

Dear Parents and Students:

STEM Academy strives to give every student attending the best possible experience, but we realize that STEM Academy is not for every student.

Please read the behavioral and environmental skills needed for success to make sure that this list fits your student/high schooler’s needs. Please do not place your student in a position that would make them uncomfortable or unsuccessful. Acknowledge the skill set by signing and dating as directed at the bottom of this form.

Working with Others

STEM Academy is a 100% group- and team-based camp. Students must be able to respectfully and productively collaborate and function well in large and small teams, and with partners. There is no individual work in any of the tracks. All attendees are members of a partnership, team, track, and the camp are considered valuable contributors.

Working with Camp Director, Instructors, Teaching Assistants and Camp Staff

Students must be able to communicate respectfully, follow specific directions, and respond appropriately. Students must adhere to the instructions of all camp staff. Safety rules in labs must always be followed without exception. Students must sign in and out with the proper person each day, even if leaving early or arriving slightly late.

Transitions

STEM Academy is an interactive summer camp full of activities and changes in location. Students will be expected to stop a current activity and move on to a new activity in the same or new location without complaint or difficulty.

Lighting

STEM Academy takes place in various locations at UCCS, including those with full artificial lighting and full sunlight. Lights may be dimmed for specific activities but will not be dimmed for specific student needs. Students should be able to function in all types of lighting for the duration of the camp.

Walking on the UCCS campus

The UCCS campus is built on a hill and activities are located across the campus and take place in July, a warm month. Students must be able to walk the campus for up to 1.5 miles each day to access STEM Academy locations.

Making Choices

Students must be able to make healthy, self-directed choices for themselves that do not affect others negatively, including, but not limited to working with others, following directions, overcoming challenges, making transitions, being respectful, participating in activities, staying with the track participants and instructor, and making positive personal behavior choices.

Dining Hall Cafeteria – only for some camps

STEM Academy occasionally utilizes the Roaring Fork Dining Hall for lunch. There are many other camps accessing the dining hall at the same time. The dining hall is loud, bright, busy, full of hundreds of people, and has multiple areas for food selections. Students must be able to successfully make healthy food choices for themselves, obtain their own food selections in a timely manner, sit with the group in the designated area, and finish eating their selected meal within the allotted mealtimes.

Student: I agree that I am capable of managing my personal skill set as listed above.	Student Signature/Date:
Parent: I agree that my student/child is capable of managing their own personal skill set as listed above.	Parent Signature/Date: