

Science matters

Summer Academy for Elementary Students

2026 Program Details

Schedule:

7:45 – 8 a.m.	Drop-Off Bus Loop in front of Haley Center* (See details below)
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Morning Activity
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Science Instruction (Snack at 9:30)
11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Lunch and Recess
12:45 – 3:30 p.m.	Science Instruction (Snack at 2:30)
3:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Pick-up Bus Loop in front of Haley Center*

*Curious Curators camps will drop off near the Auburn University Museum of Natural History.

Drop-off:

On Monday, parents should park in the Stadium Parking Deck (see map) and walk your child to our registration table located at the bottom level of Haley Center. Here you will obtain your 2026 pickup pass and finalize missing information. **Tuesday to Friday**, the drop-off will be the carline in the bus loop in front of the Haley Center. You will not be permitted entrance into the bus loop prior to five minutes early. Please adhere to the safety protocol of the security guard.

Drop-off is from 7:45 am – 8 am. Please do not drop your child off if a camp staff member is not present. Camp staff will be wearing identifiable camp t-shirts.

If you are late dropping your child off and camp staff is no longer at the loop, please walk your child to their Haley Center classroom.

Camp Location: Haley Center - Rooms 2204, 2206, 2212, 2213, 2222, 2224, 2226, 2228.

Recess Location: Green space in front of Cater Hall.

Campus Trips: We try our best to use university resources and get our campers out of the classroom. Examples of field trips include the Arboretum, Natural History Museum, or another on campus site.

GroupMe:

We will use GroupMe for communication this summer. A link to join will be sent prior to your camp session.

Inclement Weather:

- All camps will be held regardless of rain.
- In the case of very heavy rains or inclement weather, Science Matters may have to delay drop-off/pick-up. Any changes to pick-up or drop-off will be sent out via the GroupMe app.

Pick up Information:

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm at the bus loop in front of Haley Center. To ensure the safety of your child, you or any individual picking up, must be able to provide your child's **2026 pick-up pass**. Please place it in the

front, right-hand corner of your dash. If you are picking your child up early, please bring your pick-up pass to your child's classroom in the Haley Center.

- Please retain your pick-up pass for the entire summer if your child is attending more than one session.

If you have made arrangements with another person to pick up your child, they will need a copy of your child's pick-up pass. A picture of the pick-up pass on a phone will suffice.

Please be sure to pick up your child by 4:00 pm. If a situation arises that prevents you from picking up your child by this time, please contact Kristen Jackson (334-332-2234) or Teddy Dubose (229-894-0153). A fee of \$5 per 5 minutes will be assessed for each late pick up.

What to bring/wear:

- Please pack your child a lunch each day. **We operate a peanut and tree-nut free facility! Nuts will not be allowed!**
- Water bottle for the refillable water stations at the Haley Center.
- Backpack for your child to carry home take home items each day. Science Matters will no longer be supplying bags.
- **Comfortable walking or athletic shoes with closed toes** for lab safety purposes and comfortable clothing that can get dirty (shorts, t-shirts, and tennis shoes)
- **Dress appropriately for weather conditions.** We will be outside during the day, please utilize methods to limit sun exposure. In the event of rain, please send your child with a raincoat or umbrella.
- **Students attending the “Curious Curators Camps”** with the AU Museum of Natural History – see additional information below.
 - **Students MUST wear closed-toed shoes** to Auburn University Lab Safety Policies.
 - **Be prepared to get wet during fieldwork.** A change of clothes or quick dry clothing is recommended. Long pants are strongly suggested to reduce scratches and limit exposure to ticks, chiggers, etc.
 - Field locations may include things such as poison ivy, insects, or other potential hazards. Students should bring insect repellent and always be mindful of their surroundings. **Students with allergies should bring all necessary medications and fill out appropriate forms to Consent to Medical Care and Treatment of a Minor.**

What's Provided:

- Camp t-shirt - We **encourage campers wear them on Fridays** unless specified for another day.
- All materials and supplies
- Two snacks a day are provided during the week, so no extra money is necessary.

Cancellations: If you know ahead of time your child will miss a day (or multiple days) of the program please email Teddy Dubose, hintomt@auburn.edu. Our refund policy will apply.

Contact Information:

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