Welcome to back to UVic!

We missed you.

After a year of virtual delivery, we very excited to welcome our Science Venture community back to UVic. We have been busy planning another dynamic summer of STEM adventures with our team of undergraduate instructors.

We take the health and safety of our campers, guardians and staff seriously, and have implemented a series of strategies including enhanced cleaning, smaller camp/group sizes, and increased outdoor time. With the support of UVic’s Occupation Health and Safety Office and PHO recommendations, we are ready to welcome you back. As PHO guidelines change, we will be modifying our operations accordingly.

Happy Birthday Science Venture (1991-2021)
30 years of STEM delivery in BC!

30 years ago in 1991, a group of engineering students had an idea to host a science and engineering camp at UVic. After writing up a business plan, they launched a successful camp hosting 140 youth on campus. Fast forward to 2021, and we are now celebrating 30 years of delivery! At our peak we reached over 19,000 youth in one year through classroom workshops, clubs, camps and events. Making STEM accessible to all youth is key to our mission and by sending your child to summer camp, you are also supporting our barrier breaking community-based programs. For those long-term Science Venture fans, thank you for your endless passion and support. For those new campers, welcome to our community!

Your STEM Friends,

Melisa Yestrau                          David Jackson
Director                              Manager of Programs
GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact Information

Registration/Main Office
Email: svregistration@engr.uvic.ca
Phone: 250-721-8983

Our indoor administration and registration office is closed for in-person communications; however, we will have an outdoor information booth located on the Main Quad at UVic. Look for the tent and signs.

Camp Hours & Location

Camp runs from: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday
Camp will not be running on August 2, 2021

Extended Hours: Due to the need for enhanced cleaning, we will not be offering extended hours this summer.

Location: UVic Quad (facing MacLaurin Building) – see attached Map

Camp groups leave the sign-in area and head to their classrooms at 9:10am.

Camp Gear

What to bring:
*Please clearly mark campers’ name on all items*

- Snacks, lunch, and plenty of water
- Appropriate clothing for weather conditions. We will be outside for lunch and other activities, so please pack water, sunscreen and a hat.
- Mask (recommended for age 12 plus who are not fully vaccinated)
• **Be Sun Smart**: Slip (on a shirt), Slop (SPF 30+), Slap (on a hat), Slide (on UV A&B shades), & Seek (out shade)

• **Toe-covered shoes** are required for all campers as protection while in the various labs and navigating terrain

**What not to bring:**

• **Electronic devices** (e.g. iPads, cell phones, gaming systems, etc.)

• Toys (balls, trading cards, etc...)

• Food to share

• Money

**Camp Wide Theme Days**

Every Thursday campers are encouraged to dress up for theme day. No elaborate costumes needed (use what you have)!

- July 8: Favourite Colour
- July 15: Favourite Scientist
- July 22: Fancy Formal Day
- July 29: Plants and Rocks Day
- August 5: Animal Day
- August 12: Sea and Skies
- August 19: Robots & Aliens
- August 26: Pajama Day

**UVic Parking Pass**

A parking pass has been included with this package and is valid for 20 minutes for drop-off and pick-up of campers in Parking lot E. Campus security strictly enforces the proper use of the parking pass - misuse will result in a parking citation.

The parking pass is **NOT VALID** for Metered Parking spots. This is strictly enforced! If you need more time, pay for your parking at designated pay stations.
Sign-In & Out

All children must be signed-in at the start of each camp day and signed out before going home. We will only release children to the authorized people as listed on the camper’s registration. **Government Issued ID is required.**

At sign-in, our instructors will conduct a verbal **Daily Health Check** to ensure your camper meets the criteria to attend camp at UVic:

1. Does your camper have any symptoms of COVID-19 or other illness?
2. Has your camper travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?
3. Has your camper been confirmed by public health as a case of COVID-19 or been a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak of COVID19?

**Camper Sign-Out**

Campers (minimum 10 y.o) who have received parental/guardian permission to leave on their own may sign themselves out. This permission is given and recorded during the online registration process and may be updated at any time by editing your account online. **If your camper leaves without being signed out, we will be contacting you and the police immediately to report a lost child.**

Children who are 12 and above may sign out a younger sibling provided they are recorded on the registration list of authorized people. Children may only sign themselves out at the end of regular programming, exceptions will be given if prior special request for early departure is received by Staff from their parent/guardian.

