict NO PEANUT PRODUCTS policy**. Please be vigilant about checking food labels when packing your child's lunch and snacks. If your child has other allergies or dietary restrictions, please ensure this information is clearly communicated to the Camp Director before the start of camp.

Staff Qualifications

All of our staff members have been fingerprinted and have successfully passed a Level 2 background screening as required by state regulations. Camp counselors participate in comprehensive training covering curriculum expertise, classroom management, camper safety, camper-to-camper relationships, and methods for fostering self-esteem. Additionally, our camp directors are certified in emergency preparedness, including CPR and First Aid, ensuring they can respond appropriately to any situation that may arise.

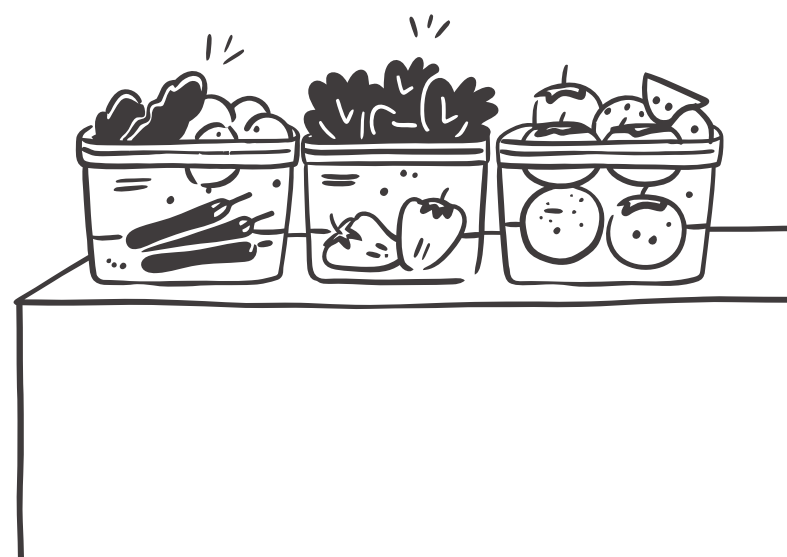
Meals and Nutrition at Camp

Proper nutrition plays a vital role in supporting your child's active participation and learning during their time at Club Scientific camp. While we focus on providing enriching scientific experiences, families are responsible for ensuring their campers have the fuel they need throughout the day.

Daily Food Requirements

Campers must bring their own lunch, drinks, and snacks each day. Club Scientific does not provide daily meals to campers. When packing your child's food, please keep in mind that they will be active throughout the day and may require more sustenance than during a typical school day. We recommend nutritious, energy-providing foods that will support their engagement in camp activities.

Since we do not have access to refrigeration facilities on campus, please include ice packs for any perishable items that need to be kept cold. Similarly, we cannot heat food, so please send meals that can be enjoyed at room temperature or pack them in insulated containers if warmth is preferred.



Snack and Meal Times

Throughout the day, we have designated breaks for snacks and lunch. While specific times may vary slightly based on activities, generally campers will have a mid-morning snack break, lunch around noon, and an afternoon snack opportunity. Having multiple smaller meals and snacks helps children maintain energy levels throughout our active day.



Recommended Foods

Fresh fruits and vegetables, sandwiches, cheese sticks, yogurt, granola bars, trail mix (without nuts), whole grain crackers, and plenty of water are all excellent choices for camp days.



Allergy Awareness

Due to the potentially life-threatening nature of peanut allergies, we maintain **a strict NO PEANUT PRODUCTS policy.** Please carefully check ingredient lists when preparing your child's lunch and snacks.



Hydration

A refillable water bottle is essential. Campers will have access to water stations throughout the day to refill their bottles, especially important during outdoor activities.

If your child has specific dietary requirements or food allergies beyond peanuts, please make sure to note this information on their registration forms and discuss it with the Camp Director prior to the start of camp. This allows us to take any necessary precautions and ensure all staff members are aware of your child's needs.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all campers while ensuring everyone has the nutrition they need for an active, engaging camp experience.

Family Day Activities

Family Day is consistently ranked as one of the most anticipated and cherished aspects of our Club Scientific camp experience. Each Friday, we invite parents, siblings, and other family members to join us for a special afternoon showcase where campers can demonstrate what they've learned and worked on throughout the week.

Schedule and Timing

Family Day activities are age-appropriate and schedule times vary based on your child's camp group:

- For 6-8 year old camps (Jr. Scientist, Jr. Paleontologist, etc.): Family Day begins at 3:15 PM
- For 9-12 year old camps (Chef Scientific, Extreme Engineering, etc.): Family Day begins at 3:30 PM

We kindly request that families arrive promptly for their designated time slot to ensure a smooth experience for all participants. Even on Family Day, you will still need to present your child's unique Dismissal Code when you arrive, maintaining our security protocols throughout the entire camp session.

What to Expect on Family Day

Family Day is designed to give you a window into your child's camp experience and allow them to showcase their newfound knowledge and creations. The specific activities will vary depending on the camp theme, but typically include:



Science Demonstrations

Watch as your child demonstrates scientific principles they've learned during the week through engaging experiments that highlight key concepts.



Project Showcases

View completed projects and creations that campers have been working on throughout the week, with your child explaining their process and discoveries.



