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Reserve your child's spot in one of the Indiana State Museum summer camps today!

Whether your child's perfect summer means solving crimes, digging up fossils, or designing their own fashion line, the Indiana State Museum has a summer camp that's right for them. Camps begin on June 2 and each week delivers a new adventure based on the museum's outstanding exhibitions and collections. Campers explore topics including forensic science, paleontology, fashion, nature, architecture, history and science fiction for some hands-on, educational fun. All camps are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, unless otherwise noted. Before and After Care is available for an additional fee. For registration and information call 317.232.1637.

History Alive Summer Camp

June 2 – 6, Ages: 8 - 12

From how to build a cabin to what Hoosier life was like during the Civil War, campers experience what life was like during the 19th and early 20th centuries through a series of hands-on activities. Campers "pack" their own wagon for the journey west to Indiana, interact with historical re-enactors and characters, and see first-hand how the Indiana State Museum preserves the Indiana story. The cost is \$125 per member and \$150 per non-members. Camp capacity is 30. Register by May 19.

Crime Scene Indiana State Museum Summer Camp

June 9 – 13, Ages: 10 - 13

Pieces of valuable art are missing from the museum! Think you have the skills to find the crooks? Use your powers of deduction to become a super sleuth as you solve this and other mysteries. As the lead investigator on the case, you examine evidence, lift fingerprints and analyze mock crime scenes. Investigators can see how insects can be used at a crime scene, meet professional forensic experts and discover the science behind investigative techniques. The cost is \$125 per member and \$150 per non-member. Camp capacity is 30. Register by May 26.

Science and Sci-Fi Summer Camp

June 16 – 20, Ages: 9 - 13

Can that really happen? Spot the difference between science and science fiction as you explore the science seen in the movies. Conduct your own experiments in gravity, electromagnets, and slime. Challenge your senses, design skills and sci-fi knowledge. Learn how the science behind science fiction is being studied here in Indiana. The cost is \$185 per member and \$210 per non-member. Camp capacity is 30. Register by June 2.

Paleontology Camp: The Ice Age Adventure

June 23 – 27, Ages: 9 - 13

Discover what it is like to be a paleontologist looking for fossils in Indiana. Uncover the reality of Indiana's missing dinosaur record, and explore our ancient past when mastodon, saber tooth cats and even rhinoceros roamed the state. Investigate material from the Pipe Creek Junior Quarry, looking for actual remains of rhinos,

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camels and other Ice Age animals. Explore the Ice Age Giants: The Mystery of Mammoth and Mastodons exhibition and the galleries, uncover your inner paleontologist and unearth the secrets to Indiana's past. The cost is \$125 per member and \$150 per non-member. Camp capacity is 30. Register by June 2.



Build –It Summer Camp

July 7 – 11, Ages: 9 - 13

Design your dream city. Participants learn how to build architectural masterpieces, plan their cities and construct viable bridges. Exploring Indianapolis' architecture and interacting with architects, historic preservationists and civil engineers are a few of the ways campers are inspired while creating a city they can call their own. The cost is \$125 per member and \$150 per non-member. Camp capacity is 30. Register by June 2.

Indiana Fashion Runway Summer Camp

July 14 – 18, Ages: 10 - 14

If you have ever wanted to create your own clothes or make your mark on your closet, Indiana Fashion Runway camp is the place to learn how. Discover how to create your own designs, make a pattern and complete a totally unique garment. Use tools of the trade and explore the museum's collection of clothing and costumes. See if you have the skills to become Indiana's next fashion star! This camp is held from **9 a.m. – 10 p.m.** The cost is \$185 per member and \$210 per non-member. Camp capacity is 20. Register by July 1.

Exploring Nature Summer Camp

July 14 – 18, ages: 10 - 14

Get ready to have a close encounter with the wonders of the natural world. Join the Indiana State Museum and the Earth Discovery Center at Eagle Creek Park as we discover the fossils, plants and wildlife found in our city's parks and backyards. Campers will explore Ice Age fossils, native species and learn how to protect their environment. Campers have the opportunity to put that knowledge into practice at Eagle Creek Park through hiking and exploring pond life before cooling off in a crazy creek stomp! The cost is \$125 per member and \$150 per non-member. Camp capacity is 30. Register by June 30.

Next Indiana Inventor Summer Camp

July 21 – 25, Ages: 10 - 14

Get ready to create, build and construct along side the Maker Camp on Google[®]. Campers can test their maker skills such as building objects that show motion or experimenting with unique resources using everyday household materials to generate fun science based inventions. Along with creating Maker Camp projects, participants learn about Indiana inventors and their contraptions, visit the galleries and explore the museum from behind the scenes. The cost is \$185 per member and \$210 per non-member. Camp capacity is 20. Register by July 7.

- [Download a copy of the summer camps brochure](#)
- [Reserve a spot online](#)

Campers should bring their own non-refrigerated lunches and two snacks. A \$5 sibling discount is available for siblings attending the same camp. First child in a family pays full price and the second receives the discount.

Pre-registration for Before and After care is required:

- Before Care: 8 to 9 a.m., \$20 per week (\$4 per day)
- After Care: 3-5:30 p.m. \$35 per week (\$7 per day)
- Combined care: \$55 per week (\$11 per day)

For registration and information visit indianastatemuseum.com or call 317.232.1637.