

ROMKIDS SUMMER CLUB 2025

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MISSION

ROMKids transforms lives by helping children and youth understand the past, make sense of the present, and come together to shape our collective future. We foster learning, create knowledge, share global collections and research, and spark creative multidisciplinary exchange on topics within the intersecting worlds of art, culture, and nature.

Children and youth will be inspired by engaging, diverse, and thoughtful educators; hands-on and experiential learning; imaginative art projects, activities, and experiments; and unique access to galleries, collections, and ROM experts.

ROMKids encourages community through accessible and inclusive teaching practices to help children and youth find a rewarding and safe place to explore, learn, and grow.

HISTORY OF ROMKIDS



ROMKids began in 1938 with the formation of Saturday Club and is widely regarded in the industry as the first true museum camp.

Ruth Home, the first Camp Director, believed that museums should belong to everyone, including women and children, and created the camp with the support of donations from the community, an art studio from the Palaeontology Department, and the teaching support of Sylvia Hahn, an artist at ROM.

Summer Club followed in 1942. March Break Camp started in 1998, and ROMKids Jr furthered the mission in 2008.

ROMKIDS TEAM

GROUP RATIOS

Children to staff ratios are 6:1 for 5-year-olds, 8:1 for 6-7-year-olds, and 10:1 for children 8-years and older.

GROUP INSTRUCTOR

Each group is run by a instructor that holds a degree or diploma in a related field and have experience working with children. They are responsible for researching, planning, and teaching lessons based around ROM's galleries and collections and the ROMKids mission. Instructors develop educational and engaging projects and activities based around lessons.

CAMP ASSISTANT

Assistants are mainly senior secondary school or university students with extensive experience working with kids in educational settings. Each group has one to two assistants, who you will often see signing campers in at the locker or helping around camp in their colourful staff shirt.

VOLUNTEERS

Each group has two or more volunteers to provide additional support.



CAMP DIRECTOR, ROMMKIDS MANAGER

KIRON MUKHERJEE (HE/HIM/HIS)

Kiron is an educator who works with students of all ages to help creatively express their scientific curiosity and wonder. After 20+ years at the Royal Ontario Museum, primarily as the ROMKids Camp Director, Kiron believes in the power that science, art, and story have on children's learning and development.

Kiron previously served on the board of advisors for OWL Magazine, was named one of Canada's 100 Voices of Science Communication by Science

Borealis, and taught science communication with the Environmental Visual Communication program at Fleming College. He has been featured in the Toronto Star, National Post, and the Globe and Mail, and on CBC, TVO, YTV, Global Television and more. In addition to his extensive experience in curriculum development, Kiron is most proud of cultivating enthusiastic community advocates for the programs he works with.

Though he majored in History at York University, Kiron considers his early years as a ROMKids camper to be a highly formative part of his education.



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ROMMKIDS COORDINATOR

ALEX SCHNEKENBURGER (SHE/HER/HERS)

Alex is an experienced educator and museum programmer, and is responsible for the day-to-day operational and administrative functions and curriculum of all ROMKids programs. She is passionate about teaching children and youth about the magical world of art, history, and science, and is deeply committed to creating inclusive and accessible spaces for youth with disabilities through her work running the ROMKids 1:1 Accessibility Program.

While Alex has worked at ROM for over a decade, most prominently as the ROMKids Assistant Director, she also interned at the National Museum of Ireland-Archaeology in Dublin, where she worked closely with

the Education team researching museum accessibility strategies. Alex graduated from the University of Toronto with her Bachelor of History and Anthropology and received her Masters of Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins. In her free time, Alex is an avid traveler, visiting as many museums as possible, and jamming out to Taylor Swift.

SUMMER CLUB 2025

NEW THIS SUMMER!

Come along as we unearth the fascinating discoveries in the Museum's vast collections of art, culture, and nature. We'll be joined by new groups *Budding Artists*, *Blank Canvas*, *Above and Beyond*, *Into the Unknown*, and *Matter of Fact* that will explore our galleries in exciting and immersive ways. We look forward to kicking off Summer Club 2025 with campers old and new. Spend your summer at ROM for an unforgettable experience!

