

NIHERST Vacation Camps

IN-PERSON Vacation Camps – July-August 2024

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the camps about? What are the topics/themes for each camp?

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.

The following camp themes will be available during this camp cycle:

Theme	Description	General Topics
Innovators Hub	<i>Join us for the ultimate engineering adventure, perfect for curious 5-17year olds! Through hands-on projects, young innovators will explore basic engineering concepts, build simple machines, and dive into the captivating world of electronics. They'll also learn about sustainability, design prototypes with 3D printing, and unleash their creativity while enhancing problem-solving skills and teamwork. Get ready to tinker, build, and create for a greener tomorrow!</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Engineering✓ Simple machines✓ Forces✓ Circuits✓ Gadgets✓ Bio-engineering✓ Ecological importance✓ Design thinking
Tech Titans	<i>Join us at Tech Titans for an epic adventure! Dive into alternate realities with AR apps, create your own experiences, and embark on thrilling VR scavenger hunts. Explore animation fundamentals, build and program robots, and tackle exciting challenges. Ignite your passion for STEM through hands-on activities, creative projects, and cutting-edge technology in this immersive camp!</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Coding✓ Programming✓ Robotics✓ AR and VR✓ Animation software

Table 1: Camp Themes

2. What are the camp times?

Camps run from **9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Your child can be dropped off as early as 8:30 a.m. and must be collected no later than 3:00 p.m.

***Camper supervision cannot be guaranteed outside this time frame.**

3. **What are the camp venues and dates?**

Three in-person camp cycles are offered this season. Each cycle is one week long and based on a specific theme (Refer to Table 1 for themes). In-person camps are hosted at various public libraries.

Refer to the table below for camp cycle dates and locations:

Cycle Dates	Location	Camp Theme
5 th – 9 th August	NALIS - Port of Spain Abercromby St, Port of Spain	<i>Innovators Hub</i>
12 th – 16 th August	NALIS – Couva 65 Grant St, Couva	<i>Tech Titans</i>
19 th – 23 rd August	NALIS – Sangre Grande 63 Brierley St, Sangre Grande	<i>Tech Titans</i>

Table 2: Camp Venues and Dates

4. **What are the target age groups?**

All in-person camps are offered for the following age groups:

- ✓ 5-6 years
- ✓ 7-9 years
- ✓ 10-13 years
- ✓ 14-17 years

Each age group will be involved in separate content and activities tailored for their level.

5. **How can I register?**

The registration process is done entirely online.

You can register online using the Registration Link 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 you make your payment.***

Once we confirm your payment on our end, you will be notified of your confirmed registration status.

6. **Is there a registration fee?**

Yes. The registration fee per camp is TTD\$500.00.

Materials and supplies are included.

Price for each 1-week camp: \$500.00

7. **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. At present, we will be accepting direct deposits (over-the-counter bank transactions, fast deposits, online banking transfers).

Please note you are required to retain a screenshot or photo of your proof of payment to submit to us via email (campadmin@niherst.gov.tt) as this is what will be used to confirm your spot in the camp once space is available.

8. Can I register outside of the age range?

Registrations outside of the age ranges will not be permitted.

9. Can I register for more than one location?

Yes. You can register for camps at different locations (for different themes).

10. Can I register for multiple themes?

Each differently theme camp will cover different content. You can register for both themes. It is not allowed to register at different locations for the same theme.

11. 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.

12. 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 after proof of payment is sent.

13. Are lunch and snacks provided?

Lunch and snacks are not provided.

14. What should my child/children walk with to camp?

Campers can walk with lunch as well as sufficient snacks and water as necessary for lunch and two break periods. Campers should bring a jacket as the camp venues are air-conditioned. All items must be labeled with the camper's name.

15. Will there be any field trips?

No field trips have been scheduled for this camp cycle. Campers and facilitators will remain at each location for the entire day.

16. Are parents allowed to remain on the camp site?

No. Parents are kindly asked to leave campers in the care of the camp facilitators once dropped off at the camp venue.

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

The number of campers depends on the venue and the specific camp. It ranges from 10-20 campers per age group.

18. What is the ratio of facilitators to campers?

1 counsellor : 10 campers.

19. Are background checks conducted on facilitators?

Facilitators for these camps are experienced, trained NIHERST staff. Any additional facilitators are interviewed and based on their performance are hired accordingly.

20. Can I get the facilitators' contact information?

No. Contact information for NIHERST is publicly available. You can contact the Camp Coordinator at 758-3723.

21. Can I get a refund?

Please refer to the Refund Policy for Cancellations outlined on the Registration Form.