



Montshire Museum of Science
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Montshire Museum Science Camp-In

WELCOME!

The details in this packet will help you and your group prepare for a great overnight at the Montshire Museum.

GENERAL SCHEDULE: *(Times approximate and may change slightly)*

5:30 - 6:00PM	Groups arrive, register, stow gear, and explore exhibits. <i>Please arrive no earlier than 5:30 so we have time to clean and prepare after closing to the public at 5PM.</i>
6:10 - 6:20	Camp-In Welcome & Orientation
6:20 - 6:40	Adult Orientation Campers Explore first floor exhibits
6:45 - 9:45	Rotation through teacher led Workshops Snack served halfway through workshops
9:45 - 10:15	Final Evening Exhibit Exploration
10:15 - 10:30	Prepare for Bed
10:30	Bedtime Activity & Lights Out
SLEEP <i>(groups sleep in large, carpeted Community Room)</i>	
7:00 AM	Wake-Up & Pack-Up
7:30	Breakfast
8:00 - 9:00	Morning Activities - On Trails <i>(weather permitting)</i>
9:00 - 10:00	Free Time, Gift Shop, & Evaluations
10:00 AM	Camp-In Ends <i>Groups are welcome to stay and explore the museum for as long as they would like.</i>

WHAT TO BRING: *(Pack like you will need to carry everything a great distance. i.e. lightly)*

- Sleeping bag.
- Sleeping pad is highly recommended.
- Comfortable, layered clothing and pajamas
- Outdoor wear appropriate for expected weather conditions, including snow and rain.
- Toiletries (facecloth, soap, toothbrush, and toothpaste)
- Pack everything into one bag that clearly displays your name.
- PLEASE: No hairdryers, personal stereos, or other electronic devices.
- Campers may want to bring spending money to buy a souvenir at our Gift Shop.

EACH GROUP SHOULD BRING:

- All permission/health forms required by group
- First Aid supplies

FOOD: *(subject to change)*

Please let us know if your organization plans to bring dinner to the Museum. We will provide you with space prior to the Camp-In. There are also many fast food establishments located 5 miles south of the Museum in West Lebanon, NH.

- Evening Snack
Fruit, trail mix, crackers, juice
- Breakfast
Bagels and cream cheese, donuts, yogurt, fruit, juice, and milk

NOTE: If any member of your group has dietary restrictions please notify Montshire at the time of payment.

WORKSHOPS:

Everyone will be placed in one of four groups upon arrival. In these groups you will rotate through the following evening workshops.

Night Walk	A full sensory experience out on one of our trails
Chemistry	Hands-on experiments with common materials
StarLab	A trip to outer space in our inflatable planetarium
A Closer Look	Time in exhibits for activities and free exploration.

CHECKING IN FOR YOU CAMP-IN:

What to expect when you arrive at the Montshire Museum for your Camp-In.

- Arrive at the Museum between **5:30** and **5:50PM**. You may first stop in the round-about to unload all your gear, and then park in the main parking lot. If you are bringing a dinner to eat at the museum before the camp-in, we ask that you finish eating by 5:50.
- The Camp-In Manager will greet you at the door and assign adults and children to 1 of 4 groups for the evening. In these smaller groups you will rotate through the four science workshops.
- The Camp-In Manager will bring in each group and show you where to stow your gear. Clothes for going outside during the NightWalk workshop will be placed in the coatroom. At this time, your group will also fill out nametags.
- After you get checked-in and stow your gear, you will have some time to explore the first floor of the museum.
- A whole group orientation will begin once everyone is checked-in (around 6:10). The Camp-In Manager will make an announcement beforehand. Immediately following there will be a separate orientation for all the adults. The children will be allowed to explore the exhibits supervised by the Camp-In staff.

CHAPERONE'S ROLE:

- Please arrive during designated registration time.
 - Remain with and supervise your group throughout the Camp-In.
 - Camp-In Staff are there to teach and demonstrate the workshop activities, and we ask you to be the enforcer of the rules.
 - Be an active participant in all activities
 - Be aware of your group's first-aid procedures.
- Coffee and Tea will be available in the second floor kitchen throughout the Camp-In *for adults only*.
- There is no smoking anywhere in the Museum. Be aware that after lights out no one may exit the museum as all doors will be locked and alarmed.
- In the event of fire or other emergency, direct your group to the nearest exit. Regroup in the main parking lot.

SAFETY:

Montshire's facility meets the highest safety standards for public buildings. It is fully equipped with smoke and fire alarms connected to a regional emergency response system. Nearby ambulance service is available and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, one of New England's premier facilities, is located within four miles of the Museum.

Emergency Phone Number

From museum phones dial 9 for an outside line

General	911
Fire	649-1133
Police	649-1460
Montshire	649-3639

DIRECTIONS:

The Montshire Museum of Science is easy to get to. We are located in Norwich, Vermont, directly across the Connecticut River from Hanover, New Hampshire. We are right off I-91, Exit 13, just five miles north of the I-91 and I-89 junction.

There is ample free outdoor parking available at the Montshire Museum

