

NIHERST Vacation Camps

July/August 2021 – Ultim8 STEM! Camps

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the *Ultim8 STEM!* camps about? What are the campers going to learn?

Ultim8 STEM! camps use hands-on activities to inspire and educate about phenomena in the natural and physical world. All activities are designed to stimulate campers' curiosity in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and to build critical 21st century skills.

There are five (5) available themes to choose from across three different age groupings (5-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-13 years).

5-day Camps:

Date	Camp Name	Age Groups
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th July	Wild Safari	5-6 years 7-9 years 10-13 years
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd July	Wayfinders	5-6 years 7-9 years 10-13 years
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th July	Boss Builders	5-6 years 7-9 years 10-13 years
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th August	Techaholics	5-6 years 7-9 years 10-13 years
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th August	CHEMystery	5-6 years 7-9 years 10-13 years

Specific learning objectives for each themed camp can be found here:

[5-6 years \(click\)](#); [7-9 years \(click\)](#); [10-13 years \(click\)](#)

2. What are the camp times?

There are two (2) timeslot options available.

- ***Early Birds (morning ONLY): 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.***
- ***Later Gators (afternoon ONLY): 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.***

3. How can I register?

The registration process is done entirely online.

You can register using the Registration Link [HERE \(click\)](#) or on our website and social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#)). Once the registration form is submitted, you will receive instructions for payment. ***Please note that your child's spot is not guaranteed until proof of payment is received.***

Once proof of payment is received, your registration is complete and you will receive a Welcome Note including instructions on how to setup and use Microsoft Teams to join camp sessions, the materials required, and further relevant information. You will also receive, at a date closer to the camp, the Activity Booklet your child will use during camp.

4. Is there a registration fee?

The camp fee varies for the camp and period selected. The following fee structure is applicable to the *Ultim8 STEM!* camps. **Materials and supplies are not included.** Details on required materials and supplies can be found here: [5-6 years \(click\)](#); [7-9 years \(click\)](#); [10-13 years \(click\)](#).

Ultim8 STEM! consists of five (5) themed camps.

All themes will be offered in the format of 5-day camps for each age grouping. Multiple themes can be booked as content varies for each camp.

Pricing for **5-day camp**: \$250

5. How can I pay the registration fee?

Upon submission of your completed online registration form(s), you will receive an email with instructions on how to make payment. We will be accepting direct deposits ONLY (over the counter bank transactions, fast deposits, online banking transfers).

Please note it is required that you retain a proof of payment to submit to us via email as this is what will be used to confirm your spot in camp if space is available.

6. Can I register outside of the age range?

This will be at the discretion of the facilitator. You may be able to register your child for a higher age group if your child is academically on par with that age group.

7. Will the same content be taught at each camp or can I register for multiple sessions?

Each 5-day *Ultim8 STEM!* camp is differently themed and will cover different content for each theme. There are two timeslots each day for each camp; content in the morning will be repeated in the afternoon. You can select either the morning or afternoon session during registration.

8. Can I sign up multiple children?

Yes you can sign up more than one child, but you will need to fill out a separate form for each child. Each child will require access to the Online Course Requirements.

9. Can siblings attend sessions together?

Yes. We will allow a maximum of one additional sibling (in the same age group) using the same PC during the session at no extra cost. If more than one PC is to be used during the same session, this will count as an additional spot and each child will pay the full price. Siblings will be required to adhere to the [Camper Code of Conduct](#).

10. Can I register on the same day as the camp?

Registration on the same day of the camp will not be facilitated. Registration for each camp will be closed at noon two (2) business days before each camp's date, or earlier as necessary if the camp becomes full. *Please note that the registration process is only complete after proof of payment has been received.*

11. Is my spot confirmed once I submit my registration form?

No. Submission of the registration form creates a "Pending Registration" status for your child/children. Your spot is only confirmed upon verification of proof of payment. Because spaces are limited, we will contact you once you submit your registration form with instructions on how to pay. Once your payment is confirmed, your registration status will be updated to "Confirmed".

12. How do I prepare for Virtual Camps?

Upon confirmation of payment for the camp, we will send you an email to outline how to set up software needed for *Ultim8 STEM!* camps and a link to install **Microsoft Teams**.

13. What is required for camp?

Your child should have access to an internet-connected device with camera and microphone, as well as the Microsoft Teams program as this is the platform we are using. (*See Online Course Requirements below*)

The list of *materials and supplies* that your child can use to partake in the hands-on activities can be viewed here: [5-6 years \(click\)](#); [7-9 years \(click\)](#); [10-13 years \(click\)](#). Most of the items required are traditionally found and readily available around the house.

In the event that you are not able to provide all the materials, the camper can still join and follow along during each camp.

For each session, a mini activity booklet detailing the activities with instructions and support content will be made available for campers. This resource can be used to do or repeat activities independently at a later date. Each booklet will be sent via email along with the respective meeting links.

14. What are the basic Online Course requirements?

Online Course Requirements:

- Mac or Windows PC only
- Webcam (functional)
- Stable internet connection with access to **Microsoft Teams**
- Any additional software required for the club sessions will be sent in an email upon confirmation of payment where applicable
- Internet Browser (Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer etc.)
- Headset or headphones with built in microphone are strongly recommended

15. Does my child need a separate email address?

Children are not required to have a separate email address. The email address inserted on the registration form in the "Camper Email Address" section will be the address used to add him/ her to the online sessions, as well as to forward additional resources. However if you wish to setup an email address for your child, you can use the following link as a guide (Gmail): <https://support.google.com/families/answer/7103338?hl=en>

16. How do we join the session(s)?

Once registration is complete and payment is confirmed, a direct meeting link will be sent to the email address listed for your child to join the session on **Microsoft Teams**. *A link and tutorial will be sent for you to complete the necessary Microsoft Teams account setup and join the meetings.*

17. Are parents allowed to stay during the camp session?

It is mandatory for an adult (or older sibling) is present with each camper in the 5-6 age group and nearby for the 7-9 year age group. This is to ensure proper supervision and to assist with activities.

Parents may be allowed to view the 10-13 age group sessions, but this is at the discretion of the facilitator.

18. How many campers do you take in for each camp?

For *Ultim8 STEM!* camps, the 5-6, 7-9 and 10-13 age groups will accommodate up to 15 campers each.

19. What is the ratio of counsellor to campers?

This varies with the age group, however at least two (2) facilitators will be present for each timeslot.

20. Are background checks conducted on counsellors?

Counsellors are interviewed and based on their performance are hired accordingly.

The July/August Camps 2021 are facilitated by NIHERST staff **alone**.

21. Can I get the counsellors' contact information?

Contact information for the specific Camp Coordinator is available for emergency situations **ONLY**.

22. Are the sessions recorded?

Sessions may be recorded to ensure quality delivery of content and to evaluate for future programmes.

23. Can I get access to the recorded sessions?

We will provide students access to the materials used for each session (slides, project files etc.). View-Only Access to the recorded sessions may or may not be available via link after the entire camp course has ended.

24. Do I need to have my video on?

Yes.

25. Will I need to share my screen?

Yes.

26. Is there a dress code?

Yes. (See [Parent/Guardian Guidelines and Camper Code of Conduct](#))

27. Can I use a virtual background?

Ideally, students should be seated in a distraction-free area of their home. Virtual backgrounds can be distracting to the facilitators and other campers, so we do not encourage campers to use these.

28. Can I get a refund?

Please refer to the *Refund Policy for Cancellations* outlined on the [Registration Form](#).