**Drop Off / Pick Up**

Drop off: 9:00 AM | Pick up: 4:00 PM

Camp groups leave the sign-in area and head to their classrooms at 9:10am.

Location: UVic Quad

**Late Drop Off & Early Pick Up**

Due to staffing ratio’s and COVID-19 safety protocols, late drop off and early picks will be accommodated at noon, at our outside information booth.
Health and Well-Being

Nuts at Camp

Science Venture strives to provide a nut-safe environment for the safety of our campers, volunteers, and staff. We ask parents to exclude all nut products from lunches and snacks.

Anaphylaxis Prevention Strategy

Any camper with risk of anaphylaxis must have an Anaphylaxis Action Form completed and provided on the first day of Camp. A form will be emailed to parents a week prior to the start of camp.

Healthy Camper and Staff Policy

Campers and staff cannot attend camp if they are sick. Campers and staff must stay home and self-isolate as per public health direction if:

- A person confirmed by public health as a case of COVID-19; and or
- A person confirmed by public as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak of COVID-19; or
- A person who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days.

Emergencies and First Aid

In the event of a minor injury to your child, Camp Leaders will assess the situation with physical distancing protocols in place. If basic first aid is necessary, leaders will use the provided PPE to administer basic first aid and will notify parents/guardians at the end of the day.

For moderate injuries, your child will be taken to the University of Victoria Health Services where they will be seen by a nurse or doctor, and parents/guardians will be contacted immediately. The medical center can be reached at 250-721-8492.
In the unlikely event of a serious injury to your child, emergency services will be called immediately to respond to the situation. You will be contacted immediately with information regarding the incident. If an ambulance is required to transport your child to the hospital, a member of our staff will accompany your child (You will be responsible for any associated costs).

Physical Distancing Strategies & Ratios

Physical Distancing (maintaining a distance of 2m between two or more people) can be challenging in a day camp setting, particularly with younger campers. As such, it is reasonable to establish different expectations for varying age groups and activities. Camp leaders and staff will continue to maintain a safe physical distance whenever possible.

Hand Washing/Sanitizing

Both campers and staff can pick up and spread germs easily from objects, surfaces, food and people. Rigorous hand washing with liquid plain soap and water is the most effective way to reduce the spread of illness.

If sinks are not available (ie. at some of our outdoor locations), hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol-based will be used. Instructors will be equipped with bottles of hand sanitizer for the campers to use.

Campers will be instructed to wash or sanitize their hands:

- Before entering the camp drop off area
- Between activities, use of equipment or if they touch a common “high touch” surface
- Before and after any snack, lunch or water breaks
- After using the toilet
- Leaving camp at pick up
Mask Wearing at Camp (as of July 1, 2021)

Indoors
As per the BC PHO, Masks are recommended in indoor public settings for all people 12 and older who are not yet fully vaccinated.

- You're fully vaccinated 14 days after dose 2
- Masks are optional for children aged 2 to 12
- Proof of vaccination will not be requested by Science Venture

Some people may choose to continue to wear a mask after they're fully vaccinated and that's okay.

Outdoors
Masks are not required to be worn outside but recommended at high density times such as sign-in/sign-out.

Children with Extra Support Needs
If your child has extra support needs, please contact at 250-721-8158 or svcamp@engr.uvic.ca as soon as possible to discuss options for ensuring a successful camp experience for your child. Our Inclusion Coordinator, Thomas Webb, would love to meet with you and your child prior to camp to discuss routines, adaptations to programming and provide a tour of our facilities.
Map

From Ring Road turn left into parking lot “E” by the MacLaurin Building. Look for the Science Venture signs and follow the arrows to the Staff in the Teal t-shirts at the entrance to the Quad.
Science Venture Parking Pass 2021

Parking Lot E

(No meter parking permitted)

Valid for 15 minutes of parking between:

8:45 AM – 9:15 AM | 12:00PM - 12:30PM | 3:45 PM – 4:15 PM

To be used for dropping off and picking up your child for the Science Venture summer programs in July and August. Campus Security strictly enforces the proper use of this pass; infractions will result in a parking citation at the expense of the vehicle owner.

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