Welcome to COSI Camp-In!
Whether you have scouts, families, school groups, are a first time leader or a long-time veteran, Camp-In has a lot to offer for both you and your group. Use both this checklist and the other pre-visit materials on our website cosi.org/kids/camp-in to help plan your trip to COSI. Let us know if you have any questions and we’ll get them answered for you.

Reservation Questions: 614-228-2674 Ext.0
Call Center is open 7 days a week from 9am-4pm

Program Questions: 614-849-8331-(text/call) or
email campprograms@cosi.org
NOW THAT YOU HAVE SIGNED UP FOR A CAMP-IN, WHAT’S NEXT?

REVIEW YOUR INVOICE FOR ACCURACY

- Finalize your numbers. If you need to add people, call COSI at 614-228-2674 to check for availability. If your program is less than 4 weeks out, full payment will be required over the phone to add anyone to your reservation and is based on availability.

- Make note of the date and time of program on the invoice

- Call COSI to report any errors on your invoice or to make changes to your reservation

- Pay your balance FOUR WEEKS in advance to avoid cancellation of your reservation

VIEW THE CAMP-IN VIDEO FOUND AT WWW.COSI.ORG/KIDS/CAMP-IN

READ AND DISTRIBUTE THE FOLLOWING PAGES OF THIS SURVIVAL GUIDE.
**PARKING**

During your Camp-In, COSI will provide you with a sticker that will give you the discounted rate of $12 for parking overnight in the underground parking garage located in front of COSI.

COSI cannot accept payment for parking. Payment is accepted at convenient LAZ Parking Pay-On-Foot stations located on the ground level of the garage elevator lobby. Cash and credit card payments are accepted.

**ARRIVING @ COSI**

Are you planning on arriving before 5:30pm?

If you are planning on arriving early, YOU MUST contact COSI 2 weeks prior to your visit at CampPrograms@cosi.org so that we will be prepared for your arrival. Not doing so can cause delay and unnecessary frustrations.

Are you planning on arriving by BUS?

If you are going to be arriving by bus, YOU MUST contact COSI at CampPrograms@cosi.org to make arrangements and discuss payment a week out from your program date. Not doing so can cause delay and unnecessary frustrations.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

6:00pm - 7:30pm Check–In Gear Storage

At Check-In, your group leader will receive wristbands for everyone in your group and your sleeping area assignment (what we call a “campsite”).

You will then be guided to your campsite to store your gear. This will be in the hallways of COSI. Please note that COSI recommends that each camper’s items are placed in a trash bag with their name and group’s name or number LARGLEY written on their bag. COSI is not responsible for any lost or stolen property.

If you would like, lockers will be available on a first come, first served basis for an additional cost. Lockers are 29 inches deep, 19 inches wide and 23 inches tall. Each use of a locker costs $1.

You and your group will be assigned a time for the REQUIRED Welcome Show. Everyone at the Welcome Show will get a schedule, map and patches during this entertaining, yet educational, orientation.
6:00pm and 8:00pm  Dinner Options
Our Atomic Cafe will be open for you to purchase food. A menu can be found on the COSI web page. If you packed dinner, please eat in the group lunchroom!

7:00pm - 10:15pm  Open Exploration
- The Science of You! Hands-On Gallery: Campers will be able to examine X-rays, get into “engrossing” facts about our bodies, plan well-balanced meals, get heart rates racing, and much more!
- Planetarium shows
- Rat Basketball
- Electrostatic Generator Show
- All COSI classic exhibits including the following*
  American Museum of Natural History Dinosaur Gallery
  American Museum of Natural History Exhibition- ¡Cuba!
*Excluding little kidspace.

8:30pm - 10:30pm  Snack
Snack (Items may include: Nature Valley graham crackers, string cheese, and 100% fruit juice)

11:00pm - 11:30pm  DANCEMANIA!
A larger than life dance party for all ages.

11:30pm - 11:45pm  Return to your Campsite
Set-Up at this time and prepare for lights out at 11:45pm

7:00am  Lights on & Wake Up
Campers will pack up their gear and bring it out to their vehicles for storage.

7:30am - 8:00am  Breakfast
Items may include: cereal, muffin, apple sauce, juice, milk

The program concludes after Breakfast, but you are welcome to stay and explore COSI until close at 5:00 p.m.
CAMPSITE DETAIL

Many campsites/sleeping areas are located in the carpeted hallways throughout the building and in certain exhibition areas on concrete floors. You are encouraged to bring a sleeping pad or yoga mat to make your sleeping more comfortable. Your campsite could be on either surface, so plan accordingly. Due to safety regulations, there are strategic lights that must remain on in case of an emergency.

If you have light and/or sound sensitivities while sleeping, you may want to come prepared with an eye mask and/or ear plugs. Electricity is located throughout the hallways and exhibition areas but can’t be guaranteed to be in your campsite. Plan accordingly with portable chargers and long charging cables.

If you need electricity for medical devices (C-PAP) please indicate that on your reservation and we will make sure that you are accommodated. Failure to notify us of any special needs may result in you being in a campsite without the proper accommodations.

You can update your reservation with this information by calling 614-228-2674.

