

PARENT/CAMPER INFORMATION PACKET



Day Camp

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HOW TO USE THIS PACKET

Summer is right around the corner and we want you and your camper to be as prepared as possible. This information packet provides key details about your camper's experience in **Camp Spider Monkey**, **SPLASH Monkey**, **Splash Camp**, **Day Camp**, and/or **NOVA Day Camp**.

Please take the time to read and review this packet with your camper. Please note that in addition to this information packet, you will need to [register online](#) and fill out supplemental paperwork. **Supplemental paperwork, along with your final payment, should be completed as soon as possible but no later than May 1.**

If any questions arise as you and your camper prepare for camp, please contact the Camp Office at Camp@KeystoneScienceSchool.org or (970) 455-4228. Below you will find a checklist, which will help you and your camper to prepare for their summer at Keystone Science School.

Parent Checklist

- READ AND REVIEW THE INFORMATION PACKET
- COMPLETE [ONLINE REGISTRATION](#) AND SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS BY MAY 1ST
- PAY BALANCE BY MAY 1ST
- SPEAK WITH YOUR CAMPER LEADING UP TO HIS/HER SESSION(S)
- REVIEW THE PACKING CHECKLIST (page 14)
- QUESTIONS / CONCERNS? Please contact us at Camp@KeystoneScienceSchool.org

KSS OVERVIEW

Background

Since 1976, Keystone Science School has taught scientific principles and leadership skills to young people, teachers, and community members through engaging hands-on field experiences. The School was founded on the belief that leaders should approach decision-making with a healthy respect for scientific inquiry, collaboration, and civic engagement. Our programs prepare future leaders to address the increasingly complex issues our society faces.

Located at 9,200 feet on the site of Old Keystone Village in Keystone, Colorado, our historic 23-acre campus serves as the ultimate outdoor laboratory and is the home base for our diverse suite of programs. Our facilities include, a central dining hall, an outdoor amphitheater, a free-standing yurt, and a state-of-the-art observatory.

Mission

Keystone Science School educates youth and adults to broaden perspectives and foster appreciation for engaged citizenship. We accomplish this through meaningful and collaborative learning experiences in the natural mountain environment that incorporate non-biased scientific inquiry, leadership development, civic engagement and academic rigor.

Vision

By 2020, Keystone Science School will reach beyond its 23-acre campus to bring high-quality science and sustainability programming and experiences to diverse communities across the country. With upgraded energy efficient facilities for faculty and participants, KSS envisions enhanced program offerings, increased community partnerships, and broader funding opportunities. KSS's leadership in the industry will be recognized and our staff sought after to provide guidance in the areas of science and outdoor education, partnership development, and financial sustainability.

Values

We change lives. It's a lofty claim, but we know that people are impacted through their experiences at Keystone Science School. Our lives have been transformed and we inspire others to reflect, grow and change as well.

We foster open, honest relationships. We care about each other and those we serve and strive to be approachable, friendly and authentic in all interactions. We believe that being mindful leads to higher levels of professionalism and instills trust.

We strive for excellence. We maintain high expectations for ourselves and seek challenges for the betterment of those we serve. We embrace an entrepreneurial spirit and incorporate innovative ideas into our programs.

We find joy in teaching and learning. We live our mission and bring fun and laughter to everything we do, every day. We're academic, but far from boring.

We ask questions and seek solutions. We inspire critical thinking in each other and those with whom we work. By presenting topics and issues in a non-biased way, we provide tools to learn how to think, not what to think.

We are accountable. The numbers are equally as important as the mission. Transparency is critical and we keep a close eye on financial success.

CAMP OVERVIEW

Why Day Camp?

We believe that every child deserves camp. We foster personal relationships, independence, and an appreciation for the outdoors through life-changing experiences. With excellent customer service and high energy, Keystone Science School Camp programs achieve a strong sense of community, while promoting critical thinking through *Science. Adventure. Fun!*

Science.

We make extensive use of the multiple ecosystems around us in order to nurture scientific inquiry and cultivate sensitivity to the natural world. Campers are split into grade-specific trail groups so that they can engage in programming tailored to their developmental stage.

Adventure.

Children come to us during a stage of life known as “construction of self” - they are literally building the adults they will become while at camp. Their building blocks are experiences, and we believe that the more amazing the experiences, the more amazing the person they will become.

Fun!

We are devoted to creating supportive and enriching experiences that provide campers with opportunities to grow not just intellectually, but personally and socially as they develop healthy friendships and create long-lasting memories. As the first camp option for younger campers, our Day Camp programs have served as a stepping stone for our other camp programs.

