

# Explorer's Camp 2023 June 12, 2023 – July 21, 2023

All camps meet in the Environmental Science Building on the corner of Hickory St. and Avenue C on the campus of the University of North Texas

**Explorer's Camps** are weeklong half-day sessions that meet Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Drop off begins at 7:30 am and pickup by 12:30 p.m. unless other arrangements have been made. All camp sessions have a maximum enrollment of 20 campers. **\$125 - \$150 per week** 

**Discovery Camp** – For campers needing a full day experience we offer an afternoon session that is less about science and more about recreation, arts and crafts. Discovery camp runs from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Discovery camp has only one session per week with a maximum enrollment of 36 campers. **\$100** per week.

Elm Fork Explorer's Camp 2023				
Week /Grade Entering	2nd - 4th	3rd- 5th	3rd- 5th	6th - 8th
June 12-16, 2023	Growing Up Wild	It's Snot Camp	Dig In Time	X-Stream Adventure
June 19-23, 2023	Journey to the Center	Simply Machines	Chem2Kids	ECSI
June 26-30 2023	Creative Science	Nature Unleashed	AstroKids	Just a Phase
July 3-7, 2023	No Camp Session			
July 10-14, 2023	Circle of LIfe	Science Vision	Just Beneath the Surface	Eco-Tech
July 17-21, 2023	Innovention	Critter Camp (Air)	Science of Art	Astro Lab

Camp registration will begin online and in person on **March 20, 2023**. Camp reservations are first come first serve, so register as early as possible to secure your spot. No payment is due at registration. Invoices will be sent by email in May via UNT Clover. The invoice will include a link to an online credit card payment processor. Payment can also be made in person by check, cash or credit card.

## Week 1 – June 12-16, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Growing Up Wild @ Elm Fork-** Based on the award winning Growing Up WILD nature program, our campers will be WILD for a camp that takes them on a journey of the WILD just outside their door. Wiggling like a worm, jumping like a grasshopper, or eating like a bird are just the beginning of being WILD in the Elm Fork outdoors. **\$125** 

3rd - 5th Grade

**It's Snot Camp**— Warning topics in this camp may not be suitable for the queasy or easily offended. It's Snot Camp is the study of all things gross. Snot, frass, puss, farts and more... If you were told not to discuss it at the dinner table we will be exploring it in camp. **\$125** 

**Dig-In Time** - Dig-In Time is an archaeological adventure! As part of an archaeological team the campers will undertake an expedition to uncover the secrets of North Texas' past. Join us for a Dig-In Time and help uncover and discover the untold stories that lie in the soil! **\$125** 

6th-8th Grade

**X-Stream Adventure** - Take the next step towards becoming a real scientist. Discover the wonders of working in the field, collecting data while standing ankle deep in mud, or using high tech instruments to make scientific observations. **\$150** 

## Week 2 – June 19-23, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Journey to the Center of the Earth** - Join us on a journey through time as we explore the Geological Time Scale! Participants will discover Geological changes over billions of years and will take a close look at the creatures who walked, flew, and swam millions of years ago. **\$125** 

3rd - 5th Grade

**Chem2Kids** - Between kick the can ice cream to making our own bouncing balls, this camp will explore chemistry in a fun light! Campers will dive into the world of chemistry with fun, hands-on activities, experiments, and demonstrations! **\$125** 

**Simply Machines** – Rediscover the technology that allowed ancient cultures to build pyramids, castles, ships that could cross oceans and the weapons used to destroy them all. Discover how modern engineers use the lever, wheel and inclined plane to build more efficient, faster and complex machines. **\$125** 

6th - 8th Grade

**Environmental Crime Scene Investigation (ECSI)** Campers will be trained as forensic scientists and attempt to solve a mystery behind an environmental crime. **\$150** 

## Week 3 - June 26-30, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Creative Science** - Discover how Science and Art are interrelated! After a week of creating work, campers will have their own art exhibition for parents and friends to attend. **\$125** 

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Nature Unleashed** - Earthquakes, volcanoes, tornados, hurricanes, fires and floods can all have devastating effects for the people in their path, but can these events tell us about how our planet was formed and how it is changing. What can we do to prepare for climate change? **\$125** 

**AstroKid Academy** - Join a week of astronaut training. Campers will explore the universe, learn about the physical and mental preparation for space exploration and the science of launching a NASA shuttle into space. Campers will also work in teams to build and launch their own rocket! **\$125** 

6th-8th Grade

**Just a Phase** - Campers will conduct experiments to observe the macroscopic transformations of matter—phase change, dissolution, reaction—and apply kinetic particle theory to explain those transformations at the microscopic level. **\$150** 

# Week 4 - July 10-14, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Circle of Life - Campers will explore the complex connections of living systems. Every activity is designed to be hands-on, allowing campers to create unique projects that they will be able to take home with them. **\$125** 

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Just Beneath the Surface (JBS)** - Have you ever wondered what makes a pond a pond? Campers join us in discovering what's beneath the surface by examining the water itself and exploring insects, tadpoles, fish, microscopic organisms, and more. **\$125**.

**Science Vision** – Modern scientific instruments allow us to see inside an atom and deep into space but these tools took centuries to develop. Trace the path from understanding the human eye to developing artificial lenses, telescopes, microscopes and beyond. **\$125** 

6th-8th Grade

**Eco-Tech** – Engineers make things work! Test your communication skill and creativity with small group problem solving challenges using recycled material. **\$150** 

# Week 5 - July 17-21, 2023

### 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Innovention** – Are you the kid that just has to take apart the toy to figure out how it works? Innovention is an introduction to engineering! Campers will be brainstorming, designing, and building a new game or toy, or improving an existing product. **\$125** 

### 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Science of Art -** Knowledge of physics, chemistry and even biology can help an artist better understand and visualize the world they live in. Campers will experience first-hand how artists use science to make art. **\$125** 

**Critter Camp – Air** The Critter Camp series will be moving on to focus on animals that fly. This camp will focus on the physical and behavioral adaptations that allow those creature to dominate the sky and to thrive even in urban environments. **\$125** 

#### 6th-8th Grade

**Astro Lab-** Curious about how scientists and engineers design a mission to search for life beyond planet earth? In this fun, interactive camp, we will develop a mission to search for life in the solar system that meets constraints for budget, mass, power, and criteria for significant science return. **\$150**