Nature in Brilliant Colour will take you on a kaleidoscopic journey through the vibrant hues of our planet. Awaken your senses as you make your way through a series of spaces dedicated to each colour of the rainbow. This exhibition will deepen appreciation for the complex artistry of our world and celebrate its vivid and untamed beauty.

Also joining us this summer: *Saints, Sinners, Lovers, and Fools*. This exhibition offers a doorway into the Southern Netherlands of 1400 to 1700 and the revolutionary artists it was home to. These extraordinary painters found new ways to depict reality, portray humanity, and tell stories that created parallels to their world then - and to our world today. The exhibition's introduces visitors, through these rare, extraordinary artworks, to stories of enterprising townspeople, prosperous cities, and an ever-developing society.

CAMP PRICING

9-day camp Session 1 and 3	\$600.00 Extended Care: \$125.00
10-day camp Session 2 and 4	\$650.00 Extended Care: \$135.00
5-day camp Session 5	\$410.00 Extended Care: \$80.00
T-shirt (optional)	\$20.00

COURSE CALENDAR

SUMMER CLUB 2025 COURSE CALENDAR					
Age	Session 1 June 30-July 11 (no camp on July 1)	Session 2 July 14-25	Session 3 July 28- August 8 (no camp on August 4)	Session 4 August 11-22	Session 5 August 25- 29
5	All Grown Up	Earth Worms	Wild Things	Mini Myths	Animal Antics
6-7	Budding Artists	Monster's on the Move	Suit Yourself	Pharaohs and Friends	Budding Artists
6-7	Science Sleuths	Dig This	Worldly Wonders	Above and Beyond	Worldly Wonders
8-10	Ancient Odyssey	Into the Unknown	Dynamic Planet	Stones and Bones	Into the Unknown
8-10	Palaeoquest	Day in the Life	Mondo Mixed Media	ROMbrandt	Mondo Mixed Media
8-10	Art Moves	ROM RPG	Going for Gold	ROM RPG	Day in the Life
11-14	Force of Nature	ROM Reporters	Matter of Fact	All the ROM's a Stage	Deep Dive
11-14	Blank Canvas	Architreks	About Time	Under the Microscope	Dungeons & Dragons
11-14	Dungeons & Dragons	Deep Dive	Dungeons & Dragons	Generation Why?	
14-16	Leadership	Leadership	Leadership	Leadership	
5-16	Extended Care	Extended Care	Extended Care	Extended Care	Extended Care

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ALL GROWN UP

How does a tadpole become a frog? How does a sapling become a tree? How did kids grow up in ancient times? Join us as we explore biodiversity's babies and antiquity's adolescents. Traverse Egypt and test out some ancient games, journey to China and find out what kids learned in school, and brave the bat cave to investigate the lifecycle of our upside-down friends. Join us this summer as we grow up with the Museum!

ANIMAL ANTICS

Go wild at ROM this summer as we explore the amazing antics of nature's most awesome animals. You will explore the animal kingdom as you scan the savannah for bison and antelope, or discover what's lurking in your own backyard. We head to the Schad Galleries of Biodiversity Life in Crisis to meet some of these fascinating wildlife and gain an understanding of where they live, what they eat, and who they hang out with.

EARTH WORMS

Welcome little worms! Did you know earthworms are nature's doctors? They help the planet stay healthy and so can you! Learn all about why our planet and animal friends need our help and find out all of the awesome ways you can keep our Earth happy. Then, march with penguins through icy Antarctica and slither with snakes through the scorching Sahara! Discover Earth's extraordinary climates and beautiful biodiversity with trips to our animal gallery. Travel back in time and visit the Willner Madge Gallery Dawn of Life and James and Louise Temerty Galleries of Age of Dinosaurs to learn all about the animals of the past. Join us as we wiggle and worm our way around the world!

MINI MYTHS

Prepare for an adventure of mythical proportions as we set sail on a journey into the world of fictional follies. Dangerous dragons, herculean heroes, and gargantuan gods are what await in this interactive story experience. Travel to Greece, Egypt, China and more as we discover the great myths of the ancient world. Meet the monsters behind the myths, and enter into the most fantastic fables history has to offer.

