



## **Welcome to Camp Season with AFSC!**

### **Here's what you need to know:**

It is important that you review the following information even if you are a returning camp family.

Please familiarize yourself with our pick-up/drop-off and lunchtime (if applicable) routines, as well as our Code of Conduct, which is necessary for the overall safety and success of our camp season.

Your camper should wear appropriately-fitted clothing that can get dirty. Shirts should meet or cover the waistband and shorts should extend onto the thighs. When skirts or dresses are worn, shorts or pants must be worn underneath. Flip-flops and other open-toed shoes are not appropriate or safe for camp. Tennis shoes, trainers, Crocs, and enclosed or protective sandals are appropriate.

We advise against sending toys, collector's items, or cash with your camper. We recommend purchasing a gift card for your camper if they are permitted to shop in our gift shop. Gift cards will be kept on file by staff. Campers may only use their personal items or shop in the gift shop during recess. We will not be responsible for lost or stolen items or cash.

Please send a reusable water bottle with your camper, labeled with their name. Refills are available as needed at our water stations. Be sure to send a safe snack if your camper has specific dietary needs or food allergies. Campers may also bring their own snack in case they do not prefer the snacks provided by AFSC. A weekly snack schedule will be displayed at the Check-In station.

**We're so excited that another season of camp is upon us, and we hope you are, too!**

**See you at camp!**

**~AFSC Camp Staff**

**[330]-665-3466**

## Day in the Life of an AFSC Camper:

**8:00 am – 9:00 am:** **If your Camper is enrolled** in Before & After Care, they will arrive, sign in, and be supervised in indoor activities or outdoor play.

**9:00 am :** **Morning and All-Day Campers arrive and sign in.** Campers must be signed in by their drop-off adult & cannot sign themselves in. Campers dropped off earlier than 8:50 am will be subject to a Before & After Care charge. If you require Before & After Care, please contact us at 330-665-3466.

**9:00 am – 12:30 pm:** **Morning Session** consists of 3 learning rotations and 1 snack rotation. This session ends with outdoor play and zipline rides if applicable. Please let your child know ahead of time if they are NOT able to ride the zipline. Our zipline has a 48” height requirement and a signed waiver form must be on file. A waiver form is attached to this letter.

**12:30 pm:** **Morning Session ends.** \*Please ENTER THE BUILDING to pick up your camper and sign them out. **Campers may not leave the facility without their pick-up adult.** Siblings may not sign a camper out.  
\*If you arrive after 12:40, please pick up your camper at the UPSTAIRS door facing Cleveland Massillon Rd.

**12:30 pm – 1:30 pm:** **Lunch & Recess for All-Day Campers-**  
All lunch will be consumed indoors, in our upstairs classrooms. **Please provide your camper with a ready-to-eat lunch. Campers will NOT have access to a refrigerator or microwave.**  
After lunch is finished & Campers have each cleaned their own area, they will be escorted outside for supervised Recess.

**1:30 pm:** **Afternoon campers arrive and sign-in.** Campers must be signed in by their drop-off adult and cannot sign themselves in.

**1:30 pm – 5:00 pm:** **Afternoon session** consists of 3 learning rotations and 1 snack rotation. Campers will end this session with outdoor play and zipline rides if applicable. Please be sure to let your child know ahead of time if they will NOT be able to ride the zipline. Our zipline has a 48” height requirement and a signed waiver form must be on file. A waiver form is attached to this letter.

**5:00 pm:** **Afternoon Session ends.** Please ENTER THE BUILDING to pick up your camper and sign them out. **Campers may not leave the facility without their pick-up adult.** Siblings may not sign a camper out.  
Campers picked up later than 5:15 pm will be subject to a Before & After Care charge. If you require Before & After Care, please contact us at 330-665-3466.

**5:00 pm – 6:00 pm:** **If your child is enrolled** in Before & After Care, they will be supervised in indoor or outdoor play while they wait to be signed out. Please ENTER THE BUILDING to pick up your Camper and sign them out. campers may not leave the facility without their pick-up adult. Siblings may not sign a camper out.

# AFSC Summer Day Camp Program

## Code of Conduct & Behavior Guidelines

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The Akron Fossils and Science Center Day Camp staff is looking forward to providing your child with a fun, memorable, and safe summer camp experience.

It is important for your camper to understand that Akron Fossils and Science Center offers entertaining, engaging, hands-on, educational day camps. We do not offer a free-range experience.