Program Types & Fast Facts

Keystone Science School has many different Day Camp options for your camper to choose from. Read below for basic descriptions of each, but check out www.KeystoneScienceSchool.org/Camp for more details and session dates.

Day Camp

Our flagship Day Camp program runs for nine sessions and each week we feature a different theme that speaks to the minds and imaginations of campers. At Day Camp your child can transform into an inventor, a creator, or an explorer—complete with costumes, hands-on educational opportunities, and outdoor adventures.

- **Grades:** K-6
- **Time:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday-Friday. Drop in by the day, stay for the week, or participate all summer long.
- **Drop-off/Pick-up Locations:** KSS Campus or Summit High School
- **Daily Fee:** \$65 per day, \$325 per week
- **Groups:** Age- and grade-specific group programming; counselor/camper ratio is 1:6.
- **Activities:** Curriculum-based discovery hike, adventure day, camper choice activities, station exploration, large-group games (*options vary by session theme and availability*).
- **Adventure Day:** Choose your own adventure during registration. Options vary based on the session that you choose. Some adventures have maximum capacities. Register early to be guaranteed your first choice.
- **Family Night:** KSS Campus, Thursdays, 5:00 PM. Join your camper for an activity at the end of the camp day (*activities vary based on session*).
- **Thursday Dress-up:** Each Thursday we invite campers to show their imagination and dress up in a costume connected to the theme for the week.

NOVA Day Camp

NOVA Day Camp offers super-charged adventures, community-building, and fresh challenges. Inspired by our Supernova 14er Discovery Camp program, our NOVA Day Campers will enjoy a unique perspective on their Day Camp experience. Taking **Science. Adventure. Fun!** to the max, each session includes multiple adventure days, community service opportunities, and specially-designed curriculums geared towards older campers.

- **Grades:** 5-8
- **Time:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday-Friday. Drop-in days are not available for this program.
- **Drop-off/Pick-up Locations:** KSS Campus or Summit High School
- **Fee:** Fee varies depending on the session
- **Capacity:** Space is limited for this program, register early!

- **Activities:** Curriculum-based discovery hike, multiple adventure days, camper choice activities, large-group games, community service and leadership opportunities (*options vary by session theme and availability*).
- **Family Night:** KSS Campus, Thursdays, 5:00 PM. Day Camp and NOVA Day Camp families will join campers for an activity at the end of the camp day (*activities vary based on session*).

Camp Spider Monkey

Break out your harness and climbing shoes and get ready to monkey around with our two specialty rock climbing sessions.

- **Grades:** K-6
- **Time:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday. Drop-in days are not available for this program.
- **Groups:** Trail groups are age- and grade-specific, climbing groups are skill-based, counselor/camper ratio is 1:6.
- **Activities:** Each session will include an adventure day, along with a curriculum-based Discovery Hike, one half-day of fine-tuning climbing skills at the Breckenridge Recreation Center's indoor climbing wall, a large-group game, and two half-days of outdoor climbing around the county with experienced guides.
- **Family Night:** CMC Auditorium or Frisco library, Thursdays, 5:00 PM. Join your campers and watch a video slideshow of their session.
- **Drop-off/Pick-up Location:** Summit High School at Farmer's Corner
- **Weekly Fee:** \$375

SPLASH Camp

Held in partnership with the Silverthorne Recreation Center, these five specialty sessions combine indoor swim lessons with progressive water-based learning. Camp SplashMonkey sessions are also a part of this wet and crazy program, adding in climbing activities to our normal Splash week.

- **Grades:** K-6
- **Time:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday. Drop-in days are not available for this program.
- **Groups:** Trail groups are age- and grade-specific, swimming groups are skill-based, counselor/camper ratio is 1:6.
- **Activities:** Held in partnership with the Silverthorne Recreation Center, these popular sessions combine indoor swim lessons with progressive water-based scientific themes and lots of splash-filled adventure, including exciting field trips each week. Camp SplashMonkey sessions also incorporate rock climbing activities.
- **Family Night:** Silverthorne Library, Thursdays, 5:00 PM. Join your campers and watch a video slideshow of their session.
- **Drop-off/Pick-up Locations:** Silverthorne Recreation Center or Summit High School
- **Weekly Fee:** \$325

Optional Wednesday Overnights

Day Camp Overnights will be offered every Wednesday night, throughout the summer. All Day campers are eligible to participate. These are optional and provide a great chance to build confidence and independence while having a blast with counselors and friends. They will take place on the KSS campus and transportation to and from will be provided. Overnight activities will change on a weekly basis and may include options such as beaver prowls, fishing and campfires.

