



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, including 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 13-17, 2026**, and week 2 will take place **July 20-24, 2026**. 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 \$625. International Spy Museum members receive a discounted price of \$545.

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

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

All campers will enter through the Lobby of the Museum. On the first day of camp, all campers must be escorted by an adult to the check-in table located in front of the Museum entrance. After the first morning, there will be 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.

DO YOU OFFER BEFORE/AFTERCARE?

No. The Museum will begin camp check-in at 8:40 am each morning with camp officially starting at 9:00 am. Camp ends promptly at 3:00 pm and all campers must 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.

Campers should arrive wearing sunscreen each day and bring a bottle of sunscreen to camp. Spy Camp staff will not provide or apply sunscreen but will remind campers to reapply throughout the day.

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. Campers are encouraged to bring a water bottle of an appropriate size to be carried during activities outside the Museum building.

Campers should bring any medications they are required to take during the day, including, but not limited to, EpiPens and inhalers. Please note all medications on the Spy Camp health and permission forms.

WHAT CAN'T WE BRING?

Campers should leave all portable electronics at home. Cell phones are permitted but must be silenced and put away 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.

IS SPY CAMP THE SAME AS LAST SUMMER? MY CHILD WOULD LIKE TO RETURN THIS YEAR.

The main Spy Camp storyline and activities do not change every year. While we welcome recruits to return to training, they must agree not to divulge any of HQ's secrets to new recruits. If returning recruits intentionally leak classified information, they will be asked to leave camp.

WILL MEALS BE SERVED?

Campers are responsible for bringing their own lunch each day. A healthy snack will be provided each morning. There will be a nut- and gluten-free option for individuals with those allergies (please indicate all allergies on health 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 advanced 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 adult staff to campers and an adult staff member always accompanies the campers. Trained teen volunteers will also assist with Spy Camp and provide additional supervision.

HOW MUCH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IS INVOLVED IN SPY CAMP?

Spy Camp takes place both in the Museum building and surrounding neighborhoods, including the National Mall and District Wharf areas. Campers will potentially walk up to 1-2 miles per day in total. The International Spy Museum encourages each parent to consult the child's physician concerning fitness to participate in the program.

CAN MY CHILD BRING PERSONAL MEDICATIONS?

The Museum staff cannot dispense any medications (except EpiPens) without consent from a guardian. 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 usually are a mix of boys and girls who are grouped by age. To request siblings or friends be on the same team, please make a note when registering and email spycamp@spymuseum.org.

If we did not answer all of your questions, please feel free to email us at spycamp@spymuseum.org or call us at (202) 654-0932.