

Discovery Zone Summer Camp 2026

Welcome to **DZ Summer Camp 2026**! We're so excited to share a summer full of adventure, new friendships, and memorable experiences with your child. This packet will help you navigate the camp program and get ready for all the fun ahead.

- **When:** DZ camp starts on Monday, June 15. The last official day of DZ camp is Friday, August 21. There will be two optional add-on days, at an extra day rate cost, on August 24th & 25th. Summer camp will be held during normal DZ operating hours, Monday through Friday, 7:00 am-5:30 pm.
- **Where:** DZ camp classrooms are located downstairs in the after-school classrooms. However we utilize many indoor and outdoor spaces on our 11 acre campus. We'll also be going off-site for field trips approximately twice per week. More details about field trips can be found on our calendar.
- **How:** Summer camp scheduling and pricing differ from the school year. Enrollment is done on a week-by-week basis, and you are only charged for the weeks you choose to attend. We do not offer part-time options (such as 2-, 3-, or 4-day schedules) during the summer. When you register for a week, the full weekly fee applies regardless of how many days your child attends that week. Because you are able to select only the weeks you need, vacation credits are not available during the summer camp program.
- **How to register:**
 - As required by state regulations, all registration packets must be filled out in full.
 - Enrollment in Summer Camp is considered separate from enrollment for the school year.
 - A \$100 registration fee holds your child's spot on the roster. This \$100 will be applied to your child's tuition.
 - Summer camp enrollment for each week is limited. Waitlists for each week will be available if enrollment for the week is full.
 - After receiving your full registration packet and \$100 registration fee, DZ will confirm your enrollment.
 - If you sign up for a week and later decide to cancel, you must inform us at least 14 days before the week begins to not be charged for that week. This allows us to offer the spot to our waitlisted families. Any spots that become available will be offered as soon as possible to the first name on the waitlist, continuing down the list until a family accepts.

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503-435-1414

dzoffice@discoveryzonecdc.com

Pick Up and Drop Off

Security:

- DZ is locked at all times for security. Parents must enter through the main entrance only.
- If no one is present at the desk to buzz you in, please press the doorbell and wait to be buzzed in remotely (this takes 1-2 minutes).

Drop-Off: 7:00–8:45 AM is the designated drop-off window.

- 7:00–8:00 AM: Children will be in the Mixed-Age classroom (Room 207, upstairs) or the DZ library (upstairs) unless the receptionist directs otherwise.
- 7:30 AM: School-Age staff arrives and children move into their own classrooms (downstairs).
- Field Trip days: Arrivals after 9:00 AM are marked absent for the day and may not join us for the day

Pick-Up: 3:30–5:30 PM is the designated pick-up window.

- Until 5:15 PM: Children will be around campus, the receptionist will let you know where to find them
- 5:15 PM: Students go upstairs to the church lobby or DZ library for easy pick-up.

Arriving At Other Times:

- If your child needs to arrive or be pick-up outside of the designated times, please arrange this ahead of time. Please note your child may miss planned activities.
- If you arrive outside of these times, you will need to press the doorbell and wait to be buzzed in remotely (1-2 minutes).
- **If your child is not present before 9:00 on a field trip day, they will be marked absent for the day and we won't be able to care for them on this day.**

What To Bring Daily

- A filling, nutritious lunch that is ready to eat (more info on lunch requirements attached)
- A water bottle labeled with your child's first and last name
- An extra change of clothes labeled with your child's name
- Comfortable shoes suitable for walking, playing, running, etc.

Field Trips

- On field trip days, your child will be given a DZ shirt to wear.
- Punctuality is important on field trip days! Children must arrive before 9:00 to join us for the day.
- Some field trips will provide the opportunity to get wet. For these field trips (labeled with the water droplet 💧 on the field trip calendar), we ask that you send the following extra items: Swimsuit or clothes to get wet in, a towel, and a change of clothes.

Communication

Discovery Zone uses a parent communication app called Lillio. Once your child is enrolled, you will receive an invitation to set up your Lillio account. This app allows teachers and families to easily communicate through messages, and gives parents the opportunity to view photos from their child's day. Outside of Lilo, you may call the front desk at 503-435-1414, email the front desk at dzoffice@discoveryzonecdc.com or email our Executive Director, Kristina at kjaquith@discoveryzonecdc.com.

Nutrition

Discovery Zone will provide a morning and afternoon snack, in accordance with the USDA meal pattern requirements, including portion sizes. DZ will also provide milk for morning snack and lunch. Monthly snack menus will be posted behind the front desk and in the classroom. If you require a paper copy of the monthly snack menu, you may pick one up from the front desk. If your child is allergic to a food that we serve, please make arrangements for an appropriate alternative.

Parents will need provide a ready-to-eat lunch (does not need to be microwaved or refrigerated) that includes at least one serving of each of the following food groups, in accordance with the USDA meal pattern requirements:

- Meat or meat alternative, as outlined below
- Bread or grains
- Vegetables
- Fruits

Lunches that do not meet these requirements, set forth by the state regulations, will be subject to supplementation by DZ and will incur a \$5 fee per food group. Details about the USDA meal pattern requirements can be found attached to this packet.

Prohibited Items

The following is not an exhaustive list. Please check with your child's teacher or a member of the admin team if you have a question about an item on this list.

- Weapons of any kind
- Cell phones/electronic devices
- Toys from home
 - During the week, your child's teacher **may** allow toys from home to be brought to the classroom on **specific days/occasions**. Please check with your child's teacher for more information.
 - In accordance with our Parent Handbook, no toys of destruction (i.e. toy guns, water guns, swords, etc.) are allowed at any time.