Traditional Day campers and Specialty Day campers will sleep slumber party-style in the Rives Multi-Purpose building while NOVA Day campers will have the opportunity (weather permitting) to sleep outside somewhere on campus. NOVA campers will also get to participate in a NOVA-only activity during the evening.

Optional overnights are \$80 and include dinner, breakfast and lunch the following day. There is a maximum capacity of 45 campers per overnight. Register online or call the Camp Office at (970) 455-4228 for more information.

Sample Day Camp Schedule

Below is a typical week-long schedule for our traditional Day Camp program. This schedule will vary depending on the session and program type.

Day Camp Sample Schedule				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Welcome and Discover!</p> <p>8:00-8:30am: Drop-off</p> <p>9a: Day Camp Begins! • Free Play</p> <p>10a: WELCOME TO DAY CAMP! • Songs Galore • PONY Talk • Overview of Day</p> <p>10:30a: Water, Sunscreen, Restroom break.</p> <p>10:45a: Break into Trailgroups • <i>Discovery Hikes Begin!</i> • <i>Lunch on the trail</i></p> <p>2:30p: Snack back at Camp • Snackchat and Discovery Beads</p> <p>3:00p: Mellow Meadow Time Stations • Story Time • Lanyard • Chipmunk Village • Gardening</p> <p>4:30-5:00p: Camper Pick-up</p>	<p>Camper Scamper</p> <p>8:00-8:30am: Drop-off</p> <p>9a: Day Camp Begins! • Free Play</p> <p>9:30a: Water, Sunscreen, Restroom break.</p> <p>10a: Guest Presentation/ Local Field Trip • <i>This activity depends on the theme of the session.</i></p> <p>12:00p: Lunch in groups</p> <p>1:00 Large Group Game • <i>Ex. Camp Chaos, Space Invaders, Campocalypse</i></p> <p>2:30p: Snack in Groups • Snackchat and PONY Beads</p> <p>3:00p: Mellow Meadow Time Stations • Story Time • Lanyard • Chipmunk Village • Gardening</p> <p>4:30-5:00p: Camper Pick-up</p>	<p>Adventure Day!</p> <p>8:00-8:30am: Drop-off</p> <p>9a: Day Camp Begins! • Free Play</p> <p>9:30a: Get ready for Adventures • Campers choose between a faraway and a nearby adventure option during registration.</p> <p>2:30p: Snack back at Camp • Snackchat and Adventure Beads</p> <p>3:00p: Mellow Meadow Time Stations • Story Time • Lanyard • Chipmunk Village • Gardening</p> <p>4:30-5:00p: Camper Pick-up</p> <p>5p: Optional Overnight • Campfire • Camper Choice • Nocturnal Adventures</p> <p>6p: Dinner</p> <p>7:45: PJ's, Brush Teeth, In sleeping bags</p> <p>8p: Movie and bedtime</p>	<p>Station Exploration!</p> <p>6:30a: Overnight Wake Up!</p> <p>7a: Breakfast for Overnighters</p> <p>8:00-8:30am: Drop-off</p> <p>9a: Day Camp Begins! • Free Play</p> <p>10a: Station Rotation • Different science-based experiments and activities that tie in to the session's theme.</p> <p>12p: Lunch in groups</p> <p>1p: Mellow Meadow Time Stations • Story Time • Lanyard • Chipmunk Village • Gardening</p> <p>2:30p: Snack at Camp • Snackchat and beads</p> <p>3p: Large Group Game • <i>Ex. Camp Chaos, Space Invaders, Campocalypse</i></p> <p>4:30-5:00p: Camper Pick-up</p> <p>5p: Family Night Begins • Activity with campers and families</p>	<p>Camper Choice!</p> <p>8:00-8:30am: Drop-off</p> <p>9a: Day Camp Begins! • Free Play</p> <p>10a: Camper Choice ONE • Campers choose an activity for this period such as a nature hike, fishing @ Lake Dillon, or archery.</p> <p>12p: Hot Lunch Picnic on campus (included in your camp fee)</p> <p>1p: Camper Choice TWO • Campers choose an activity for this period such as a arts & crafts, field games, or archery.</p> <p>2:30p: Snack at Camp • Snackchat and gold beads</p> <p>3:00 p: Mellow Meadow Time Stations • Story Time • Lanyard • Chipmunk Village • Gardening</p> <p>4:30-5:00p: Camper Pick-up</p>

CAMP POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS

Please read the following material CAREFULLY. Share this with your child so that he or she also understands our policies and is more comfortable with their camp experience.

