



Junior Ranger Camp 2017

Information and Camp Policies

PLEASE READ ALL CAMP INFORMATION AND POLICIES. YOUR SIGNATURE ON THE REGISTRATION FORMS IS ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT YOU HAVE READ ALL THE INFORMATION.

- Dinosaurs & Art 1st-3rd Grade: May 30th-June 2nd (four-day week)
- Dinosaurs & Art 4th-7th Grade: June 5th-9th
- Space Exploration 1st-3rd Grade: June 19th-23rd
- Space Exploration 4th-7th Grade: June 26th-June 30th
- Dinosaurs & Paleontology 1st-3rd Grade: July 10th-14th
- Dinosaurs & Paleontology 4th-7th Grade: July 17th-21st
- Earth Science 1st-3rd Grade: July 31st-August 4th
- Earth Science 4th-7th Grade: August 7th-11th

Contact Information for Junior Ranger Camp: The main contact person for all matters concerning Junior Ranger Camp will be museum manager: Veronica Amoe. Veronica can be reached via email veronica@naranjomuseum.org or her cellphone (936)-404-9202. Parents are encouraged to call cellphone during camp hours as Veronica is not in the main museum office to answer that number.

Camp Instructor: Junior Ranger Camp is run and instructed by museum manager: Veronica Amoe. Veronica has taught Junior Ranger Camp for 4 years and has been with the Naranjo Museum for nearly 5 years. She uses her knowledge of Art and History to teach campers about Dinosaurs, Earth History and Science through fun activities, crafts and games. Campers may also be supervised at times by other qualified staff members or volunteers. Museum staff and Junior Ranger Camp volunteers have gone through extensive background checks for the safety of the campers.

Registration: Complete registration for Junior Ranger Camp includes 1. Turning in a signed and completed registration form and 2. paying a \$45.00 deposit *for each camp that your child is registered for*. You may pay full amount (\$85.00) upon registration. Children must be registered no later than a full week (7 days) prior to the start of the camp. Deposit is only refundable if cancellation notice is given more than 10 days prior to camp start date. The remaining payment of \$40.00 is due the first day of camp. There is no refund on camp cost after the camp week has started (only exception is in regards to discipline, see policy below). Your child must be registered for the camp week according to the grade that they are entering in fall of 2017, no exceptions!

Camp Shirt: To get a Free Camp shirt, your child must be **registered by Friday, May 12th, 2017**. This is an incentive offer to encourage parents to register campers early. Due to bulk order requirements this is the only shirt order that will be made for Junior Ranger Camp 2017, you will not be able to buy or order a shirt after May 12th.

Camp Times: Junior Ranger Camp is Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. Early drop off is from 7:30am-8:00am and late pick-up is 5:00pm-5:30pm. The first week of camp is a four-day camp from Tuesday-Friday, this is due to state requirements and will be the same price as a full camp week, times are the same for that week.

Check In/Check Out: You must sign in/sign out your child every day of camp. On the first day of camp, you will need to sign your child in at the ticket desk to follow up with any remaining camp payments. After that sign in will be in the classroom. Sign out will always be at the ticket desk. Museum staff will verify that your name is on the sign out list prior to getting your child. Please note that the foyer doors are locked between 8:30am and 10am for safety reasons.

Lunches/Snacks: Lunch IS NOT provided at Junior Ranger Camp. Parents are asked to pack their children a sack lunch, a few snacks and plenty of water. Gold fish/Animal crackers are provided as a supplemental snack for children who may forget snacks. The children will typically have a morning snack at 9:30am, lunch at 12:00pm and an afternoon snack at 3:00pm. There is microwave available but there is not a refrigerator. Children's lunches are stored in a cooler. (without ice). A movie is usually played for the children while they have their lunch and snack, movies are usually relevant children's movies or dinosaur documentaries.

Clothing: Children are asked to wear comfortable clothing and clothing that they can get messy in. Whether it is slime or paint, things can get messy at Junior Ranger Camp. Children should wear shoes that they can play in. Children may

also want to wear sunscreen or bug spray as there is daily outside play time.

Toys/Electronics: Children are allowed to bring toys and electronic devices to camp. They are only permitted to use them during Museum Free time and after-lunch recess. Please note that the Naranjo Museum/ JRC is not responsible for any damages that occur to the devices or toys. Toys that resemble weapons are not permitted at Junior Ranger Camp.

Museum Free Time: Children are given free museum time in the mornings from 8:30am-9:30am. This time is one campers look forward to and it is during this time that the museum is not open to the public, so they have the museum to themselves. It is a time for them to look at the exhibits, play games and learn more about the dinosaurs. During this time, children are closely monitored and are not permitted in the back of the museum. Rules are explained to the children about not touching the exhibits and most importantly not running in the museum. Children who choose to run in the museum have to sit out 1 minute at a time which is increased the more times they are called on.

