

NIHERST Vacation Camps

IN-PERSON Vacation Camps –

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the camps about? What is the topic/theme for each camp?

Ultim8 STEM! 4-Day 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:

BioHack: Nature's Blueprint for Innovation	<i>From Climbing gear inspired by geckos to energy-efficient buildings that mimic termite mounds, nature has long served as a blueprint innovation. Uncover the secrets of biomimicry and explore how scientists draw inspiration from the natural world to generate cutting-edge technology.</i>
NanoQuest: The Tiny Tech Adventure	<i>Dive into the world of nanotechnology, where tiny particles create huge innovations! Discover how this cutting-edge science is transforming fields such as medicine, engineering, and space exploration. Experience this game-changing science through exciting hands-on experiments and challenges!</i>
Terraformers: Science of New Worlds	<i>What would it take to turn Mars into a second Earth? Join Terraformers and dive into the process of making planets habitable! Learn the fundamentals of planetary science, from atmosphere and climate to water and ecosystems. Then, put your terraforming skills to the test by designing and simulating your own colony on another planet!</i>
Spark and Create: The Electric Art Lab	<i>Unleash your creativity with electricity! In Spark & Create, explore the basics of circuits, LEDs, and conductive materials to make stunning art. Through hands-on projects and problem-solving, you'll bring your artistic ideas to life in a whole new way!</i>

2. What are the camp times?

Camps run from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – 14th-25th April 2025**

Your child can be dropped off as early as 8:30 a.m. and must be collected no later than 2:30 p.m.

3. What is the camp venue?

Camps will be conducted at the Arima Community Centre from 14th to 17th April 2025 and the Warrenville Regional Complex from the 22nd to 25th April 2025.

Location:

Arima Community Center: <https://goo.gl/maps/3W2k69WD8SUR75bE8>

Warrenville Regional Complex: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Seo3Zg6uTNdpEQJu6>

4. How can I register?

The registration process is done entirely online.

You can register 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 and receive a confirmation email.***

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

5. Is there a registration fee?

The camp fee is \$150.00 per camp theme. ***Materials and supplies are included.***

6. 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 (camps@niherst.gov.tt) as this is what will be used to confirm your spot in the club once space is available.

7. Can I register outside of the age range?

Registrations outside of the age ranges will not be permitted.

8. Can I register for more than one location?

Yes, you can register for more than one location.

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

Registration at the same day of the camp will not be facilitated. Registration for the camp will be closed at noon two (2) business days before each camp date, or earlier as necessary if the camp reaches maximum capacity.

10. 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 when you submit your proof of payment via email to camps@niherst.gov.tt and you have received your welcome note.

Once you submit your proof of payment, your registration status will be updated to "Confirmed".

11. Are breakfast, lunch and snacks provided?

Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are not provided.

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

Campers can walk with breakfast and/or lunch as well as sufficient snacks and water as necessary.

13. Is there a dress code?

Yes. See Member Code of Conduct on the [NIHERST website \(click\)](#).

Members can bring a jacket as the location is air-conditioned.

14. Will there be any field trips?

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

15. Are parents allowed to attend field trips?

There are no field trips.

16. Are parents allowed to stay at the camp site?

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

17. How many members do you take in for each age group?

Each age grouping (5-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-13 years and 14-17 years) will accommodate up to 15 members.

18. What is the ratio of facilitators to members?

1 facilitator: 10 members

19. Are background checks conducted on facilitators?

Facilitators are experienced and 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. In the event of an emergency at the camp venue, you will be contacted immediately.

21. Can I get a refund?

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