Interactive Activities

Participate in hands-on activities alongside your child, experiencing firsthand the type of learning they've engaged in during camp.



Photo Opportunities

Capture memories of your child's achievements and experiences at camp, including with their counselors and new friends.

Family Day not only provides an opportunity for campers to share their excitement and accomplishments but also helps reinforce the concepts they've learned by teaching others. Many parents tell us that the conversations sparked during and after Family Day lead to continued scientific exploration at home.

We encourage families to engage fully with their child's presentations and ask questions that allow them to elaborate on what they've learned. This positive reinforcement of their scientific interests can have lasting benefits for their academic confidence and curiosity.

Camper Expectations and Code of Conduct

At Club Scientific, we believe in creating a positive, respectful environment where all campers can learn, explore, and have fun safely. To ensure this atmosphere, we have established clear behavioral expectations for all participants. These guidelines help maintain a cooperative community where science discovery can flourish.

Core Values and Expectations

Our camp community is built around several fundamental values that guide how we interact with each other and our environment. We expect all campers to embrace these principles during their time with us.

Respect

Campers are expected to treat fellow campers, staff members, and the facility with respect at all times. This includes following instructions from counselors, using appropriate language, and being mindful of others' feelings and personal space. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated in our camp environment.

Kindness

We encourage positive interactions between all camp participants. Fighting, teasing, bullying, or any form of intimidation is strictly prohibited and may result in dismissal from camp. We want every child to feel welcome, included, and emotionally safe during their time with us.

Good Sportsmanship

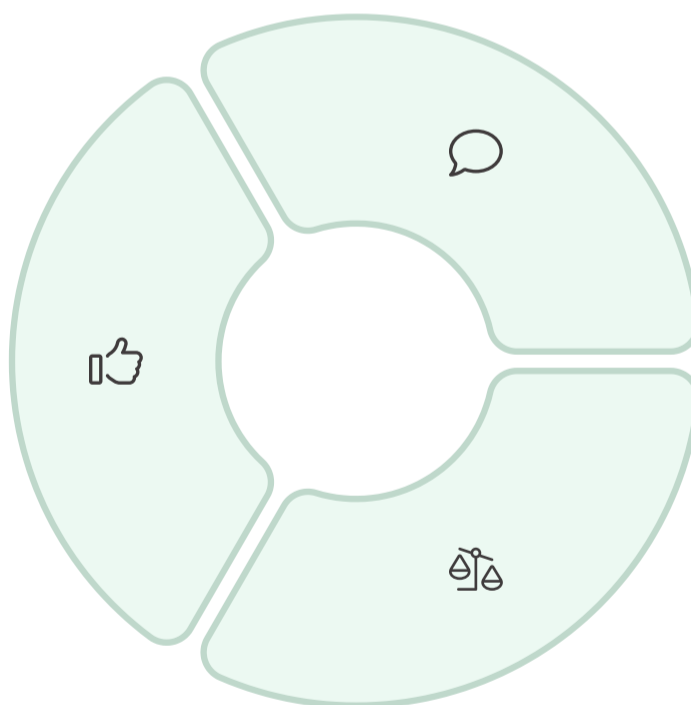
Whether during outdoor activities, games, or collaborative science projects, good sportsmanship is always expected. This includes playing fairly, encouraging others, being gracious in both success and disappointment, and maintaining a positive attitude.

Responsibility

Campers are responsible for their actions, their belongings, and their participation in activities. We encourage children to take ownership of their camp experience by actively engaging in discussions, cleaning up after activities, and following safety guidelines.

Positive Reinforcement

Recognizing and celebrating positive behaviors



Clear Communication

Explaining expectations and reasons behind rules

Consistent Consequences

Fair, appropriate responses to behavioral issues

Our approach to behavioral management **emphasizes positive reinforcement**. Counselors are trained to recognize and praise good behavior, teamwork, scientific curiosity, and kind interactions. This positive emphasis helps create a supportive atmosphere where children feel valued and motivated to continue making good choices.

In situations where behavioral issues do arise, our staff follows a progressive approach beginning with gentle reminders and redirections. For persistent problems, we may use discussions with the camp director, or parent conferences as needed. In extreme cases involving safety concerns or severe disruption to the camp experience, a camper may be dismissed from the program.

We believe that clear expectations, consistent guidance, and positive reinforcement create the optimal environment for learning and enjoyment. By partnering with families to uphold these standards, we can ensure that every child has a meaningful, enriching, and fun scientific adventure at Club Scientific camp.

Looking Forward to another Amazing Summer Adventure!

From all of us at Club Scientific, we are thrilled to welcome your children to our summer camp! Your trust in our scientific approach motivates us, and we're eager to see your children's curiosity flourish through hands-on experiments and discovery in the weeks ahead.

We can't wait to witness the spark in their eyes during moments of discovery, hear their insightful questions, and observe the teamwork they'll develop during our activities. These experiences will create lasting memories that extend far beyond summer. It's our privilege to contribute to your child's scientific journey and personal growth during this formative time.

Thank you for choosing us as partners in nurturing your child's natural curiosity and building a lifelong love of scientific exploration. The budding scientists, innovators, and critical thinkers we'll have the honor of guiding will make our summer extraordinary, and we're excited to embark on this adventure of discovery together!