WILD THINGS

From scaly snakes to bustling beetles to daring dinosaurs—the Museum is just full of all kinds of fascinating creatures. Using artwork, creative play, costumes, and real scientific specimens, you'll explore the animal kingdom as you discover the amazing biodiversity that roams our world. It's everything you need to know about your favourite wild (and not so wild) animals!

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ABOVE AND BEYOND

Up, up, and away! Get ready for a session full of looking above our heads and beyond the horizon. We delve into the impressive innovations that are being engineered by the world's greatest minds. Investigate the work that is being done to travel to Mars, how scientists study the depths of the ocean, and the climate research conducted in the arctic each day. Then, put on your astronaut suit as we explore space: the final frontier. Learn about the storied past of space exploration, Canada's role on the International Space Station, and what the future of deep space research looks like.

BUDDING ARTISTS

Take in all nature has to offer on this artscapade around ROM! Visit our Patrick and Barbara Keenan Family Gallery of Hands-On Biodiversity and meet the multicoloured animals from around our world. Why do tigers have stripes? Why do chameleons change colour? Why are butterflies bright and moths not? We take a special trip to our blockbuster exhibition, *Nature in Brilliant Colour*, to answer these questions. Head to the Teck Suite of Galleries Earth Treasures and dig up earth's most precious gems, then take a flight to Egypt and be amazed by the vibrant jewelry made from these stones. Draw dinosaurs, paint penguins, and sketch the stars to gain inspiration from the beauty around us for nature-themed art. Grab your paintbrushes, pens, and wildest ideas on this journey through the Museum!

DIG THIS

Dig into the natural world and ancient history and discover what buried treasures lay below us! From the prehistoric fossils that line our Museum, and the natural resources that fuel our homes, to the ancient cities that mystify us, our Earth is filled with amazing wonders just waiting to be uncovered. Explore, examine, and experiment your way to a better understanding of where our world came from, where it's going, and how we can preserve it.

MONSTER'S ON THE MOVE

Calling all monster hunters! We're searching for some of the world's most famous mythical creatures. Find out how dragons became feared and revered throughout Europe and Asia, and how stories of sea monsters kept people from swimming! We'll answer the riddles of the mysterious sphinx, dive for Nessie, and search the forest for a sasquatch sighting. Then, uncover the potential origins and inspiration behind these fantastical tales. Get ready to devour lore from around the world as we find monsters on the move!

PHARAOHS AND FRIENDS

From pharaohs to tsars, to queens, and beyond! Put on your crown and get ready to learn all about the different types of royalty from around the world! Join us on a royal escapade around the Museum as we trek to Greece's democratic cities, travel to Iran's ancient empires, and traverse the sands of Egypt to learn the histories and hear the stories of past rulers and their people!

SCIENCE SLEUTHS

Have you ever wanted to be a scientist and solve the mysteries of everyday life? Well, here's your chance! Conduct simple experiments to find out why the sky is blue, why leaves change colour in the fall, and what paper airplane design flies the farthest. Your investigations will take you from the microscopic level of the cell to the cosmic level of the stars.

SUIT YOURSELF

Fashion yourself a trunk full of costumes as you take an imaginative journey through our galleries. Learn how different cultures clothed themselves through history and take inspiration from the natural world of prints and patterns. We visit the Samuels European Galleries to investigate the protective armour of knights and the colours of royalty. Then, head to our special blockbuster exhibition, *Nature in Brilliant Colour*, to see if we can spot nature's vibrant critters and creatures. Using paint, paper, fabric and more, you'll create outfits and accessories to suit yourself in this crazy costume caper!

WORLDLY WONDERS

Embark on an expedition that takes you across the world's many wonders! From the Great Wall of China, to the Acropolis of Athens, to the soaring CN Tower, get ready to delve into the compelling history of world-famous cultural landmarks. Then, find out about the impressive forces of nature that have created Earth's most fascinating phenomena! Swim with the fish in Australia's Great Barrier Reef and light up the sky with the Aurora Borealis to learn the science behind Mother Nature's miracles. Join us as we trek through the Museum's many galleries and be inspired by these magnificent marvels for your very own landmark creation!

