



Welcome to Science North's Informal Science Programs

WHERE DO I GO?

AT SCIENCE NORTH - Science North Staff will meet participants and their parents in the Laamanen Room which is just inside the 'small snowflake' across the cafeteria on the main floor. (Enter main lobby; walk to the far end; turn right and the Laamanen Room is at the end of this hall.) This is our program 'base' at this site.

AT DYNAMIC EARTH - Dynamic Earth staff will be set up in the front lobby and will direct you to where you will sign in and out every day.

PARKING - As you come onsite, tell the parking lot attendant at either site that you are dropping off your child for camp, and they will inform you where best to park.

IN THUNDER BAY- Our main office is located at Boys and Girls Club at 270 Windsor St. Parents will be contacted by phone or email if there are site changes.

EVERYWHERE ELSE- Summer camp facilities will be on the Science North website by May 1st, and updated regularly as facilities are confirmed.

WHAT DO I BRING?

On the first day:

- Please inform our staff of any special medical concerns relevant to your child.
- Provide updated emergency contact information for your child.
- Bring photo ID when you or your designate picks up your child.
- We may require Proof of age. It is important that participants be the required age for the program because activities are designed with the capabilities of that age group in mind.

What to Wear/Bring?

Participants should come to the program dressed for active participation in hands-on programs and experiments. (In other words, wear play clothes!) Please identify all clothing with the participant's name to avoid any potential confusion.

Participants will store their backpacks in a general area until needed later on in the day. Name tags are worn by all participants. Because of inclement weather, inside shoes a good idea for everyone. Please make sure your child does not bring any toys or electronics from home! Science North cannot be held responsible for damages or loss that may result with electronics and groups of children. Participants under six should have an extra change of clothes to help us deal with any accidents!

Food?

All Locations

A program day consists of morning and afternoon snack breaks and lunch. We encourage parents to pack enough food for a full day of high-energy exploration and a water bottle for easy hydration.

When your child is bringing his or her own food, please be aware of other children's allergies and avoid sending nut products when packing your child's lunch. If there are extreme allergies within the group, we will post that information at each site so that you can help maintain the health of all children.

Sudbury Locations

Science North or Dynamic Earth in Sudbury are the only locations with a weekly lunch package available for pre-order. The weekly cycle has a different option daily, and may include pizza, wraps, chicken fingers, or sandwiches, and has a vegetable/fruit component as well as a dessert (ie. yogurt) and a beverage. You may order the weekly option online or through the sales center at DE or SN on the first day.

PA Day programs in Sudbury offer a pizza lunch option available for purchase; extra snacks are not included.

DETAILS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Attendance Policy

Parents are asked to sign their child 'in' every morning, and 'out' every evening in any of our programs. In order to ensure the safety of your child, you or your designated caregiver may be asked for ID at pickup time so please be prepared. Science North will call the parent of any participant who was not signed out to ensure they have arrived home safely. If your child will be leaving early, please notify the Program Coordinator at each site, and arrangements will be made to have your child ready at the appropriate time. If your child is late in arriving at the Sudbury sites, please check in with the staff at the Sales Centre who will contact your child's group leader so he/she can join their group.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency, all appropriate first aid measures will be taken to ensure the safety of participants. Staff members are not permitted to administer any type of medication to participants, and parents will be asked to verify that their child can self-administer. A staff member certified in first aid is on hand at all times. In the case of site evacuations (ie. power outages) parents will be phoned to come and pick up their children. Each site has a cell phone, and will remain in contact with Science North through any emergencies. (The cell phone number will be posted where the sign in/out sheets are.)

Registration Policies:

Registrations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited, so early registration is necessary!

Cancellation By a Registrant:

Registrants may cancel their registration prior to the commencement of their program with the following refunds:

- If cancelled 14 or more business days prior to the start of the program, the full registration fee will be refunded, minus a \$15 (plus applicable taxes) service charge.
- Cancellations up to two business days before the program start date will be subject to a service charge of \$30 (plus applicable taxes).
- Cancellations less than two business days before the program start date will not be refunded.
- You must call 1-800-461-4898.

Cancellation by Science North:

Science North reserves the right to cancel programs with insufficient registration. All existing registrants will be notified by phone or email prior to a possible cancellation and a full refund will be issued. Participants may also be asked to leave a program if there are concerns about participant safety.

Non Payment:

A \$50 (plus applicable taxes) service charge will apply to any dishonoured credit card payments or NSF cheques. Science North's liability is limited to refund of registration fees.

This information will help you and your child to prepare for his/her time with us. We have worked hard to make sure your child has a challenging and fun program. Please feel free to drop by and see the program in action, or talk to the staff at any time.

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