The Return of the Summer Camps
The Berkshire Museum announces in-person summer camps starting June 28, 2021

[Pittsfield, MA] – The Berkshire Museum announced this week that it plans to host 14 unique summer camp programs at its South Street location beginning June 28. The museum has offered creative educational summer camps to area children for over a decade, pausing in 2020 to offer digital camp experiences due to COVID-19. Registration begins February 12 for Berkshire Museum members and March 18 for the general public at berkshiremuseum.org/programs/camp.

From archaeology to animation and physics to forensics, the Berkshire Museum’s 2021 lineup of summer camps includes something to inspire, teach, and entertain every child. Fourteen unique programs based in the museum’s interdisciplinary mix of art, science, and history are split into two categories: morning sessions designed for campers entering grades 1 and 2, and afternoon sessions created to challenge campers entering grades 3 to 6. This year’s week-long day camp programs include:

**For grades 1 and 2**

- Animal Adventures
- Bits and Bobs
- It’s Electric!
- Junior Archaeologists
- Kitchen Ka-Boom!
- LEGO Engineers
- Our Living World
- Physics of Fun
For grades 3 to 6

- Animation
- Between the Lines
- Create with Code
- CSI: Monster Hunter
- Movie Camp
- Renaissance Kid

The Berkshire Museum is committed to protecting the health and safety of its campers, visitors, and staff. This year’s camp programs will follow all state and local guidelines and implement new measures to fight the spread of COVID-19 including smaller camp sizes, mandatory face coverings, frequent hand washing and sanitizing, and socially distant activities. Only one camp will take place in the museum at one time, with the morning and afternoon sessions held in two separate rooms to avoid any spread of germs from one camp to the next.

“Encouraged by the availability of vaccines, we’re hopeful that conditions will permit in-person programming by early summer,” said Berkshire Museum Executive Director Jeff Rodgers. “We take Coronavirus very seriously and are making careful plans to ensure the safety of everyone; but we also believe it is critical that our kids are allowed to be kids, that summer is made fun again, and that our campers have opportunities to play together, explore new ideas, and discover life-long passions for science, culture, and learning.”

Registration for the museum’s week-long, half-day summer camps is $200, or $175 for museum members. Camperships are available through the support of the Katharine L.W. and Winthrop M. Crane, 3D Charitable Foundation. Parents or guardians can call 413.443.7171 ext. 336 to learn more about campership opportunities.

In the event that state or local regulations prevent the museum from hosting campers in person this summer, programming will shift to use last summer’s popular Camp@Home system in which campers receive a kit containing all of the materials needed to complete five
days of activities in addition to live and recorded video lessons, virtual camper hangouts, and office hours with expert educators. Registered families will be notified in advance of any changes to camp programming and will have the option to participate in Camp@Home or receive a full refund.

About the Berkshire Museum

Located at 39 South Street in downtown Pittsfield, Massachusetts, the Berkshire Museum combines art, science, and history to create thought-provoking experiences for the whole family through interactive programs, interdisciplinary exhibitions, and engaging online series. The museum is currently open by reservation 5 days each week. Plan your visit at berkshiremuseum.org or go to explore.berkshiremuseum.org to enjoy the Berkshire Museum wherever you are.