Air mattresses are permitted but if they exceed 3 feet in width you MUST have more than one person on the air mattress. Each campsite is marked off to give each person about 2 feet of space for their sleeping bag. Food and drinks are NOT permitted in your campsites. Please plan to eat any snacks in the group lunchroom only!

WHAT COSI EXPECTS

FROM YOU AND YOUR GROUP

With the other adults traveling with you and the campers in your group, encourage the mindset that “every camper is your camper and every adult is your adult.” Tell your group that all of the adults should be considered their leaders. They should listen and respond to any adult at COSI. Encourage your adults to think of all campers as members of their group. The adults can and should encourage the campers’ discovery and should assist in directing them in positive behavior.

COSI is an exciting learning environment. You may allow your campers to explore in pairs or small groups without an adult during the evening exploration times, however we feel that it is important for campers to check in with leaders periodically throughout the program. You may prefer to have a chaperone exploring with each group of 5-6 students, especially if you and your group have not been to COSI before. Either way, you will be asked to ensure that adult chaperones accompany campers in the morning. Please encourage your group to always walk and talk with indoor voices, and to handle all exhibits with care.

Also remember that COSI Camp-In exhibits are for adults, too! Please make this clear to
WHAT TO BRING

Many of the items you will want to pack are the same as those the campers should bring: sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, etc. There are some things, however, that only leaders will need. Talk to leaders that have been to COSI before—they’ll have lots of ideas!

Example: Children’s Advil, Tylenol or additional medication needed for campers (COSI’s First Aid is not permitted to provide medications of any kind)

During your overnight campers tend to become thirsty. Please bring a reusable water bottle that can be filled at one of our many water fountains!

PACKING LIST

When packing to come to a Camp-In Overnight at COSI, remember: you don’t need a lot of gear! Please note COSI is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Things to bring to COSI:

• Change of clothing
• Sleep wear must include a top and bottom
• Outdoor-quality sleeping bag or blankets (building can get hot and cold)
• Pillow
• Toothbrush & toothpaste
• Comb or brush
• Closed toe & closed heel shoes
• Reusable water bottle
• Spending money (optional)
• Quarters for lockers (optional)($1.00 per use)

Things to LEAVE AT HOME:

Flashlights
Electrical appliances

Everything should be packed in one bag (brightly colored trash bags work great). Please mark every bag with your child’s name and troop number. The temperature inside COSI may vary quite a bit from area to area. We recommend dressing for an Overnight in shorts and a t-shirt, with sweatpants and a sweatshirt over top. This way your child can be comfortable wherever he or she goes throughout COSI.
HAVE ANY DADS AS LEADERS?
(Girls Nights Only)

COSI Camp-In for Girls is a program for girls and their adult leaders or chaperones. While boys are not permitted at the girls-only program, dads and male chaperones are welcome! As part of our agreement with the many Girl Scout councils that participate in Camp-In, we will ask male leaders and chaperones to sleep in a separate designated area. This complies with Girl Scouts’ Safety-Wise standards.

COSI CAMP-IN SIBLING POLICY

COSI’s Camp-In is specially designed for children in 1st through 12th grade to explore science in a safe, fun environment. Siblings and friends outside the Camp-In age range (younger than first grade) cannot be accommodated at COSI Camp-In and are not permitted.

Guests arriving with children outside the Camp-In age range may be asked to leave COSI without refund. Please call 614-228-2674 with any questions.

HUNGRY? THIRSTY?

A late-night snack and breakfast are included in the Camp-In experience. Snack will consist of string cheese, Capri Sun and graham crackers. Breakfast includes cereal and milk, juice, and a muffin.

*Please note that COSI cannot accommodate food allergies and snack and breakfast offering can change at any time. If you would like to buy dinner, our Atomic Cafe will be open for you to purchase food. A menu can be found on the COSI web page.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN COMMUNICATION

Many of your campers attending may not have their parent/guardian attending with them. The group leader is the main point of contact between the child and their families (if a family member is not attending). It is important to make sure the group leader has the contact information of the parent/guardian of each child. If a parent/guardian is picking their child up from COSI during the evening or morning for any reason, it is best to have a meet up spot by the front entrance where the parent/guardian can easily spot the group leader and child. For the safety of all attendees, COSI will not permit adults not attending the Camp-In into the building past the front entrance to look for a child.
SAFETY & FIRST AID

COSI prides ourselves in our safety. There are complete fire and smoke detection systems with additional police and fire protection within a block. In addition, COSI’s Safety Services team will be on-hand throughout the program. Should an emergency arise, COSI is located within minutes of emergency medical facilities.

Grant Medical Center
111 S Grant Ave
Columbus Ohio 43215

Nationwide Children’s Hospital
700 Children’s Drive
Columbus Ohio 43205

EMERGENCY NUMBER

Emergency Number: 614-228-COSI, ext. 2160

This emergency number is staffed at all times during an Overnight Program, day and night. Callers should have the name of the person to be reached, the troop number or group name, the name of the group leader and a number to call back. COSI will locate the person needed and have them return the call as soon as possible. Please be patient, COSI is large and the Overnight Program is a very active program—it may take time to locate the necessary person.

CAMP-IN PATCH

All Camp-In participants will receive a Unique Camp-In Fun Patch. This patch will be good for $5 off a return youth admission. This discount is valid until Labor Day, Monday Sept 7th, 2020.