



Fall Fusion Mini-Camp FAQs

How many children are in each camp age group?

Each age group has a maximum of 20 campers.

Will my child have lunch and snack breaks?

All classes have a 30-minute lunch break as well as morning and afternoon snack breaks. We ask that you provide two snacks and a packed lunch.

Will my child play outside?

We will play outside on the grassy mall directly in front of Flandrau, at a small, shaded park plaza near Flandrau, or in the shade just east of Flandrau's entrance.

Will my child go on any field trips?

Some camp sessions may include on-campus, walking field trips. Field trip date and location will be communicated to parents and guardians ahead of time.

Who will be teaching my child?

Flandrau educators will be the lead instructors for Fall Fusion Camp. Additionally, there will be camp counselors who are UA undergraduate students, and junior camp counselors who are high school volunteers. Fusion Camp staff undergo background screening and participate in pre-camp training that includes training in first aid, CPR, curriculum content, and classroom management strategies.

What is the process for dropping off and picking up my child each day?

Drop-off and pick-up for camp sessions will take place at the north doors of Flandrau, which are located off Hawthorne Street, just east of Cherry Avenue. To ensure your child's safety, we ask that you park your vehicle and walk them to check in each morning. Flandrau will only release campers to authorized persons at pick up. You may authorize people in addition to parents/legal guardians who may pick up your child with the presentation of valid identification.

Parking is available along the north and south curbs of Hawthorne Street, where parents may park briefly at no charge during drop off and pick up.

What happens if there are disciplinary issues at camp?

We keep campers thoroughly engaged and rarely experience serious behavioral issues. We will handle discipline issues on a case-by-case basis. Talking with campers is our first response; "think time" is utilized when necessary. We will relay all behavioral issues to parents as they occur and will work in partnership with families to develop effective solutions.

What happens if a child is injured at camp?

Camp staff will provide basic care (e.g., bandages, gauze pads). If a medical need arises that cannot be addressed by the program, staff will contact the parent/legal guardian or the emergency contact for the minor to be picked up. Camp staff will call 9-1-1 in the case of an emergency.

My child is academically gifted. Can he or she attend a camp listed for older children?

Child development is a major consideration in creating our camp programs. Our camps are designed by a curriculum specialist to provide age-appropriate educational content and social interaction. We have also taken into consideration that many children who attend specialized camps come with great interest and knowledge in specific topics. Given our experiences and our emphasis on age and developmentally appropriate programs, we do not accept younger children into programs for older students.

My child takes daily medication. Can they bring it to camp?

Campers can carry prescribed asthma inhalers, epinephrine autoinjectors, insulin, and other self-administered rescue medication in their original pharmacy/manufacturer containers with their original labels on them. Campers cannot carry any over-the-counter or prescription medication (other than self-administered rescue medication) on them. If your child needs to take medication while at camp, the parent/legal guardian must fill out and sign the Medication Self-Administration Authorization form.

My child has a learning disability or other needs. Will he or she be able to participate in the camp program?

We pride ourselves on meeting the needs of each child and are happy to talk with you about your camper's special needs. We prefer to know about all special circumstances before camp begins to assist with planning and staff training. If your child has medical or diverse needs, we'd like to talk with you prior to registering your child for camp to ensure that we can properly support them. Please contact the camp director via email at heatherparra@arizona.edu.

What are the camp benefits for having a Flandrau Membership?

If you're not already a Flandrau member, consider purchasing a family membership. A Flandrau membership provides many benefits, including a 10% discount on Fusion Camp, birthday parties, and Flandrau Science Store purchases. It also includes free admission to exhibits and reduced admission to planetarium shows for up to two adults and four children. As part of the ASTC Passport Program, a Flandrau membership will also provide free or reduced admission to more than 250 ASTC-member science centers worldwide. A list of participating institutions can be found at www.astc.org. If you are interested in purchasing a Flandrau Membership, please visit our website <https://flandrau.org/support/membership>, inquire at the front desk, or call 520-621-4516.

How can my camper be added to the Waitlist?

If you would like to be added to the wait list for a camp that is full, please email Fusion Camp at FusionCamp@arizona.edu with "Wait List" in the subject line. Please include the camper's first and last name, current grade in school, and your best method of contact.

What is the cancellation policy?

A 75% refund is available for cancellations made at least 14 days prior to the start of your registered camp week. No refunds will be issued within 14 days of your camp start date.