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ANCIENT ODYSSEY

Prepare yourself for a voyage of mythic proportions through ancient times and places! Each day you'll have a new quest to fulfill as you discover the myths and legends of the Celts, Romans, Greeks, Egyptians, and more. Wander into the world of the Ramayana and hear about Rama's journey and meet Gilgamesh on his epic escapade. Follow the Labours of Herakles, join the Argonauts on their hunt for the Golden Fleece, or search for the Holy Grail. All this adventure will guide you as you create your own monsters, heroes, and myths on your own hero's journey.

ART MOVES

These boots are made for walking, so put on your snazziest pair as we move around Toronto's exciting cultural sites! Galleries in and beyond ROM will inspire you to expand your portfolio and develop artistic skills through studies in sketching, painting, collage, and sculpture. Get moving as you travel through the Museum and to some of the city's hidden artistic treasures while developing your skills in the visual arts.

DAY IN THE LIFE

Spend a day in the life of people past and present! Travel back in time and discover what it was like to live as ancient peoples. Become a pharaoh and rule over ancient Egypt, don your knight's armour and prepare for battle, and discover the hierarchies of civilizations past. Fast forward to the future and sample the best the Museum has to offer as we focus on the historians and scientists who discovered these times gone by. Explore ROM's diverse galleries and learn from expert scientists and researchers in the world of archaeology, palaeontology, anthropology, and more.

DYNAMIC PLANET

We all have a part to play in the care of our planet. Learn how life is diverse, interrelated, and in crisis using ROM's galleries. Travel through ecosystems and study the interconnections of species and habitats. See what lessons we can learn about the first "Great Dying" as we enter our own phase of mass extinctions. Then, find out how your daily decisions can make a difference in the conservation of our environment and help save the planet!

GOING FOR GOLD

Ready, Set, GO! Join us on an expedition of international proportions as sample the games, challenges, pastimes, and contests of skill from years long past. Learn all about the Indigenous beginnings of Canada's national sport—lacrosse! Gallop through the Samuel European Galleries and don a suit of armour for a riveting jousting challenge. Discover how a mythological weaving competition led to some creepy crawly consequences. Work with your team, test your skills, and have fun as you participate in your very own competitions and crafts!

This group will be playing games outdoors. Please ensure campers bring a water bottle, sunscreen, and hat each day of camp.

INTO THE UNKNOWN

Put on your space suit as we rocket to the farthest reaches of our solar system, journey to the dark side of the moon, and explore the methane clouds of Venus. Then shuttle back to Earth and venture into the faraway places of land and sea, from the loneliest depths of the ocean to the frozen tundras of the north. Track down Point Nemo, the furthest point of water from other land mass, and find out just how far pollution reaches. Trek up Mount Everest and discover what this difficult expedition entails. We learn all we can about these unknown vistas and why they are so difficult to explore. Then, take what you've learned and create a diorama of your own unexplored world!

MONDO MIXED MEDIA

Can't decide whether to fulfill your flare for the artistic or test your inquiring mind? Why not do both in this exciting take on the classic Summer Club experience. Sample a smorgasbord of topics inspired by ROM's galleries, collections, and research. Visit the special exhibit, *Nature in Brilliant Colour*, to analyze Mother Nature's vibrant flora and fauna. Spend your mornings roaming the Museum to explore arts and cultures that will inspire your own artistic creations and then trek through our galleries and beyond in the afternoon to discover a world of scientific investigation.

PALAEOQUEST

From the origins of life, to the first flight of dinosaurs, to the rise of humans, palaeontology covers a vast amount of awe-inspiring science and history. Explore our world class collection of fossils spanning hundreds of millions of years, learn about ROM's cutting-edge research on prehistoric life, and discover how palaeontologists preserve, piece together, and study their finds. How did life begin? Are dinosaurs truly extinct? Can Ice Age beasts be brought back to life? Find out in Palaeoquest!

