

CAMPS FAQ

What will the camp entail?

This day camp will be full of discovery as we explore the fascinating world of Ice Age mammals and the awe-inspiring realm of dinosaurs. Led by experienced educators, children will get hands-on with REAL fossils and Ice Age specimens, go behind-the-scenes to meet and learn from Palaeontologists at the museum, and take part in prehistoric-themed activities. Full schedule and details can be found on our website!

What happens if I have to cancel camp?

For a full refund, cancellations must be done in writing to ACSW.RAMLearningTm@gov.ab.ca no later than Thursday, March 7th.

Do you provide lunch for campers?

No, campers will need to bring their own nut-free lunch that does not need heating. We don't have microwaves onsite for camps. Lunches should also include a snack for the morning and afternoon. **Note:** the RAM café and shop will be closed on Monday, March 11th during camp.

What time is camp?

The Prehistoric Alberta PD Camp runs from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Drop-off begins at 8:45 AM and late-pick up is until 4:30 PM. During those pre and post camp times, free time table stations will be provided for campers.

When and where do I drop off/pick up my kids?

Drop off begins at 8:45-9:00 AM and pickup will be from 4:00-4:30 PM, both at the East Entrance on 97 street. Please pull into the bus loop parking to enter the East Entrance. Please ensure you park off to the side so that you do not block any vehicles moving through.

Can I drop off my kid later than 9:00 AM or pick up after 4:30 PM?

If you are dropping off after 9:00 AM, please communicate this to ACSW.RAMLearningTm@gov.ab.ca ahead of time. Upon arrival, please use the buzzer at the East Entrance to contact RAM Security who will let you in. We aren't able to accommodate late pick-up, so all campers must be picked up by 4:30 PM.

What is the Authorized Pick-Up List?

ONLY people you have authorized on the Prehistoric Alberta PD Camp Registration Form for pick up may pick up your campers.

At pick up, adults picking up campers will have to show identification so that camp staff can ensure they are on the Authorized Pick-Up List for those campers. If they are not on the list, camp staff will have to contact camp families to confirm this person can pick up the camper.

If you need to add or remove people from the pick-up list, please email ACSW.RAMLearningTm@gov.ab.ca.

What happens if my child is sick?

We ask that any children displaying cold or flulike symptoms stay home from camp. Any campers who begin to display these symptoms while at camp will be isolated from other campers and their families will be contacted to pick them up from camp as soon as possible.

My child has special needs, can they come to camp?

The RAM Prehistoric Alberta PD Camp is for everyone, and we try to make our camps as inclusive as possible. Our well-trained and empathetic camp staff will adjust programming and make accommodations for campers who need them.

If your child's camp experience would benefit from some program changes or adjustments, please reach out to the camp team prior to your child arriving at camp. You can reach out to Lisa Brett, lead camp facilitator and organizer via email at lisa.brett@gov.ab.ca.

We also encourage all families to fill out the registration form section outlining any behaviors or special needs that the camp staff should be aware of.

My child has medical needs/allergies/etc. Will you be able to accommodate?

When registering for the camp, you will be asked to complete a registration form that outlines parent/guardian contact information, any medical needs, allergies or behaviour information we need to be aware of. If there are any concerns that we are not able to accommodate, we will be in touch with you quickly.

What should campers bring to camp?

Campers should be prepared for camp with the proper gear. Please ensure that all gear is clearly labeled with the campers' name. Campers should bring:

- A nut free lunch that does not need heating and at least two snacks.
- Water bottle
- Indoor shoes
- We may go outside for games, so please be prepared for the weather with outdoor gear.
- A backpack to hold all the above
- Clearly labelled medications, if applicable

We encourage campers to dress in comfortable layers. The museum has various temperature settings in the gallery and program spaces fluctuating from chilly to warm.

We strongly encourage campers leave technology, money or other valuable personal items at home. While camper belongings will be locked in the camp classroom space for the day, the Royal Alberta Museum is not responsible for lost, broken or stolen items.

What happens if my child forgets or loses belongings?

At the end of camp, any gear left behind will be taken to the RAM Admissions area and put in the lost and found. If your child has left something behind, please check with Admissions staff to see if the item(s) is in the lost and found.