Camper Behavior

Our staff will communicate with campers about behavior expectations and will address inappropriate behavior, as needed. If a student behaves in any way that is considered by KSS staff to be detrimental to the quality and best interest of the program or other campers, KSS reserves the right to dismiss that camper from the program. This type of dismissal may result from behavior such as, but not limited to, the use of drugs or alcohol, refusal to cooperate, or endangering the health and safety, emotional or physical well being of any person involved in the KSS program, including themselves. When a child is dismissed from the program, parents or guardians of the child will be contacted by the Camp Director and asked to pick up their child and remove him/her from the program. No refund of program fees will be provided for students dismissed from the program for inappropriate conduct. It is at the discretion of the Camp Director if your child can return for another session that summer or future summers.

What Can I Bring To Camp

Campers are responsible for bringing their own personal gear and equipment. Although we have some gear to lend out, we do not have enough to outfit everyone. Please see page 14 for a full packing list. Please do not allow your child to bring a knife of any type or any fire-making devices. Continue reading below to find out what else may or may not be appropriate to bring to camp.

Food

Keystone Science School provides a daily afternoon snack and a hot lunch every Friday (hot lunch is not provided for Camp Spider Monkey and SPLASH Camp). Bag lunches are available for purchase (\$6/day) but we encourage families to pack healthy lunches for their campers to bring daily. KSS is a nut-free campus and as such, we ask that you please send your camper's lunch free of any nut products. Please pack a healthy, balanced meal, avoiding sugary snacks such as sodas and candy.

Electronic Devices

Our definition of "electronic devices" includes: radios, iPods and other music players, laser pointers, electronic games, cell phones, laptops, eReaders, tablets, and camcorders or other recording devices. These items are **NOT** allowed at camp. Campers are constantly engaged in plenty of outdoor and community-based activities and will not need additional stimulating input. This policy is in our liability form and campers will be reminded at the beginning of their camp session. Any electronic devices found after that time will be confiscated for the duration of the camp session. **What is allowed?** Disposable and digital cameras are permitted during camp activities, but are the responsibility of the camper.

Spending Money

It is not necessary for campers to bring spending money. If your camper is interested in purchasing items from the School Store, they can do so during family night at KSS. Our staff is happy to accept tips if they are offered – however we do not ask for, nor expect, this type of treatment.

Pets

All pets must be left at home. We also discourage campers from acquiring pets while at camp.

Lost & Found

At the parent slideshow, at the end of each session, we will have a Lost & Found table. We will hold all Lost & Found items until the end of our summer camp season. If your camper is missing a personal item, please call the Camp Office at (970) 455-4228 and we will look for it. However, you can help with the finding process. ***Please write your camper's name on everything that they bring to camp.*** You can stop by campus to pick it up or there is a \$6 shipping charge to mail it. Anything not claimed by the end of the summer will either be donated to our gear shed or to a local thrift shop.

Communication With KSS

The Camp Team will keep you informed of session information and reminders throughout the year via email. During your camper's session, parents needing to contact KSS Staff should call the Camp Office at (970) 455-4228. Please notify the Camp Team in advance if your camper is to be picked up by a parent or guardian at any time during the session or if a family emergency occurs. Campers will not be able to make phone calls during their session, but our staff can relay any important messages to campers.

Phone Calls

We have a strict no-phone-home policy. Keystone Science School has found that phone calls home disrupt the overall camp experience, which is focused on independence and positive separation from home. They also tend to enhance homesickness and stress from separation. Prior to sending your child to camp, please avoid saying things like "Call us if you have any problems" or "We're only a phone call away!" If a family emergency arises in which you must contact your child prior to the end of the camp session, please call the Camp Office at (970) 455-4228.

Visits

Please do not attempt to execute a "surprise" visit for your camper. Personal visits by family and friends are limited to drop-off, pick-up, and family nights. Visits from parents and loved ones disrupt the camp experience and increase the potential for other children to feel homesick.

Booster Seats

We visit lots of cool places in and around the country for our Day Camp programs, including adventure day locations and local trails and parks. All of our crossover counselors are certified to drive our 15-passenger vans and go through extensive driver training. We do not supply booster seats for younger campers, but we are more than accommodating to families who would like to use their own.

Registration Process

To register for any of our Day Camp sessions, please visit our website at www.KeystoneScienceSchool.org/camp and click on our "[Register Now](#)" link on the Camp Programs page. You will set up an online account and register your camper(s). A 20% deposit is due upon registration. **All deposits are non-refundable.**

Helpful Tip: If you save your credit card information you will be able to set up a balance payment plan and use it for extra session options including DVDs, overnights, drop-in days, and even additional sessions.