All of our campers have a responsibility to conduct themselves in a such way that assures a positive experience for all campers. All campers are required to follow these guidelines.

Be sure to take the time to review the following Code of Conduct **with your camper**.

### Campers must:

- Be responsible for their words and actions.
- Be respectful of others.
- Follow directions from staff members.
- Leave all electronic devices at home such as iPods, handheld computer games, MP3 players, cameras, and cell phones. (If a parent/guardian requires their camper to bring a phone to camp, the phone will remain at the AFSC front desk while the camper is in camp). Campers will be asked to remove smart watches if their use is a distraction to other campers.

### Campers may not:

- Endanger the health and safety of themselves, other campers, and/or staff or volunteers.
- Steal, damage, or fail to care for camp or other campers' personal property.
- Continuously disrupt the program.
- Refuse to follow the behavior guidelines.
- Participate in inappropriate physical contact including, but not limited to: hitting, kicking, pushing/shoving, biting, wrestling, etc. **Campers will keep their bodies to themselves.**
- Use profanity or inappropriate language or display clothing or other personal items with offensive content. **Absolutely no swear words or off-color humor.**
- Bully or act aggressively or violently. **Campers will not tease, make fun of, or otherwise harass other campers.**
- Possess or use illegal substances, tobacco, or alcohol.
- Possess weapons or replicas/toys of weapons. **Pocketknives are neither necessary nor permissible at AFSC day camp. Campers will leave pocketknives at home.**

# **Summer Day Camp Program**

## **Code of Conduct & Behavior Guidelines, continued**

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### **Steps taken for failure to follow these behavior guidelines:**

- Counselor will redirect the camper to a more appropriate behavior.
  - The camper will be reminded of the behavior guidelines.
- If the behavior persists, staff will discuss the problem with a parent/guardian.
  - The staff will document the situation. The written documentation will include what the behavior problem is, what provoked the problem, and the corrective action taken.
- If the problem persists to the point where a second phone call becomes necessary, the Camp Director may find it necessary to have the camper picked up early from camp.
  - If a camper's behavior at any time threatens the immediate safety of him/her, other campers, or staff, or if the camper is causing a continuous disruption of programming and preventing other campers from participating fully, the parent/guardian will be notified and expected to pick up the child. If the camper is removed from camp early, a face-to-face meeting between a member of AFSC management and a parent/guardian will be necessary before the camper will be permitted to rejoin the camp.
  - If the camper's behavior does not improve after multiple occurrences, the Camper may be permanently dismissed from camp.
  - **Refunds will NOT be issued for campers who are permanently dismissed from camp.**

**AFSC Management & Staff are committed to upholding this Code of Conduct.**

We ask that parents commit to doing their part by ensuring their camper(s) understand this code. Please sign and return the confirmation form below.

Thank You.

**~AFSC Camp Staff**  
**(330)-665-3466**



# Akron Fossils and Science Center Zipline Liability Release Form

- Riders must be 4 feet tall. (48 inches) NO EXCEPTIONS.
- The rider's parent or legal guardian must sign this form.
- This permission form is the ONLY form that will be accepted by our staff. No permission forms by third parties may be submitted.
- Because a safety harness is used, pants or shorts are recommended. If skirts or dresses are worn, pants or shorts must be worn underneath.
- Every rider will be assisted with expert guidance by our professional staff members.
- Climbing harnesses and helmets must be worn at all times during the ride.
- Because the zipline involves height, motion, and special climbing equipment, there is a measure of caution that must be adhered to by all participants.

Our zipline is certified and annually inspected and rigorously maintained and tested for safe operation.

Rider's First and Last Names: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that by participating in this physical activity, or by my use of these facility/premises, I do so at my own risk. I assume all risk of injury, illness, damage or loss to me or my property that might result, including without limitation, any loss or theft of personal property. I consent to medical treatment in the event of injury, accident and/or illness resulting from this physical activity, or by my use of these facility/premises. I agree on behalf of myself (and my personal representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, agents and assigns) to release and discharge Truassic Park and Akron Fossils and Science Center from any and all claims or causes of action (known or unknown) arising out of their alleged negligence. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this Waiver and Release and fully understand that it is a release of liability.

By my signature below, I am waiving any right that I may have to bring legal action to assert a claim against any and all event sponsors for their negligence.

Legal Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/2024

This Liability Release Form will remain on file and will be valid until the end of the current calendar year. The zipline will close for severe weather including lightning and/or thunder, wet or slippery conditions, or extreme temperatures. A new Liability Release Form must be signed each year.