

# Camp In at LSC: FAQs

If you have other questions, our sales representatives can surely help you: 201.253.1310.

## **How do we register?**

We need a Group Advisory Form, Letter of Agreement, and full payment to finalize your registration. Establish one group liaison to be responsible for registration, forms, payments, and the dissemination of all information.

## **How much does it cost?**

\$65.00 per person; member discounts do not apply to the Camp In program.

## **Who may attend a Camp In?**

Scout groups, youth groups, schools, clubs—nearly any youth organization. Liberty Science Center members may attend any co-ed Camp In. Please fill out the registration form and write "MEMBER" in the space for Group Name.

## **What if I don't know how many will be attending?**

Reserve with a "best guess" of the group size by subtracting 10 percent from all possible participants. If your group is small, consider inviting others to join you. For example, a scout troop could invite other troops.

## **May we add additional campers or chaperones once we have registered?**

Based on space availability, we can increase a reservation size until two weeks before the Camp In. Once it has been increased, you will not be permitted to decrease it again. Payment for additional spaces is due when the reservation is increased. To avoid confusion, changes to reservation numbers must come from the group liaison.

## **May I reserve my Camp In over the phone?**

If you would like to reserve your Camp In over the phone, please be prepared to remit a 25 percent nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit at the time of reservation. Once the reservation is made, it cannot be canceled.

## **Is there a minimum or maximum group size?**

We can accommodate groups of up to 800 people.

## **What are the ages/grade levels for Camp Ins?**

Grades 1-8, or ages 6-13

## **What is the required chaperone-to-child ratio?**

A minimum of one adult to every five children (1:5)

## **What is the earliest I can arrive?**

5:45 pm (check-in begins at 6:00 pm)

## **Where do we check in?**

Check-in takes place at the main entrance. Look for a table with your group name. Campers need not wait until the entire group assembles. Start exploring right away!

## **What do we receive at check-in?**

A registration pack with wristbands, sleeping and gear storage locations, schedule, maps, and activity booklets

## **What is the evening schedule?**

That depends on when you visit. A schedule will be assigned to your group upon arrival.

## **Will my group all be scheduled for the same activities?**

Based on the size of your group, you will be scheduled for the same snack time, IMAX Dome Theater show, 3D movie, snack, breakfast, and sleep site. (Groups over 300 will be split between movie show times.)

## **What if someone must arrive late?**

The group liaison must note the late arrival on the **Group Advisory Form**. We will register campers until 10:00 pm.

**What if someone needs to leave early?**

The group liaison must note the early departure on the **Group Advisory Form**. Adults may sign out at the Welcome Desk and depart. Minors must report to the Welcome Desk with the group liaison to verify that the child is leaving with a parent or guardian. The person picking up the minor must have valid ID (e.g., driver's license). Early departing campers are not allowed to return.

**Where do I park?**

Fees are \$7.00 for cars and vans, \$10.00 for buses. A private company operates the lot, which is owned by the State of New Jersey.

**What if my group is arriving by bus?**

Please let us know when you register. Our staff will check you in and distribute all program materials right on the bus. Let your bus company know that pick-up time is 9:00 am.

**Which meals are included?**

Evening snack and light continental breakfast

**What kind of fare is available for snack and breakfast?**

Snack: granola bars, cookies, pudding cup, bottled water, and coffee and tea for the adults

Breakfast: A variety of Kellogg's cereals, orange juice, milk, plus a muffin or a banana

**Is the Café open?**

Café Skylines is open with some light fare for purchase.

**I have food allergies. May I bring my own snack and breakfast?**

Yes. Please let us know on the **Group Advisory Form**. Refrigeration is available upon special request.

**Where do I store my gear?**

Gear must be stored in the location assigned to you at check-in. This will be on the same floor as your sleep site, though not necessarily the same location where you will sleep. All gear must remain in storage until 11:00 pm.

**What should I bring for a Camp In?**

Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, blanket, and minimal toiletries. All gear should be packed in plastic bags labeled with the camper's name and group name. Chaperones are asked to bring flashlights for campers. Campers are not permitted to bring flashlights. Campers are strongly discouraged from bringing valuables and portable electronic devices.

**May I bring an air mattress?**

Single-size manual or battery-powered air mattresses are permitted for adults only. We encourage all campers to bring sleeping mats or camping pads as the exhibit floors are hard.

**Will I get a good night's sleep?**

We strongly recommend getting a good night's sleep the night before your Camp In. Our Overnight Team will be there to make sure the sleeping spaces are safe, reasonably comfortable, and as quiet as possible. However, sleeping in an unfamiliar environment might not be as restful as being home in your own bed.

**May I change into my pajamas?**

Changing of clothing is not permitted.

**How do I dress for a Camp In?**

We suggest dressing in layers, as the building temperature fluctuates, and a comfortable pair of sneakers.

**Where do we sleep?**

Campers and chaperones sleep in assigned public spaces, designated based on group size. For your safety, sleeping areas are assigned so they do not block emergency passageways or doors. LSC is subject to random fire marshal inspections and is required to be in compliance with all fire and occupancy regulations. An LSC staff member will inspect your campsite prior to lights out and may ask you to adjust the position of your bedding.

**May I plug something in overnight?**

Only medical devices can be accommodated. Please indicate this request on the **Group Advisory Form**.

**Are we allowed to explore Liberty Science Center all night?**

No. Exhibits will be shut down from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am, and campers must remain at their campsites with their chaperones the entire night.

**Is the building handicap accessible?**

Yes. Liberty Science Center is an ADA-compliant facility. If you have group members with special needs, please indicate this on the **Group Advisory Form**.

**Will I see all of Liberty Science Center?**

There will be lots of time to explore, but we cannot guarantee that all exhibits will be available during your Camp In.

**Can we stay the next day?**

Yes. You are welcome to remain in the building the entire next day.

**What time do the lights go off/on?**

Lights out is at 11:30 pm. Lights go back on at 6:30 am. (It takes 30 minutes to get all lights off and then on again.)

**Will we get a patch?**

Yes, youth campers receive a patch providing free exhibition admission through the summer months, distributed as they go into breakfast. (The discount cannot be applied to adult entrance, online ticket purchases, or on a group trip.)

**How dark will it get?**

The building does not get completely dark. If you need complete darkness, we recommend using a sleep mask.

**What is the night-time temperature in the building?**

The building is set to 68 degrees.

**Is first aid available?**

Basic first aid is available. However, if more than a small adhesive bandage or ice pack is required and the camper is attending the Camp In without a parent or guardian, New Jersey State Law requires the camper be taken via ambulance to the Jersey City Medical Center, less than 5 minutes from our building.

**Can I go to my car during the evening?**

We suggest bringing everything you need when you arrive for your Camp In. If you need to leave the building at any time, please notify an Overnight Staff member or security officer at the Welcome Desk. Children are not permitted to leave the building until it is time to take the gear back to your car in the morning.

**Is there a lost and found?**

Lost and found is located at the Welcome Desk. Liberty Science Center is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

**Will the store be open?**

Yes, at 7:00 am.

**How many staff members will be staying overnight?**

Three to five Overnight Camp In staff, three to five building security officers, and a building engineer

**What if it snows on the date of our Camp In?**

Camp Ins are canceled when Liberty Science Center closes during inclement weather. LSC will make such decisions by noon the day of the Camp In. Cancellations will be communicated to group liaisons and posted on [lsc.org](http://lsc.org). LSC will make every effort to reschedule a group. If a mutually acceptable date cannot be found, fees will be refunded in full.

**Can my scouts earn badges while at the Camp In?**

Yes. Each year we choose a topic and create activities for scouts on the quest for badges, pins, and belt loops.