ROMBRANDT

Put on your smock and get ready for an art-filled session! Be inspired by the decorative amphorae of Greece, the stunning textiles of Ghana, and the eye-catching butterflies in our Schad Gallery of Biodiversity, as we paint like Picasso and colour like Carr. We will get inspiration from the special exhibition, *Saints, Sinners, Lovers, and Fools* as we explore the world of Dutch renaissance art. Then, grab a mirror and try your hand at self-portrait just like the man himself—Rembrandt. Join us on an artistic endeavour through the Museum!

ROM RPG

Paladins, pixies, and Pegasus galore! Create your character, carefully strategize, and choose your own ROM-venture on this journey through the Museum's magical galleries. Explore the Schad Galleries of Biodiversity Life in Crisis and meet the real-life animals that inspired the many monsters of mythology. Trek through ROM's cultural galleries and listen to the stories of heroes' past for some tips and tricks in your own campaign. Will you best Medusa's stoney gaze or will it be a hard rock life for your character? Can you spot the Jinn before they sneak up on you or will its trickster nature make you the fool? Grab your D20 and roll for initiative on this journey of epic proportions!

An extension of ROMKid's popular Dungeons and Dragons group.

STONES AND BONES

The Earth is a mysterious place. Every time we learn something new, it only leads to more questions. Prepare to have your questions answered! We'll use human skulls to explore 3.5 million years of human evolutionary history. Experiment with different rocks and minerals and learn why some glow in the dark. Touch real meteorites as we recreate the birth of the solar system. Examine dinosaur bones to discover the true fate of the dinosaurs. Our hands-on experiments, activities, and projects will leave you feeling like masters of the universe!

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ABOUT TIME

Leave no stone unturned as we dig into the wonderous world of archaeology! Learn the ropes as we excavate our very own site and piece together the mystery that lies beneath. Try your hand at reconstructing pottery, forming flint tools, and faunal analysis. Learn from a real archaeologist, meet ROM experts, and discover if you have what it takes to survive on a real dig. We talk all about time on this exploration of what is left behind!

ALL THE ROM'S A STAGE

Places, everyone! Prepare yourself for a journey of the imagination and bring ROM's exhibitions to life. Our special theatre school will draw on the Museum's rich cultural and dramatic backdrop to enhance your acting abilities through training in voice, movement, expression and dialogue. All you learn will culminate in a final performance worthy of a Shakespearean stage.

ARCHITREKS

Use the Museum as a launching point to study architecture old and new. Encounter some of the world's most amazing feats of engineering. From legendary lost cities like Pompeii, to modern-day museums, architecture has shaped the world around us. Put on your walking shoes and join us as we trek around the city learning about the history of human-made structures and how they have evolved into the city around us.

BLANK CANVAS

The Museum's your oyster in this session of artistic expression! Master the art of chiaroscuro and collage, experiment with composition and convergence, and understand the intricacies of the colour wheel. Gain inspiration from nature's vibrant beauty with a special visit to the blockbuster exhibition, *Nature in Brilliant Colour* and a trip to Schad Gallery of Biodiversity Life in Crisis. Head to Galleries of Africa: Egypt and Shreyas and Mina Ajmera Galleries of Africa, the Americas, and Asia Pacific to investigate how colour can hold meaning. Explore the stories painted on Greek amphorae and the tales woven into Indigenous textiles, and meet famed Dutch painters with a special visit to the *Saints, Sinners, Lovers, and Fools* exhibition. Fill your canvas and craft something unforgettable at ROM this summer.

DEEP DIVE

Curious minds wanted on this exploration of the captivating and confounding. Be prepared each day to dive deep into a different theme revolving around the Museum's vast collections. Analyze the skulls of australopithecines and hominids and learn the amazing effects of evolution. Engage in experimental archaeology and find out the fascinating ways ancient peoples moved large columns and obelisks. Fly to Mars and meet the rovers that are working hard for our scientists here on earth. Get the unique chance to meet ROM experts in the field who are breaking ground on these intriguing topics.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Delve into a legendary world where YOU create the story. Tour the Museum and discover the real-life inspirations behind popular table-top role-playing games as we study biodiversity, ancient cultures, artifacts, weapons, and more! Then, join a ROM-inspired campaign full of magical beasts, mystical arts, and unsolved mysteries. Create characters, strategize, and try to stay on the Dungeon Master's good side on this exploration into imagination!