Behavior Expectations

For the safety and enjoyment of all participants, children are expected to maintain safe and respectful behavior at all times. Our summer camp program regularly takes children outdoors and off campus, where safety is especially important. Children whose behavior is unsafe or disruptive may be excluded from activities or field trips to ensure the well-being and safety of the group. Staff will work with families to address behavioral concerns and support children in meeting expectations, so they can participate in future activities safely.

Sunscreen

Discovery Zone will provide a Pure & Simple 100% Mineral sunscreen for all summer camp participants. If you'd like to provide your own sunscreen for your child, please label it with your child's first and last name. We will keep it in a locked box in the classroom until your child's last week of summer enrollment. Sunscreen may not be left in student backpacks due to state regulations.

Medication & Allergies

A current medication administration form is required for any prescription or over-the-counter medication your child may need during camp. All medications must be labeled with your child's full name, and prescription containers must include dose and usage instructions. Forms are available at the front desk. Medications are stored securely in the classroom and, unless otherwise noted, will be sent home during your child's last week of enrollment.

Please document any allergies (food, medication, insects, seasonal, etc.) on the enrollment form. If your child has a severe allergy requiring emergency medication, or a medical condition that requires a special plan, notify us immediately. The director will reach out to discuss a plan to keep your child safe and healthy. All medications, except emergency medications, are stored in a locked box. Emergency medications are kept out of reach but accessible in an emergency.

Health & Wellness Policy

Discovery Zone's health and wellness policies follow all guidance from the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Any student exhibiting one or more of the symptoms listed below will be excluded from care:

- Anyone diagnosed with any communicable diseases, including COVID-19, varicella, or any other child care-restrictable disease;
- Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher (without the use of fever-reducing medications);
- Diarrhea (three or more abnormally loose, runny, watery, or bloody stools, or the sudden

onset of loose stools);

- Nausea;
- Vomiting (where there is no explanation for the vomiting);
- Severe or persistent coughing;
- Unusual or abnormal cough (not typical of asthma or allergies);
- Unusual yellow color to skin or eyes;
- Skin or eye lesions or rashes that are severe, weeping, or pus-filled;
- Head lice or nits (even one);
- Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or abnormal wheezing;
- Complaints of severe pain;
- Potentially contagious skin or eye disease;
- Stiff neck and headache with one or more of the above symptoms;
- Any student who is too sick to go outside or participate in the planned activities is too sick to be in our care.

A student may return under the following circumstances:

Symptom & Resolution:	May return after:
A prescribed medication has been started (including antibiotics)	24 hours
A fever of 100.4 degrees has broken	24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication)
Severe or persistent coughing symptoms are improving	24 hours, or with written clearance from a licensed healthcare provider
Vomiting has stopped	48 hours, or with written clearance from a licensed healthcare provider
Abnormal bowel movements (diarrhea) have stopped	48 hours, or with written clearance from a licensed healthcare provider
Rash has resolved	24 hours, or when lesions are dry and can be covered with a bandage, or with written clearance from a licensed healthcare provider

If a student becomes ill while in our care, s/he will be removed from their classroom and isolated from the other students. A parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to pick up the student as soon as possible.

Discovery Summer Camp Themes

	Dates	Theme	Description
1	6/15-6/19	The Great Outdoors	We'll kick off summer with fresh air and exploration, including trips to Miller Woods and strawberry picking . Campers will enjoy nature walks, scavenger hunts, bug exploration, and creative outdoor projects, along with classic summer fun like s'mores and popsicles.
2	6/22-6/26	Animal Adventures	We'll dive into the world of animals with animal masks, finger puppets, and animal-themed snacks. This week features a special animal encounter experience, along with a visit to Chegwyn Farms Park for play and exploration
3	6/29-7/2 (Closed July 3)	Out of This World	We'll blast off into space-themed fun with hands-on activities inspired by the moon, stars, and planets. The week includes a visit to the Evergreen Space Playground and engaging projects like galaxy slime, constellation exploration, and creative space-themed art and sensory activities.
4	7/6-7/10	Summer Vibes	We'll enjoy the simple joys of summer with blueberry picking and fun food-inspired activities like making muffins and pancakes. The week also includes creative projects such as crayon melt art and rock painting, along with a visit to Discovery Meadows Park for outdoor play and exploration
5	7/13-7/17	Science in Action	This week is all about hands-on projects that spark curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving. Activities include tie-dye shirts, mini catapults, and LEGO STEM builds. This week also features a field trip to Ed Grenfell Park for stream exploration and McMinnville City Park for outdoor play.
6	7/20-7/24	Eco Adventures	We'll celebrate nature through hands-on activities like planting flowers, making bird feeders, and painting flower pots. The week also includes a special trip to On the Edge Farm and Champoeg Nature Play Area for outdoor exploration, play, and connection with the natural world
7	7/27-7/31	Splish Splash Week	We'll cool off with a week full of water play, including water games, relays, and creative water art. The week features field trips to the Murase Plaza Splash Pad and Discovery Meadows Park for plenty of outdoor fun.
8	8/3-8/7	Color & Create	Campers will explore a variety of art forms through painting, drawing, sculpting, and origami. The week includes outings to a pottery painting studio and a visit to West Hills Park for outdoor play and inspiration.
9	8/10-8/14	Foodie Fun	Campers will explore hands-on cooking experiences, including an on-site cooking class with a visiting chef and a variety of kid-friendly kitchen projects. The week also features a peach picking outing , making peach ice cream, a lemonade stand, and a visit to Amity City Park for outdoor play and fun.
10	8/17-8/21	Summer Send-Off	We'll celebrate the end of summer with a week full of fun and special memories, including our Big Summer Blowout with water slides and bounce houses . Campers will also visit Ed Grenfell and enjoy a mix of favorite activities and special surprises to wrap up the summer together.