Paperwork

Supplemental paperwork is needed for all of our programs in addition to registration. Once you've registered online, please check your confirmation email, which will tell you exactly which forms are needed for your sessions. All supplemental paperwork can be found on [your online account](#). Some forms can be filled out online and some will need to be printed and filled out. Once completed, we highly encourage you to scan and upload your paperwork to your online account. For questions regarding registration and paperwork please call the Camp Office at (970) 455-4228 or email at Camp@KeystoneScienceSchool.org.

Your tuition balance and all paperwork is due by May 1. If registered after May 1, full payment and paperwork is due by June 1. Any registrations that happen after camp has started (June 15) will require full payment and paperwork at the time of registration.

Cancellations

Only the non-refundable deposit will be retained for cancellations made 15 days or more prior to the respective session of camp. Cancellations postmarked within 15 days of the beginning of the respective session will be subject to a penalty of 50% of tuition. No deductions are permitted for late arrivals or early departures. If any camper is forced to leave the program due to behavior, injury or illness, a prorated refund, not to exceed **50% of tuition**, may be granted.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our number one concern is to ensure the health and safety of each camper. All of our staff has, at a minimum, training in Wilderness First Aid and CPR. The majority of our team holds a current Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certification and our Camp Director and Assistant Director hold medication administrator licenses in addition to their WFR. Our staff uniforms include first aid kits that are carried at all times. Several medical clinics are located within a 5-10 minute drive of Keystone Science School and helicopter service to larger hospitals is available.

Partnering With Parents For Student Care

Since 1976, Keystone Science School has provided the highest quality, dynamic outdoor learning experiences for campers. We need information from parents in order to provide the best experience possible for your children. Please fill out all of the supplemental medical paperwork completely, have it signed, and scan it to your online account promptly. These forms include the ***KSS Liability Form (signed online), KSS Medical Form, Medication Form (if your camper will be taking medications while at camp), Day Camp Immunizations, and the Allergy/Asthma Action Plan (if camper carries Epi-Pen and/or inhaler and is signed by the doctor).*** It is essential that we receive this information so that we can effectively assist campers in the event of sudden illness or injury.

CAMPERS WHO HAVE NOT SUBMITTED THEIR COMPLETED AND SIGNED PAPERWORK WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR SUMMER OF MARVEL SESSION(S).

Health Screening

Upon arrival at camp on their first day, your camper will undergo a short health screening. We do this to ensure the overall health of the camp community. This process ultimately ensures your camper leaves camp as healthy as they began. We will ask about recent injuries, how they feel, and do a quick, non-invasive lice check.

Medications

Each camper must give any medications to our on-site medical staff for safekeeping at the start of the session. This includes vitamins, over-the-counter pain relievers, prescription medicine, homeopathic remedies, and/or herbal medications.

Please make sure that all medications are in their original bottles and are listed on your camper's medication form. If your camper carries an inhaler or an EPI-pen, they must tell their counselor where it is at the start of camp, but they can keep it on their person. **Please make sure that you have filled out an Allergy/Asthma Action Plan form and that it has been signed by a doctor.** This form will be sent to you before May 1.

Our on-site medical staff will be in charge of giving out medications throughout the session and you will have a chance to speak with them as part of the check-in process. Medications will be kept in a secure place, and returned at the end of camp. If your camper becomes ill prior to arriving at camp, please call or write in advance to let us know about his/her condition.

We do carry some medications in our first aid kits. All of these medications are listed on the KSS Medical Form. Please make sure to read them over and mark off any medications that you do not wish our staff to administer to your camper, in case of injury or illness.

Insurance

Cost for treatment arising out of an accident or injury while at camp is the responsibility of the camper's parent/guardian. Campers should have medical insurance, and proof of said insurance should be provided to Keystone Science School on the KSS Medical form. If there is any question about this, please call the Camp Office at 970-455-4228.

Food Allergies

Keystone Science School staff is prepared to manage common food allergies (nuts/dairy/gluten/etc.) **if they are properly noted on your camper's medical form.** It is much harder to accommodate dietary restrictions if we're not made aware of them ahead of time. Please communicate allergies and dietary restrictions to our Camp Team and note them on your camper's medical form.

MEET OUR CAMP STAFF

We're proud to employ an amazing team of counselors. Our team is a mixture of teachers and outdoor educators with a passion for providing children with the opportunities and skills to learn about science, explore the world around them, and grow into engaged citizens. Our goal, above all, is to provide a safe, hands-on educational experience while at the same time fostering open and honest relationships that will enrich your child's life for years to come.