FORCE OF NATURE

Our world is on fire, but we can still save it! The climate crisis is posing a serious threat to the world around us. Ice caps are melting, sea levels are rising, and wildlife are in danger. Together we will trek through ROM's diverse galleries to discover the Earth's vast and interrelated ecosystems, meet the planet's endangered animals, and learn the science behind the climate crisis. Then, join us in discovering how you can reduce your carbon footprint through daily sustainable practices. The world needs innovative and mature leaders, and youth are stepping up! Become a force for nature and learn all about how you can use your voice and action to promote positive change in the world.

GENERATION WHY?

Journey across the Museum as we discover how major historical movements and eras shaped generations of people to come. Explore how oral stories and histories transcend generations with trips to the Daphne Coxwell Gallery dedicated to First Peoples Art and Culture, the Gallery of Greece, and the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Gallery of China. Travel through time and check out the fads and fashions of the trendiest eras. Find out how the race to the moon influenced Atomic Age design and the meaning behind the many colours of ancient Egypt. Discover just how loud the "silent generation" was as we learn about second wave feminism and the rise of the civil rights movement. At the end of our session, we look towards the future. What do we wish for the newest generation, Generation Alpha?

MATTER OF FACT

Fact: the climate crisis is real, the Earth is round, and humans landed on the moon.

Fiction: aliens built the pyramids, sharks don't get cancer, and the world is run by a secret illuminati organization.

The world is full of false statements, conspiracy theories, and deceptive information, so let's break it down. Put on your critical thinking cap as we separate fact from fiction and explore what strategies we can use to deduce the truth. Learn all about history's hoaxes—from the Patagonian Giants to the infamous War of the Worlds radiocast to the trickery of the Piltdown Man. Then, learn just how quickly misinformation and disinformation can spread on social media. Find out the nefarious uses of these misleading and fraudulent tactics and how some people use them to take advantage of others and grab power. It is all a matter of fact in this group as we join together to make sure the truth prevails!

ROM REPORTERS

Breaking news! Breaking news! ROM's junior reporters give you the inside scoop! Grab your notebook and put on your inquiring brain to prepare for a journalism-centred session. In an action-packed two weeks, we'll craft new tales about ancient artifacts, create fun and informative vlogs, and interview specialists in topics ranging from art to science. Learn about the responsibility of journalism, where to find the best sources, and what journalistic integrity really means and why it's important in today's world. There are so many stories within the Museum's walls—pick your favourite and we will find the best way to tell it!

Media consent is mandatory for this group. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the ROMKids Office at 416.586.8043 or studio@rom.on.ca.

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Delve into the world of high-tech laboratories and fascinating field research. Visit working labs, conduct your own scientific studies, and head outdoors on collecting expeditions. Get hands-on experience with the current tools and technologies used in the fields of anthropology, palaeontology, conservation biology, botany, and zoology. The sky is the limit as you consider future discoveries in these exciting fields!

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LEADERSHIP

Join our Leadership program and improve your confidence, communication skills and ability to work with a team. Real experience working with children, assistants, and instructors in our Summer Club programs will reinforce exercises in problem solving, motivation, and conflict resolution. You'll also get a chance to meet with museum professionals and learn about museum careers. Graduates of this program will be considered for volunteer assistant positions in next year's Summer Club, and other ROMKids programs.



PREPARING FOR CAMP

Welcome to ROMKids Summer Club! We look forward to spending the session with your child. Please read the following information to help prepare you and your child for camp.

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:10 AM – 9:00 AM	Drop off and sign in at the President's Choice School Entrance.
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Lesson time with the instructor and gallery exploration.
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Break and snack time outside in Philosopher's Walk, weather permitting.
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Work on art projects or science experiments in our learning labs.
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Time to fuel up for the afternoon. We'll have lunch outside in Philosopher's Walk, weather permitting.
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM	We will continue to explore the galleries and work through our activities.
2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	Second break and snack time outside in Philosopher's Walk, weather permitting.
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Time to wrap up all our work and prepare to go home.
4:00 PM	Sign out at the lockers.
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Extended Care.

