



Thank you for registering your child for a Mad Science Camp and welcome to the fascinating world of hands-on science!

Below is information you may find helpful in preparing for your upcoming Mad Science camp. Should you have any questions that we have not covered, please feel free to contact our office and a Camp Specialist will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to seeing your child in camp this summer!

### **Mad Science Camp Authorization Form**

There is an element of risk inherent in participating in the scientific process and handling scientific materials and equipment. We at Mad Science of Hampton Roads take every precaution to ensure the safety of our campers and staff. It is important for campers and their parents to understand that if used improperly, and/or without instructor supervision, certain equipment and materials can be dangerous and could result in severe injury or death. You will find a copy of the Authorization Form at the end of this document. Our camp Authorization Form is also available on our web site. Please print it, fill it out and send it with your child on the first day of camp. Your child will not be allowed to participate in a Mad Science camp without a completed Authorization Form on file with Mad Science. Should your child be enrolled in more than one Mad Science camp, you will need to complete an Authorization Form for each camp. Please do not send these forms to the Mad Science office unless directed to do so by our staff.

### **How is a Mad Science Camp structured?**

Mad Science camps offer a daily combination of in-class discovery and exploration, outdoor games and physical activities, and hands-on application of the scientific principles presented. Your child will be able to touch, see, hear, smell, and taste what science is really all about. We use an inquiry-based technique that allows even the youngest camper to enjoy our learning environment. Campers create a variety of take-home projects while exploring how science affects the world around us.

In each camp we employ a variety of instructional methods: large group discussion, small group activities, and individual instruction. This allows our instructors to present the scientific principles in an age- and grade-appropriate manner. The majority of the time your child will be in camp will be spent in small groups of 3-5 campers. **Above all, the emphasis in camp is to have fun!**

Your child will have so much fun he may deny he was learning!

## **What behavioral expectations do you have?**

Mad Science strives at all times to provide fun and safe science activities for all children participating in our programs. To fulfill this commitment, we ask that all children enrolled adhere to basic behavioral guidelines. Our instructors set clear boundaries and expectations as to appropriate conduct and we will hold all children to these expectations. We stress these expectations at the beginning of each day of each program. We ask your cooperation should any parent be notified of discipline issues. It is our intention to provide children with, not deprive them of, exciting and fun science. It is only when a child interrupts this positive learning environment that we would take any action.

Mad Science also has expectations of the parents whose children are enrolled. Only children with a sincere interest in our programs and the necessary maturity to handle the time commitment and the social interaction of a large group of children should be allowed to enroll. Parents are welcome to observe any class and to participate where appropriate. We ask that you limit your participation so that the hands-on nature of our programs is preserved. All parents should support the learning process after the camp is dismissed.

## **What if my child doesn't want to participate in an activity?**

All our activities are designed to be inclusive and promote teamwork. However, Mad Science realizes we are all individuals. Should your child elect not to participate in any activity, we will respect his wishes. Because of the nature of our activities and the involvement of our instructors in the learning process, we may not have an alternate activity available if your child doesn't want to participate. Therefore, it is our expectation that non-participating campers stay with the group and wait quietly until they are ready to participate again.

## **What should my child wear / bring to camp?**

Mad Science provides all the equipment and materials for both the in-class activities and the take-home projects. All you need to provide is a child who is ready to have fun!

Children should dress comfortably for that day's weather. We ask that children not wear open toed shoes to a Mad Science camp, especially **no flip-flops**. Also, as we will be outside on a number of occasions, please do not dress your child in any clothes that you do not want to get dirty. You may wish to apply sunscreen or insect repellent or send these items with your child. Due to the number of children, instructors may not be able to assist in applying these items, so if your child cannot do it on his own, please do it at home prior to the camp. A hat and/or sunglasses may also be useful.

Mad Science does not provide snacks during the camp, but we do allot some break time for eating if you wish to send in a snack. Not all of our locations have refrigerators available, so please send a snack which doesn't require refrigeration. Water will always be available.

