



Camp Parent FAQ - IDEA Lab Kids St. Albert - 2026

We are excited to welcome your child for a day of creativity, discovery, and hands-on STEAM exploration! Below are answers to common questions to help your camp experience run smoothly.

Do I need to complete any forms before camp?

Yes. Families must complete the Pre-Camp Questionnaire for each camp their child attends. This helps us learn more about your child and their learning and interaction preferences so that our instructors can be prepared to provide your child with everything they need to have a wonderful experience. This also helps us account for any allergies, complexities or additional needs.

Can someone else pick up my child?

Yes. If someone other than the parent or guardian will pick up your child, you must complete the Authorized Pick-Up Form in advance.

What happens if I need to change the pickup person?

Please inform our staff during drop-off or contact us before pickup time. Only authorized adults will be allowed to sign out a child.

What are the camp hours?

Full Day Camp:

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Half Day AM Camp:

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

What time is drop-off?

Drop-off is between **9:00AM - 9:15 AM**

What time is pick-up?

Full-day campers must be picked up between **3:30 PM and 4:00 PM**.

Half-day campers must be picked up by **12:15 PM**

Is the early drop off and late pickup?

~~Yes there is for a fee.~~

For 2026 Summer Camps there is no fee for early drop off and late pickup (before/after care) Early Drop-Off opens at **8:00am** and Late Pickup runs until **5:30PM**

What happens during drop-off and pick-up?

For safety:

- All children must be signed in and signed out by an authorized adult with the camp instructor, center director, or designated supervisor.
- Government-issued photo ID is required at pick-up.
- Please inform staff of any health concerns or pickup changes

What happens if I am late for pickup?

Please contact us as soon as possible. Late pickup fees may apply depending on the delay.

What should my child bring to camp?

Full Day Campers

- Lunch
- Two snacks

Half-Day Campers

- One snack

All campers should also bring:

- A labeled water bottle
- Backpack for belongings
- Indoor shoes (no sandals)

What should my child wear?

Children should wear comfortable clothing suitable for creative activities, experiments, and movement. During the summer months we recommend wearing closed toed shoes. In the winter we require students to bring a clean pair of indoor shoes for the day.

Some activities may involve **paint, food coloring, or other child-safe materials that could result in staining**, so clothing that can get a little messy is recommended. For specific activities we provide added clothing such as aprons, lab coats, etc.

Is the facility nut-free?

IDEA Lab Kids is a nut-conscious facility. Please avoid packing foods that contain nuts or nut products.



Can my child bring toys or electronics?

We recommend leaving toys, tablets, and electronics at home unless requested for a specific activity. This helps children stay focused and prevents items from being lost. Students will not be permitted to bring their own personal electronic devices into the classrooms.

Can my child bring special dietary food?

Yes. Families are welcome to pack food that meets their child's dietary needs. Please inform staff of any allergies or dietary restrictions.

What kinds of activities will children do at camp?

Lessons and activities are dependent on the theme of the camp your child is attending. Generally speaking, all of our camps focus on engaging, hands-on STEAM learning, incorporating active learning through activities and experiments including:

- Science experiments
- Engineering challenges
- Art and creative projects
- Robotics and technology activities
- Collaborative problem-solving
- Culinary arts (cooking)

Each day is designed to be interactive, creative, and engaging.

Will my child be in a classroom all day?

No. Camp activities include a mix of:

- Classroom learning, experiments, and activities or challenges
- Movement activities
- Indoor gym play
- Hands-on building and exploration

What if my child is shy or nervous?

This is very common. Our instructors are experienced at helping children feel welcome, and comfortable. We encourage participation but always allow children to **adjust at their own pace** and will do everything we can to ensure your child has a wonderful experience at IDEA Lab.

What if my child doesn't know anyone at camp?

Many campers attend without knowing others. Our lessons and activities are designed to encourage children to work together, solve problems together, encourage each other and hopefully nurture friendships along the way.



What happens if my child becomes sick during camp?

If your child becomes unwell or develops symptoms during the day, we will contact you immediately for pickup.

Are staff trained in first aid?

Yes. All instructors are fully certified in First Aid and CPR.

Can medication be given during camp?

Medication may only be administered with a completed Medication Administration Authorization Form.

How will I know how my child's day went?

We encourage parents to interact with our team when picking up their child. Our instructors are happy to provide updates at pickup, and many camps include short updates about activities completed during the day.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email us and our Center Director will be more than happy to speak with you.

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