## Hints for Exploring the Museum with Camp Groups

### Best Safety Practices

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<td><strong>Know the Museum Staff</strong></td>
<td>Group members should be instructed to recognize and approach Museum staff and volunteers if they become separated from their groups and need assistance. Staff and volunteers will always be wearing a Museum red lab coat, red or black polo shirt or apron with a Museum logo, as well as a Museum ID badge.</td>
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<td><strong>Know Your Group Name</strong></td>
<td>Be sure your group members know the name of their camp and/or chaperone so that if they become separated from their group they can communicate this with a Museum staff person.</td>
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<td><strong>ID Young Children</strong></td>
<td>Very young kids should wear an ID badge that has their first name and includes group info.</td>
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<td><strong>Pick a Safety Spot</strong></td>
<td>Chaperones and group members should choose an obvious meet-up spot and instructions for timed programs, departures, or for times they may become separated from their group.</td>
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Easily Monitored Areas

These exhibits are recommended for their appeal to campers and have a small number of entrances and exits that your chaperones can more easily monitor.

- **Blue Wing L2**
  - *Museum Then and Now*
    - Not when Lightning! shows are in progress

- **Blue Wing L1**
  - *Wicked Smart*

- **Blue Wing LL**
  - *Take a Closer Look*
  - *Natural Mysteries*
  - *Living on the Edge*

- **Green Wing L3**
  - *Weems Sculpture Gallery*

- **Green Wing L2**
  - *Hall of Human Life*

⚠️ denotes a quiet area
Lunches

If you've brought lunches and snacks, that's great! The Museum's Riverview Café can be busy. However, **No food or drink inside the Museum, please!** A tightly-capped water bottle is okay. The Riverview Café, Atrium, and areas in the hallway just outside the Museum Store and café are also okay for lunches and snacks.

**OUTDOOR AREAS**

- The brick plaza just outside the front doors
- Outdoor benches
- Grassy area near the outdoor *T. rex*

**LOCAL AREAS**

- The Cambridgeside Galleria Mall, with restaurants and food court, is a ten-minute walk from the Museum
Live Presentations

Included in your group ticket for no additional fee! Since these stage and theater presentations are general admission, arriving early for presentations is recommended during the summer. See all programs.

Lightning!

Explore lightning as the world’s largest air-insulated Van de Graaff generator hurls indoor bolts sparking exciting explorations of lightning, conductors, insulators, electricity, magnetism, and storm safety. Learn More.

- Grades 3 – 12 and adults
- 20 minutes
- Theater of Electricity

If you want all of your campers to attend a specific Lightning! show, instruct groups to arrive at the Theater of Electricity 15 minutes early. Once the theater hits capacity no one else is admitted.

Check the Daily Schedule below for show times.

Activities

The Museum offers a variety of hands-on activities daily. Stop by during program hours and stay as long or as little as you like! See all programs.

Design Challenges

Think like an engineer! Participate in a hands-on activity to design, build, and test a prototype solution to a given problem. View current activities in rotation.

- Grades 4 – 10
- Groups of 20
- 20 minutes
- Blue Wing, Level 1

This hands-on engineering area is popular during the summer. If you have a large group, plan to cycle through your campers with chaperones at different times in groups of 20. To help us better accommodate your group during your visit, please contact us at designchallenges@mos.org to discuss planning Design Challenges into your schedule.

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Plan

To register for the workshop below please contact Joanna Snyder by email at jsnyder@mos.org or by phone at 617-589-0344.

Free Summer Camp and Community Groups Pre-visit Workshop

Learn about the latest exhibits and programs your groups can explore at the Museum of Science this summer. Museum Educators will also share their logistics and content tools, tips and techniques for working with your groups on the Museum of Science exhibit halls.

📅 Tuesday, June 26 | 🕒 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | 🧑‍🏫 For Camp and Community Group Staff and Chaperones
📍 Educator Resource Center, Green Wing, 3rd Floor

Included is a special preview of our new Science News for Kids live presentation offered exclusively to camp groups this summer!