What is the average counselor age?

The average age of our counselors is 22 years old. To be a Junior Counselor you must be between the ages of 18-20 and to be a Crossover Counselor you must be at least 21 years of age.

How many staff do you hire and what is the counselor/camper ratio?

We screen many applicants and hire about 40 of the most qualified, kid-centric, outdoor-skilled men and women from in (and out) of the country. All of our staff has a healthy mixture of science, adventure, and fun. Our counselor to camper ratio is 1:6, which is better than the American Camping Association's national ratio of 1:8.

What is the minimum medical certification that your staff has?

All of our staff is required to have a minimum of a Wilderness First Aid and CPR certification. Our Camp Director and Assistant Camp Director have their Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certifications, along with Medication Distribution Training. We also look to hire other WFR-certified and EMT-certified counselors and staff each summer.

How long is staff training and what areas of training get discussed?

Our staff training is two weeks long (support staff training is three weeks), which allows us to create and mold our staff into comprehensive qualified leaders and teachers. Our staff is trained on safety expectations, judgment, and backcountry practices. We also supply our staff with the most up-to-date information on conflict resolution and child development. Our training also covers some heavier topics such as bullying, child abuse, and homesickness.

HELPING YOUR CAMPER PREPARE FOR CAMP

Going to camp can be both an exciting and anxious time for a child, especially if this is his or her first time in a camp environment. We believe that it is very important to support and encourage your child from the time of registration to every evening they return home to you.

You can assist us in providing a positive and rewarding experience for your child by instilling in them the belief that they are ready to leave home. Camp will give them the opportunity to discover and explore new things about the natural world, meet new friends, and have lots of stories to tell you upon returning home. Resist phrases like "I'll miss you" and try saying "I'm proud of you" instead. We pride ourselves on how we handle missing home, but how you prepare your camper leading up to their departure can make an amazing difference in their camp experience.

During Day Camp drop-off we sometime see kids that aren't ready to say goodbye. ***This is normal.*** We encourage parents to say goodbye lovingly but firmly. Our staff is ready and trained to handle this type of separation anxiety. Please ask if you'd like a call after a tearful drop-off, to see how your child has adapted.

Again, missing home and overcoming it is a normal process that helps children develop independence and self-confidence.

You can assist us in providing a positive and rewarding experience for your child by instilling in them the belief that they are ready to leave home. How you prepare your camper leading up to their departure can make an amazing difference in their camp experience. Here are some more tips for getting your camper ready for this new adventure:

- **Walking/hiking is a big part of Day Camp.** Practice going on some day hikes or short walks throughout the year and getting your camper used to being outside for longer periods of time.
- **Allow your child to be a part of the daily packing process.** This will allow he or she to know exactly what types of clothing they have and how much is being packed. It also helps minimize lost and found.
- **Write notes to put in their child's lunch.** This is a great way to give your child that mid-day boost of encouragement from home.
- **Talk about camp!** Families receive a weekly communiqué, which gives a rundown of the daily schedule and suggests great questions to ask around the dinner table. Camp makes for great dinner conversation the conversation doesn't need to end once their session is over. Make sure to keep your camper's memories alive after their experience too.

FOR CAMPER'S EYES ONLY

We look forward to seeing you this summer at Keystone Science School. Whether you have been here before or maybe this is your first time to camp, we guarantee your session will be a new and unique experience. Here are some hints and tips when packing and then a couple things for you to do to prepare for your visit.

Packing Tips

- Follow the packing list closely. Weather changes frequently in Summit County and we want you to be comfortable while you're at camp. Remember to pack layers.
- Don't bring your best clothes. It is more important to be prepared for the weather and conditions, so do not worry about being stylish.
- Make sure you have sturdy, comfortable hiking or walking shoes because you will be spending your days outside and on the trail.
- Leave candy and other junk food at home.
- Electronics (iPods, computer games, etc.) are not allowed at camp. But don't worry, you are going to be so busy having fun with your new friends, there won't be time to miss your iPad or your eReader. You can bring a camera (digital or disposable), but you must be responsible for taking care of it.
- Please leave cell phones at home. They are also not allowed at camp.
- Keystone Science School has a school store that will be open when your family is here for family night. You do not need to carry any spending money on you while you are at camp.

Are you ready to...

