



## SPY CAMP 2023 - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### WHERE WILL CAMP TAKE PLACE?

Spy Camp Headquarters will be at the International Spy Museum located at 700 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20024. Throughout the week, "recruits" will go on various outdoor missions around the Museum's neighborhood. The week will also include special visits to the National Mall and the Smithsonian Museums.

### HOW OLD DO MY CHILDREN HAVE TO BE TO ATTEND SPY CAMP?

Children must be between the ages of 9 and 12 years old by the first day of camp.

### WHAT ARE THE DATES AND TIMES OF SPY CAMP?

The Museum runs two separate weeks (Monday through Friday) of camp. The programming for each week does not change, so please only register your child for one week of camp.

Week 1 will take place July 24 – 28, 2023, and week 2 will take place July 31 – August 4, 2023. Daily check-in is from 8:40 am to 9:00 am every day. Activities will begin promptly at 9:00 am and will end promptly at 3:00 pm every day. No aftercare will be provided.

### WHAT IS THE PRICE\*\* PER CHILD FOR SPY CAMP?

The cost per child is \$595. International Spy Museum members receive a discounted price of \$515.

**\*\*Please note that the Spy Camp fee is non-refundable.**

### WHERE SHOULD I DROP OFF AND PICK-UP MY CAMPER?

All campers should enter through the Lobby of the Museum. On the first day of camp all campers must be escorted by an adult to Headquarters inside the Museum. After the first morning, there is a designated carpool drop-off and pick-up area in front of the Museum. For details about directions and parking please visit [spymuseum.org/directions-parking](https://spymuseum.org/directions-parking).

### DO YOUR OFFER BEFORE/AFTERCARE?

No. The Museum will begin camp check-in at 8:40 am each morning with camp starting officially starting at 9:00 am. Camp ends promptly at 3:00 pm and all campers should be picked up no later than 3:15 pm.

### WHAT SHOULD WE BRING?

Campers should dress in comfortable clothing for activities both inside the Museum and for outdoor missions. The Museum can get chilly so campers may want to bring a long-sleeved shirt

or sweatshirt for indoor activities. Please label all clothing/items that your child brings to Spy Camp.

We encourage campers to bring their own disguise materials in a bag that they can keep at camp for the week. Suggested items can include wigs, hats, sunglasses, clothing, accessories, or props that will help them change their appearance when conducting missions. We will provide some disposable items as well.

Campers should bring a packed lunch every day. We do not have a microwave or refrigerator available for camp so please pack appropriate meal items.

Also, please do not forget your sense of adventure!

### **WHAT CAN'T WE BRING?**

Campers should leave all portable electronics at home. Cell phones are permitted but must be silenced from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please leave all valuables at home. The International Spy Museum is not responsible for any lost or stolen items or money.

### **WILL MEALS BE SERVED?**

Campers are responsible for bringing their own lunch each day. A healthy snack will be provided at approximately 10:30 am each day. There will be a nut- and gluten-free option for campers with those allergies (please indicate all allergies on medical forms). If you would rather pack your child a specific snack, please do.

### **WILL AN ADULT ACCOMPANY MY CHILD ON THEIR SPY MISSIONS?**

Yes. The International Spy Museum has a team of dedicated adult “training officers” (aka camp counselors) who typically have education or museum degrees. The International Spy Museum requires that all staff and contract educators pass a background check before being employed. There is a 1:8 ratio of staff to campers and an adult staff member accompanies the campers at all times. Trained teen volunteers will also assist with Spy Camp and provide additional supervision. Specialists, including real former spies, forensic scientists, and officers from the intelligence field, are invited guests.

### **CAN MY CHILD BRING PERSONAL MEDICATIONS?**

The Museum staff cannot dispense any medications (including sunscreen) without a consent form. If your child has a medical condition that may require self-medication (insulin, etc.) please inform camp staff so that we can safely monitor your child throughout the week.

### **CAN MY CHILD AND THEIR FRIENDS OR SIBLINGS BE ON THE SAME TEAM?**

Yes, they can be placed on the same team or separate teams when requested. We recommend if there's a significant age difference for siblings that they be placed on separate teams. Teams usually consist of 7-8 children and are a mix of boys and girls who are grouped by age. To request siblings or friends be on the same team, please email [spycamp@spymuseum.org](mailto:spycamp@spymuseum.org).

**IF WE DID NOT ANSWER ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL US AT [SPYCAMP@SPYMUSEUM.ORG](mailto:SPYCAMP@SPYMUSEUM.ORG) OR CALL US AT (202) 654-0932.**