Please clearly mark your child's name on all items he brings to camp.

## What is your policy for early drop off and later pickup?

Mad Science cannot accommodate early drop off or late pick-ups. To ensure our instructors are ready to provide your child with an exciting, stimulating and safe day, our doors will open promptly at our stated start time. Please do not drop off your child and leave him unattended before the start time of camp. Our instructors will not be responsible for your child until the start of the camp day.

An authorized parent or guardian must be at the camp site prepared to assume responsibility for your child at the stated end time of camp. We ask that you do not enter the room until the instructors dismiss the camp. The vast majority of our camps end on time. However, to ensure all children complete the activities for the day, our camps may run a few minutes long.

Should an authorized parent or guardian not be present at the end of camp, Mad Science reserves the right to charge a late pick-up fee of \$1.00 per minute per child beginning 10 minutes after the stated end time of the camp. This late fee must be paid by cash or check directly to the Mad Scientist who has supervised your child. Your child cannot return to camp until this fee is paid. A second late pick-up will result in your child being removed from camp without a refund.

## What is your refund and cancellation policy?

For all camp registrations that occur through Mad Science (i.e. our on-line registration system), cancellations by you that occur greater than 30 days prior to the start of the camp will be subject to a \$15 service charge. Cancellations requested between 8 and 30 days prior to the start of the camp will be subject to a \$40 service charge. **No refunds will be given for cancellations inside of 8 days prior to the start of the camp.** At any time prior to the start of a camp, you may transfer your registration to another child with no service charge.

If we do not get sufficient enrollment to hold the camp, Mad Science will make every effort to provide alternative camp locations or you will be offered the option of a full refund.

Should your child be removed from a camp due to behavioral issues or consistent late pick-ups, there will be no refund.

For our partner locations where Mad Science is offered as a part of their existing camp offerings, the refund policy may be different than ours. Please check with your location for their specific refund policy.



# MAD SCIENCE CAMP AUTHORIZATION FORM

Camp ID	Dates	Times

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**Please read carefully and sign below:**

- I am the parent or legal guardian of the below named child.
- I understand that failure to abide by the policies and guidelines as outlined by my child's instructor may result in the revocation of my child's enrollment and the forfeiture of any and all registration fees or other funds. Further, I understand that damage to the equipment and/or the facility due to reckless acts and/or deliberate indifference by my child will be my financial responsibility.
- I certify that my child is physically able to participate in all Mad Science activities.
- In the event that I cannot be contacted, I hereby authorize Mad Science of Hampton Roads and its employees and/or representatives and any medical personnel, hospital, and/or physician to give any medical attention to my child.
- Pursuant to Virginia Code 63.2-1715 regarding licensing of child day programs, I realize my child is free to enter and leave the premises without permission or supervision. Further, I certify that the below named child is age 6 or older prior to the commencement of the Mad Science Camp.
- I understand that Mad Science is not responsible for my child before or after the stated camp times. I understand that Mad Science reserves the right to charge a late pickup fee of \$1.00 per minute per child beginning 10 minutes after the stated end time of the camp. I agree to pay this fee immediately to the Mad Science Instructor should such a charge be required. I understand that my child will not be allowed to return to camp until such fee is paid in full.
- I hereby release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless The Mad Science Group (a division of 2946033 Canada Inc.), Science at the Beach, LLC T/A Mad Science of Hampton Roads, its principals, officers, employees, agents, and representatives, from any and all claims of any nature for injury or loss that may result from such participation, preparation for such participation, or spectatorship of any and all activities and preparations.
- I agree that Mad Science of Hampton Roads assumes no responsibility for injuries or losses caused by situations or inappropriate behavior beyond its control.
- I fully consent to allow Science at the Beach, LLC T/A Mad Science of Hampton Roads, its principals, officers, employees, agents and representatives to use any media, including but not limited to film and electronic photography or video, taken during this program for any and all purposes to include publicity and marketing.

**With my full knowledge and consent, I expressly give my child permission to attend this program.**

Child's full name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian's full name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_