PREPARING FOR CAMP

MORNING DROP OFF

- Camp drop-off runs from 8:10 AM to 9:00 AM.
- Entrance to the Museum is via the Presidents Choice School Entrance at the south side of the building. Go down the small set of stairs between the Museum and Planetarium and through the first set of glass doors on the right.
- Our team of Summer Club staff will be waiting along the Queens Park doors. They can escort your child into the Museum each morning. We strongly recommend entering with your child on the first day to ensure all health, pickup, and attendance details are accurate.
- If it is your first time attending camp, we suggest arriving earlier to allow your child time to acclimate to the environment and our staff.
- Morning arrival movies take place between 8:10 AM and 9 AM while campers arrive. Movies consist of child-friendly short films, educational documentaries, or previous camper video creations.

SNACK AND LUNCH

- Children must bring their own snacks and lunch to camp. Please ensure you pack enough for a busy day of camp!
- Please note that we are a nut aware camp. No nuts or foods containing nuts (ie. peanut butter, Nutella, granola, trail mix, etc.) are permitted at camp. If you are sending an alternate butter (ie. Wow Butter, Sun Butter), we kindly ask that your child be aware/for a note in the lunch box informing of the alternate.

PICK-UP

- Photo ID must be provided at pickup every day. Camper sign-out will be at the cubbies through the Presidents Choice School Entrance doors each day.
- Please ensure that all possible pickup names are provided to your group/appear correctly on the attendance (including the person registering). If a name is not provided, the primary contact will be called for confirmation before your child is released to them.
- We do not permit children to leave unattended. If your child is 11-14 years of age, they can leave on their own with a signed note or parental/guardian signoff.
- Please note that pickup in the hallway can feel congested. We appreciate your patience during sign-out.
- Children must be picked up promptly after programs or extended care. Late fees apply.

EXTENDED CARE

- Extended care runs from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- Children can engage in relaxed play or a fun movie.
- A limited number of spots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please consult the fee schedule and be sure to check off the appropriate section on the registration form.
- If your child is left beyond 6 pm you will be subject to a late fee of \$1.00 per minute.

PARKING

There is no parking available at the Museum. Please refer to ROM's [Location and Parking webpage](#) for more information. There is a school bus loading zone along Queen's Park on the east side of the Museum where you may drop-off and pick-up your children briefly. Parking your car in this area and/or blocking the TTC stop are considered by the police to be parking violations and you may be ticketed. The Museum assumes no responsibility for such violations, nor can we assist you with parking tickets. The TTC also stops at our door on both subway and surface routes. Call 416-393-INFO for details.



BEHAVIOUR POLICY

At ROM we believe every child has the right to a safe, enjoyable, and educational experience in our programs. We therefore expect and encourage each participant to maintain a positive and appropriate level of conduct. Our staff and volunteers are respectful of the right of each child to be treated in a fair, consistent manner and strive to create an environment where our campers are encouraged to safely express themselves without fear of punishment or disapproval. We expect campers to act with empathy, respect their peers, and always stay with a staff member.

We take a proportional, stepped approach to behaviour:

- **Minor Behaviour:** Staff will try to ascertain why the behaviour is occurring with the child. Staff will gently remind the child about program expectations.
- **Repeated Minor Behaviour:** Staff will speak privately with the child about their behaviour. Staff will try to collaboratively work out strategies for better cooperation with the group. A short, supervised cooldown period may be given to allow the child to regulate before rejoining the rest of the campers. Caregivers will be informed and asked to reinforce proper program etiquette and expectations at home with the camper. In cases of persisting behaviour, staff may temporarily bring the child to the Camp Office to discuss behaviour.
- **Serious Misbehaviours (refusal to cooperate, roughness):** Child will discuss behaviour with Office Staff and prepare an action plan to remedy behaviour. Caregivers will be notified and involved. If behaviour recurs, the child may be asked to leave the program without refund.
- **Major Offenses:** To ensure a safe and enjoyable camp, we do not allow:
 - Belittling or demeaning words, behaviour or actions,
 - Discriminatory words or actions against protected groups (ie. 2SLGBTQIA+, race, gender, disability, ancestry, colour, creed, age, or any other identity),
 - Theft,
 - Unsafe behaviour to self or others, including physical altercations or violence,
 - Prohibited items:
 - Inappropriate or offensive pictures/materials
 - Dangerous possessions (knives, weapons, alcohol, illicit drugs)

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If any of these occur at camp or any behaviour that is deemed greatly unsafe to the child, staff, peers, or Museum, the child will immediately be withdrawn from the group and discuss their behaviour with the Camp Directors. Caregivers are notified immediately. Reparations to property made and police involved if necessary. Child may be immediately and permanently removed from the program without refund.

