What is Camp Wonderopolis™?
Camp Wonderopolis™ is a free online summer-learning resource fueled by the imagination and expertise of the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL). As an extension of Wonderopolis®, Camp is designed to pique both a child and adult’s natural curiosities about the world through Maker activities, 42 Wonder lessons, and lots more fun along the way. Counselors (parents and educators) can track a Camper’s or multiple Campers’ progress throughout the summer or school year — and even sign up to participate themselves!

What’s included in the online content and curriculum?
Camp Wonderopolis offers 42 exciting units of STEM-based Wonders covering six topics ranging from health to sports and fitness. Each lesson includes informational text discussing a curious question, an interactive vocabulary study, a video and photo gallery, related activities to extend the Wonder, and a quiz with a chance to earn a Wonder Card. Recommended reading lists and step-by-step instructions for at-home Maker activities are also included for each of the six topic areas In Camp.

What ages is Camp Wonderopolis appropriate for?
Camp Wonderopolis is built for learners of ALL ages, but is especially targeted at summer learners in grades 2–8. Campers under the age of 13 will need to have their registration verified with the email address of a parent or guardian.

What are the dates for Camp?
This year’s Camp blasts off June 13 and will be featured on the Wonderopolis.org home page through July 31. Camp will remain open after July 31 at camp.wonderopolis.org.

How much does Camp cost?
Camp is absolutely free for all Campers and Counselors. All you need to register is an email address and Internet access. Note: Campsite Kits that include online training sessions for library or afterschool programming are also available for purchase. Kits are tailored to meet needs of Campers, program staff, and providers. Email sulliman@familieslearning.org to learn more about these Campsite Kits and available trainings.

What is the deadline to register?
The starting gun for this summer’s Camp goes off on June 13, but you can register at any time and explore Camp at your own pace. Camp will be featured on the Wonderopolis.org home page June 13–July 31, and Camp will remain open after that date at camp.wonderopolis.org.
What can I expect from Camp Wonderopolis?
When you register as a Camper (kids of all ages) or Counselor (parents and guardians, community and library program staff, teachers), you’ll enjoy learning through wonder—an approach created and honed by the award-winning Wonderopolis.org! This year’s theme, Flex Your Wonder, is full of health- and fitness-focused Wonders that tap into real-world learning from the Olympics to nutrition and beyond. You can explore 42 individual lessons across six different tracks. Each lesson answers a different Wonder question and features a media gallery, Wonder Word Wheel, fun activities, and a chance to earn a Wonder Card. Each of the six tracks also has a related Maker activity and recommended book list to for even more fun!

This free online summer-learning Camp is full of fun, interactive STEM- and literacy-building topics boosted by Maker experiments! Keeping kids and their families learning together throughout the summer and out-of-school time, Camp Wonderopolis can help build vocabulary, background knowledge in science, reading comprehension, critical thinking, and other literacy skills along the way.

Why should I pre-register, and when will I be able to set up my complete account?
Pre-registration reserves your spot on our Camp ledger and qualifies you for early-bird access to set up your full account. Setting up your complete account will be your first activity when Camp starts on June 13.

I’ve participated in Camp Wonderopolis before. Do I need to register for a new account?
Yes. In the same way you register for clubs and sports each year, a separate registration is needed for each edition of Camp Wonderopolis you want to explore. This is true for both Counselors and Campers.

Why do I need to register with an email address?
Registration is required to keep track of your individual progress and activities through Camp. Be assured your email address will NOT be shared or sold to any third party. We invite you to read our full privacy policy (camp.wonderopolis.org/pages/camp-wonderopolis-privacy-policy) and terms of use (camp.wonderopolis.org/pages/terms-of-use).

How do I get to Camp Wonderopolis? Is there a mobile app?
Camp Wonderopolis is mobile-friendly and compatible with any device with an Internet connection. Simply direct your Internet browser to camp.wonderopolis.org to access all editions of Camp Wonderopolis. There is no separate app for Camp Wonderopolis.

FOR COUNSELORS (Parents, Educators, and Summer Staff)

What are the academic benefits of Camp Wonderopolis?
Camp Wonderopolis is a fun, engaging way to keep kids learning over the summer months. The content has been developed to improve reading comprehension of informational text, build background knowledge in different subject areas, and improve vocabulary and literacy skills.

Why should I or someone I know participate in Camp Wonderopolis?
If not engaged in thinking and learning activities, students show little or no academic growth over summer, according to the National Summer Learning Association. Typically, students will lose one to three months of learning due to lack of mental stimulation over the summer months. Camp Wonderopolis offers an array of lessons and at-home activities that give families great ways to learn together and offset “summer brain drain.”
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I use Camp Wonderopolis as part of my summer-learning program?
Yes! Camp Wonderopolis has been created so individuals, families, and programs can customize the Camp experience to suit their individual needs. There are 42 individual lessons that can be explored at your own pace, on your own schedule. Camp can be used as the foundation of your programming or as an add-on to your existing curriculum.

How long will it take to go through a Camp lesson?
The time will vary by lesson and by Camper, but each lesson is expected to take 10–15 minutes to complete.

I’m a parent. Can I use the same email address to register more than one child under the age of 13?
Yes! The same email address can be used to register any number of Campers. Campers can also be linked to another Counselor’s account, if he or she is also involved in a library- or school-based Camp.

I want to be a Camp Counselor. How do I add Campers to my group?
- First, register as a Counselor.
- You’ll receive an email notification when your dashboard is ready to use. From your dashboard, select “Add and Invite Camper.”
- Fill in Camper’s first and last names, Camp screen name, and/or email address. (NOTE: to sign up Campers, you must enter their Camp screen name or email address.)
- Submit the “Add and Invite Camper” form.

If the Camper is already registered:
- The Camper receives an email invitation to connect with you as a Counselor.
- When the Camper accepts your invitation, his/her information is added to your Campers list on your dashboard.

If the Camper is NOT already registered:
- The Camper is invited via email to register for Camp Wonderopolis and connect with you as a Counselor.
- When the Camper registers and accepts your invitation, his/her information is added to your Campers list on your dashboard.

What data is tracked in the Counselor dashboard?
The Counselor dashboard features the following information:
- Roster of Campers connected to you as a Counselor
- Number of Wonder Cards® earned on each track
- Number of vocabulary terms identified correctly in Wonder Card quizzes
- Access to Camper diaries, allowing you to assign and monitor specific writing tasks or simply follow your Campers’ progress on a deeper level.

What if I have more questions or comments?
Please email questions and feedback about Camp to camp@wonderopolis.org.