Classroom Time: The main portion of Junior Ranger Camp is spent in the museum classroom. This is where crafts, lessons, activities and experiments take place. Children sit at tables and are shown where supplies are for different projects, children are asked to treat supplies with care. Children are permitted to use the restrooms or get a drink of water when they ask. Children are not typically escorted to the restrooms unless the entire class is going. Certain experiments can get rather messy and at times children are asked to help keep the classroom tidy and help clean up after messy projects. Note that household chemicals are used for experiments, chemicals such as (but not limited to): borax (for slime), baking soda, vinegar, salt, flour, shaving cream, veg. oil, food color, cornstarch, hydrogen peroxide and alka seltzer. Children are given safety instructions before each activity and are told not to consume experiments. You will be notified via email if food will be used for experiments or if children need to bring any additional items for activities (example: empty water bottles). Information regarding specific camp weeks will be emailed to parents no later than a week before camp.

Outside Play: Children will be given outside play time after lunch around 12:45pm for about 30 minutes. This play time takes place on the side lot beside the museum. Children are given strict boundaries that they are unable to cross during play time. Play time is supervised by the camp teacher. Children are permitted to bring water bottles outside and are encouraged to take water breaks. Though the side lot has shaded areas, temperatures are closely monitored and children are not taken outside during particularly hot days. Children are also taken outside if the activity/experiment calls for it.

Medical Policy: Museum staff are only permitted to administer basic first aid to children unless otherwise stated in the child's medical information on registration form. Parents will be called should children feel ill, children running fever or throwing up will be asked to be picked up. In the event of a medical emergency, assistance will be called from Dr. Naranjo's Home Health company (next door to the museum). If necessary, 911 will be called and first response will take children to the closest hospital. *At this time, Junior Ranger Camp is unable to accommodate children with special medical and mental needs.*

Camp Rules/ Discipline Policy: At Junior Ranger Camp, it is our priority to make camp happy and safe for your child as well as the rest of the campers. Camp rules are explained on the first day of camp and the children are reminded of camp rules throughout the week. Children are expected to be respectful to the teacher, to their classmates and to themselves. Rules are explained with a focus on "choices", and it is explained that there are consequences for choosing to not follow camp rules. Communication is encouraged when a child is feeling bullied or feeling frustrated with a situation.

Because Junior Ranger Camp is a week-long camp, there is not enough time to find long-term solutions to behavior that is deemed disruptive/dangerous to the other campers or to the child committing the act. Though there are steps that are taken to address certain behaviors, if your child's choices are considered extremely disruptive or harmful to themselves or their fellow classmates, safety becomes a priority and your child will be asked to leave camp.

Disciplinary action is taken in the following stages: 1. Your child is asked to discontinue the act that is disruptive/dangerous to them and/or their fellow class mates 2. If the behavior continues, your child is taken off to the side to discuss their behavior, given time to calm down and a solution is discussed. 3. If the act is continued a call will be made to the parent. 4. If the act/behavior continues, a final call will be made for the child to be picked up. For severe behavioral issues, museum staff are permitted to take measures in the safest way possible, to ensure the safety of your child and the other children.

Discipline and refunds: Once camp has started the \$45.00 deposit is non-refundable. Of the remaining \$40.00, you will only be refunded for the days that your child does not attend camp. example: if your child is asked to be picked up Wednesday, you will only be refunded for Thursday and Friday which would be \$16. If your child is asked to not return to camp for the remainder of the summer, you will be refunded for other camp weeks that they were registered for additional camps.

Junior Ranger Camp 2017 Registration Form

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

DOB: _____ Grade(fall 2017): _____ T shirt Size: _____

Camp Dates your child will be registering for: _____

Parental Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email*: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Persons allowed to pick up my child: _____

Please initial authorizing permission for the named person to pick up your child: _____

Photo Release

Please initial authorizing the Naranjo Museum/Junior Ranger Camp to take photographs of your child and use them for promotion on print, social media sites and museum website:

Medical:

Child's Primary Physician: _____ Phone: _____

In the space below, please list any medical information about your child that the museum should be notified of.

Payment: Please be reminded that camp registration is not complete without a deposit of \$45.00. The remaining \$40.00 will be due on the first day of camp. Payment can be done by sending a check to 5104 South 1st St. Lufkin, TX 75901, by bringing payment to the museum or by calling (936)-639-3466 to pay over the phone with a credit card.

Liability Waiver

I do hereby release and discharge the Naranjo Museum of Natural History/ Junior Ranger Camp and its authorized staff and representative from all liability of any kind and character upon any claim, demand or cause of action.

I expressly acknowledge these paragraphs to be a waiver and release of the Naranjo Museum of Natural History/ Junior Ranger Camp for any injuries or harm incurred to the named child above on its premises or any related activity sponsored by the Naranjo Museum of Natural History.

I expressly acknowledge that I have read all of the information regarding Junior Ranger Camp and its policies.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____