Our camp believes all behaviour is communication, as such, we will make every effort to work with our campers and caregivers to find a solution whenever possible. If your child has known behaviour either due to a formal diagnosis or as part of their current stage in life, we would appreciate a confidential discussion in-person or over the phone to ensure your child is successfully integrated into our program.

Our goal is to provide a safe, orderly, and enjoyable environment for your child and their peers. Your cooperation with this policy will help us toward that goal. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact us directly at 416.586.8043 or studio@rom.on.ca. We are excited to have your child join our program!



HEALTH AND SAFETY

EPI-PENS, INHALERS, & OTHER MEDICATIONS:

Campers who have prescribed epi-pen, puffers, or inhalers must bring it to and carry it on their person each day of camp. Please ensure that the Emergency Plan for medical emergencies has been filled out prior to arrival at camp.

Medications are not to be given to campers by camp staff. If your child requires medication during camp hours, please contact the ROMKids Office.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES:

if your camper has a reportable or non-reportable communicable disease, please inform the Office as soon as possible and keep your child home from camp.

These include:

- Pink Eye (conjunctivitis), Strep Throat, Chicken Pox, Flu, Lice, Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease, Measles, coronaviruses (SARS, COVID-19, MERS), Pertussis (Whooping cough), Tuberculosis (TB), or other unlisted communicable diseases.

Symptoms to watch out for include but are not excluded to:

- Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, decreased or loss of taste or smell, runny nose or nasal congestion, headache, extreme fatigue, sore throat, muscle aches or joint pain, gastrointestinal symptoms (such as vomiting or diarrhea), itchy scalp or rash on body, red eyes, swollen lymph nodes.

If symptoms of a communicable disease are displayed at camp, the camper may be asked to wear a mask and moved to a separate, supervised room. A parent/guardian will be contacted immediately to determine next steps.

Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and around the Museum. If you do not want your child using alcohol-based hand sanitizer, please inform the staff in your child's group.

REPORTING A POSITIVE (+) COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CASE

If your child tests positive (+):

- Please phone 416.586.8043 or email studio@rom.on.ca and inform the ROMKids Studio as soon as possible for next steps.
- Upon receipt of positive result, the ROMKids Office inform potential close contacts within the camp. Personal information (ie. name) surrounding positive test results will stay anonymous outside of the ROMKids Office.

VACCINATION

To keep our camp and Museum community safe, it is strongly recommended that participants receive the vaccines available to them.

If you are interested in learning more about vaccines so you can make an informed decision, follow the links below:

- [Vaccines and Immunizations](#)
- [Ontario's Routine Immunization Schedule](#)
- [Vaccine Safety](#)

Or call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre to speak with someone directly 1-833-943-3900.

MASKING

ROMKids camp is a mask-friendly space! Masking is recommended for participants who have or recently had a respiratory illness, particularly in indoor settings and crowds. Child and adult masks will be available on-site.

ROMKids and Royal Ontario Museum follow provincial health guidelines and reserve the right to update policies and programs.

ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

At the heart of all ROMKids programming is a belief in the power of inclusion. This mandate underscores all activities and staffing, ensuring campers can benefit from personalized care to help them grow and participate to fulfill their personal development and future potential.

A unique element of ROMKids is the availability of one-on-one support staff who work closely with children and youth with behavioural, emotional, medical and/or physical needs.

If you have questions about accessibility at Summer Club or are interested in extra support for your child, please contact Alexandra Schneidenburger, ROMKids Coordinator & Assistant Camp Director at 416 586 8093 or aschneidenburger@rom.on.ca.

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