LEARN?	A day at camp will be full of Science. Adventure. Fun! We will be using the great outdoors as our classroom and expect for you to work together with your trail group.
PARTICIPATE?	The more that you put into camp, the more you will get out of it!
GET OUTSIDE?	You will be outdoors most of the time, including going on a Discovery hike. Make sure you pack appropriately.
BE PREPARED?	The weather can change throughout your day and session. We will ask you to be responsible when you pack your day pack with all of the clothing and equipment you will need to stay warm and dry outside each day.
BE RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE?	We expect all campers to respect the PONY (Property, Others, Nature, Yourself).
DO CHORES?	We will ask you to participate in routine chores, like keeping your gear organized and accounted for and general camp clean-up.
HAVE FUN?	Duh!

How Can Your Family Help?

Participating in a Day Camp program can be both exciting and intimidating, especially if this is the first time away from home. Your family and friends can help you prepare for your camp experience.

Some topics you can discuss with your family before camp:

- the new friendships you will make
- the different campers that you'll meet
- the importance of cooperation, consideration, community, and challenges
- the importance of respect for one's own things, other's property, and the natural world
- what you are nervous/excited about
- What scientific instruments did you use when you were gathering information during your field day?
- Have you learned anything new about any of your fellow campers and counselors?

PACKING CHECKLIST: DAY CAMP PROGRAMS

Below you will find a recommended packing list consisting of items required to stay safe, warm, and prepared during your Day Camp session.

Please Note: Although the days are gloriously sunny and comfortably warm, the evenings can be surprisingly cool, sometimes down in the 30's (F). Afternoon thunderstorms are also frequent making good rain gear and warm clothes a must. Please pack appropriate equipment for the optional overnight (if your camper is participating) and make sure to double check program-specific gear. There is no need to buy all new clothing and equipment for camp. It is recommended that your child wear comfortable, well-used clothing (especially hiking boots and backpack) that is appropriate for hiking, playing outdoors, and getting a little dirty. Synthetic gear tends to do the best in an active camp environment. Laundry facilities are not available except for emergencies. Expect your child to have fun & get dirty!

PLEASE WRITE YOUR CAMPER'S NAME ON EVERYTHING!

- Day Pack** Backpack with two arm straps and hip strap, large enough to carry extra layers, lunch, and two water bottles.

CLOTHING	
<i>Come to camp wearing comfy clothes that are appropriate for the day's weather and activities.</i>	
<input type="radio"/>	1 extra layer such as a sweatshirt or fleece.
<input type="radio"/>	1 rain jacket (<i>avoid plastic coats and tarp-like ponchos</i>)
<input type="radio"/>	*Optional: Costume for Thursday dress-up day

FEET, HANDS, HEAD	
<input type="radio"/>	Proper footwear such as tennis shoes or hiking shoes (NO flip-flops or open-toed shoes)
<input type="radio"/>	1 ball cap or bucket hat
<input type="radio"/>	1 pair of sunglasses

DAILY ITEMS	
<input type="radio"/>	1 liter-sized water bottles with screw-on lids
<input type="radio"/>	Lunch (<i>Due to the large amount of peanut and tree nut allergies, KSS is a nut-free campus. Please help us abide by this rule. If you prefer, KSS will provide a bag lunch for an additional fee of \$6 per day. Please pack a healthy, balanced meal, avoiding sugary snacks such as sodas or candy.</i>)
<input type="radio"/>	Breakfast in belly
<input type="radio"/>	Sunscreen & lip balm (<i>both must be SPF 30 or higher</i>)

OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT GEAR	
<i>Pack into an overnight bag</i>	
<input type="radio"/>	Sleeping bag
<input type="radio"/>	Insulated ground pad
<input type="radio"/>	Pajamas
<input type="radio"/>	Necessary toiletries
<input type="radio"/>	Headlamp or flashlight

SPIDER MONKEY SPECIFIC	
<input type="radio"/>	*Optional: Personal climbing gear (campers will be outfitted with gear, so this is not a requirement)
<input type="radio"/>	No skirts or short shorts (Bermuda shorts, capris, or pants are recommended)

SPLASH CAMP SPECIFIC	
<input type="radio"/>	Bathing Suit
<input type="radio"/>	Towel
<input type="radio"/>	Change of clothes

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DROP-OFF/PICK-UP INFORMATION

Please read below for your Day Camp program's specific drop-off/pick-up locations and times.

