

Discovery Camps in a Box FAQ



What is Camp-in-a-Box?

It's THM's answer to the question, "With so many in-person camps closed, what can my kids do this summer?" Our Discovery Camp in a Box program provides boxes every week, each themed to match a different educational and fun THM Discovery camp. Boxes combine STEM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities kids can do in their very home. Discovery Camp in a Box is a great way to keep kids' brains and bodies active throughout the summer!

What's in the boxes?

Each box contains camp specific supplies your child will need to perform fun, guided STEM-related activities with the exception of liquids and basic school supplies.

For what ages are Discovery Camp in a Box appropriate?

We recommend them for kids ages 5-13. Of course, younger kids will need a little more guidance and supervision, while older kids will be able to do more activities without much help.

Do I pick up my box or will you ship it to me?

Boxes will be curbside pick-up only. With your safety in mind, a masked and gloved staff member will bring your box to your car, ready to open when you get it home. Boxes will be available on Fridays prior to start of camp at a designated time. Proof of purchase must be shown in order to receive camp supplies.

Are scholarships available?

At this time scholarships are not available.

Are boxes refundable?

Boxes are non-refundable.

How does the class work?

This isn't just a box; this is interactive online learning! Students will be working with a live educator as they complete a variety of STEM projects.

As such, they need to be able to see the instructor on Zoom video conferencing software as well as be able to work in a separate window on their own projects. This can make the use of screen space on your computer and/or switching back and forth a bit of a challenge. Some strategies students have used include:

1. Using the split screen function on their computer
2. Joining the Zoom class through a tablet/phone and using their computer exclusively to work on the projects.

See further information on these different strategies below in "Resources to Review" below.

How does my child ask for help?

When you join the class, be sure to click "join with computer audio". You will need to have your microphone working in order to be able to speak with the instructor.

There is also a chat feature in Zoom where you can type questions or comments if your microphone is not working.

While our educator is teaching, you can click "Raise Hand" in order to get their attention and ask a question.

If at any point the educator asks you to share your screen, be sure to click "Share Screen" and then "Desktop" so they can see what you are doing.

See the Zoom Cheat Sheet below in "Resources to Review" for more details.

Will my child be able to complete the course independently? Will they need parent assistance?

Every child is different, so you are the best judge of this. If your child is very familiar with a computer, they will need minimal support. Children who regularly need support with things like logging in or typing when using a computer or who rarely use a computer will likely need more support from a parent/guardian.

What do I need?

You just need a computer with an internet connection and audio capabilities (as in you can hear the educator and you can ask questions to the educator if needed). Prior to the class, you will need to download Zoom video conferencing software. All logins/passwords, etc. will be provided to you as needed.

Am I allowed to join the class as a parent?

Yes! If you are able to, we highly recommend being with your child during the class to learn together. It's a great opportunity to learn something new together.

Resources to Review

1. [Download Zoom](#)
2. [Zoom Cheat Sheet](#)
3. [Split screen instructions for Mac \(please note that this is an external website\)](#)
4. [Split screen instructions for Windows \(please note that this is an external website\)](#)