Day Camp

- Keystone Science School drop-off time is 8:00am-8:30am, pick-up is 4:30pm-5:00pm
- The High School @ Farmer's Corner drop-off time is 8:00am-8:30am, pick-up is 5:00pm

NOVA Day Camp

- Keystone Science School drop-off time is 8:00am-8:30am, pick-up is 4:30pm-5:00pm
- The High School @ Farmer's Corner drop-off time is 8:00am-8:30am, pick-up is 5:00pm

Camp Spider Monkey

- The High School @ Farmer's Corner drop-off time is from 8:00am-8:30am, pick-up is 4:30pm-5:00pm

Splash Camp

- Silverthorne Recreation Center drop-off time is 8:00am-8:30am, pick-up is 4:30pm-5:00pm
- The High School @ Farmer's Corner drop-off time is 8:00am-8:30am, pick-up is 5:00pm

Early Arrival/Late Pick-up: In order to accommodate parents' work schedules, we offer a late pick-up option. We do not offer any pre-camp options. Campers should not arrive earlier than 8:00am. Post-camp runs until 5:30pm. All post-camp campers must be picked up at the KSS campus and there is an additional fee of \$10 per camper, per day. Please call the Camp Office at (970) 455-4228 if you need to add this option. *Note: There is no pre-camp/post-camp option for Camp Spider Monkey or Splash Camp.*

If you will be running late or have any trouble finding us, please call the Camp Office at (970) 455-4228. Please abide by these time restrictions, as it is extremely difficult for staff to accommodate your child outside of these times.

What to expect at drop-off

- Drop-off begins at 8:00am. Give yourself extra time, especially on Mondays. We appreciate your patience on particularly busy days!
- **Please remain in your vehicle** and look for KSS staff to direct you. You will be approached by a staff member holding an iPad. They will sign your camper(s) in. On your first day, you will receive your weekly communiqué, be asked to check your approved pick-up list, and we will double check if you have any missing paperwork. If you are carpooling with other families or will have a friend or family member dropping off or picking up your child, please make sure you have added their names to your approved pick-up/drop-off list.
- If you have unsigned paperwork or payment due, you will be asked to park and speak with the Camp Coordinator, who will be located at a table in the parking area.
- If your paperwork is all up-to-date you will be directed to the drop-off area. Again, **please remain in your vehicle**. A staff member will greet you and your camper and help your camper out of the car.
- **We ask that you stay in your vehicle throughout the drop-off process.**
- Please drive slowly out of campus and we'll see you again at pick-up, starting at 4:30pm

What to expect at pick-up

- Pick-up begins at 4:30pm. Give yourself extra time, especially on Mondays. We appreciate your patience on particularly busy days!
- All campers will be waiting at the pick-up area. The first time that you pick up your camper, you will be asked for photo ID. Please make sure to have that with you.

Your Whereabouts: It is important for us to know where you are located during your child's program. If at any time you will be at an address and/or phone number different from what you gave us during registration, please let us know by calling the Camp Office at (970) 455-4228 or emailing Camp@KeystoneScienceSchool.org. Please leave a message if no one is available to answer.

Directions to Drop-off/Pick-up Locations



Directions to Keystone Science School: *Note: KSS is not a drop-off option for Camp Spider Monkey or Splash Camp*

From Silverthorne/Dillon: Go east (left) on Hwy. 6 towards Dillon and Keystone. Travel 6.2 miles on Hwy. 6 to the first traffic light in Keystone (W. Keystone Rd.). Take a right on W. Keystone Rd., and **immediately bear left**. Go .3 miles on W. Keystone Rd., and take a right at the first street on the right, Soda Ridge Rd. Follow Soda Ridge Rd. one mile until the stop sign. Go straight through the stop sign, pass the stables (on the left), and you'll pull into the KSS parking lot.

From Frisco: Take Hwy. 70 to Hwy. 6 (Exit #205). Follow the above directions from there.

From Breckenridge: Take Swan Mountain Rd., towards Summit Cove/Keystone. At the light, turn right onto Hwy. 6 and continue following the above directions to the KSS Campus.

Directions to the High School at Famers Corner: *Note: Farmers Corner is the only drop-off option for Camp Spider Monkey. It is a drop-off option for Day Camp and Splash Camp.*

From Frisco: Take Hwy 9 South towards Breckenridge. Turn Right into the High School at the Swan Mountain Rd. Intersection. Look for a KSS van and staff members.

From Breckenridge: Take Hwy 9 North towards Frisco. Turn Left into the High School at the Swan Mountain Rd. Intersection. Look for a KSS van and staff members.

From Summit Cove: Turn left onto Swan Mountain Rd., from Cove Blvd. Follow Swan Mountain Rd. until you reach the stoplight. Go straight at the stoplight into the High School parking lot. Look for a KSS van and staff members.

Directions to Silverthorne Recreation Center: *SPLASH CAMP ONLY*

From Keystone: Take Hwy 6 West towards Silverthorne. After going under the I-70 Overpass, turn Right onto Rainbow Dr. Turn Right in to the Recreation Center parking lot. Look for a KSS Van and Staff.