



What You Need to Know About **SCIBOTS** Robotics Camps, 2008!

Camp Overview

Imagine a journey to Mars, diving to the depths of the oceans, or using robots to solve everyday challenges. These adventures and more are available to students as part of a **SCIBOTS** Robotics camp. Students will learn to build, program, and solve challenges with a robot in a class limited to 8 students.

Good Science is based on collaboration and communication. It is counter-productive for students to work independently in the design and development process. Students will work in teams of two to foster this collaborative approach to learning by doing. Each camp session will focus on a theme or related challenges during the week.

Students will be grouped together based on age. Currently **SCIBOTS** Robotics Camps are designed for students 8 to 14 years of age.

Snacks or lunch will not be provided. Students are not allowed to drink or eat in the robot/computer area. Water bottles are highly encouraged and allowed in the break area.

Students do not receive a robot as part of their registration fee. This would make the class fees cost prohibitive. If you would like to purchase a robot for a student after the camp session, information for that purchase will be provided. **SCIBOTS** will provide materials for camp sessions. Please do not bring your own robots or materials to prevent personal items from becoming intermingled with **SCIBOTS** equipment.

SCIBOTS science enrichment center will conduct summer camps three times daily on a weekly basis. A "session" (morning, afternoon or evening) for 5 days constitutes a camp. Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at www.scibots.com.

Session Times

Morning Session: 9:00 – 11:30
Afternoon Session: 1:00 - 3:30
Evening Session: TBD

Camp Dates

Week 1 - June 2, 2008
Week 2 - June 9, 2008
Week 3 - June 16, 2008
Week 4 - June 23, 2008
Week 5 - July 7, 2008
Week 6 - July 14, 2008
Week 7 - July 21, 2008
Week 8 - July 28, 2008
Week 9 - August 4, 2008

No sessions will be offered 30 June through 4 July.

Drop-off: Parents may drop off students 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the session.

Pick-up: Parents are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes prior to the end of the session to observe the achievements of their student for that day. We have found that students are very proud of their accomplishments each day and this interaction with the parents is extremely important to establishing the importance of science in your students' development.

Appropriate Attire

Please ensure your student is dressed in play clothes. Closed-toed shoes are recommended, no sandals/flip-flops please. Your student may need a sweater or light jacket as the classroom may be chilly due to air conditioning.

Please do not send your student with hats, toys, cameras, games, or money. The center is not responsible for lost or missing personal items.

Allergies and Medical Conditions

If the student has allergies or medical concerns, please notify your instructor prior to the beginning of the camp session. **SCIBOTS** is ADA compliant.

Payment and Cancellation Policies

Cost per session for 2008 Robotics camps is \$250.00. Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at www.scibots.com. Minimum class size is 4 students. Maximum class size is 8 students. Session fees are due, in full, 10 working days prior to start of session to ensure seat availability.

A 10% discount is given to dependent children of Active Duty Military.

A full refund minus a \$25.00 administration fee will be given if cancellation occurs 10 working days prior to the scheduled program. (Saturday and Sundays are not considered working days)

A 50% refund will be given if cancellation occurs less than 5 working days prior to scheduled class.

Rescheduling **MUST** be arranged at a minimum of 2 working days before the enrolled session or program commencement, with the exception of hazardous weather or a medical situation. Rescheduling can occur 2 times only. No refunds afterwards. Please understand that rescheduling does not give the student priority for subsequent camp session times or dates.

Absolutely **NO** refund and **NO** rescheduling for a "No show". "No Show" means lack of a demonstrated effort to inform **SCIBOTS** until the day of commencement of the scheduled session or program. Demonstrated effort includes e-mail and phone messages.

No refund will be given after the start of a program with the exception of hazardous weather or when due to an applicant's medical reason (A doctor's letter will be required for verification.) A pro-rated refund minus a \$25 administration fee will apply.



Code of Conduct

In order to maintain an environment which is educational, fun **AND SAFE** for all, it is important to follow our code of conduct during the sessions.

- Show courtesy and respect for others.
- Avoid using profane or rude language.
- Behave responsibly, and always exercise self-discipline.
- Be respectful to the robot. The robot, just like any electronic equipment, can be damaged by rough play, such as manually pushing the robot, throwing or dropping it against a hard surface. (Clear instruction in proper techniques will be given to the students at the beginning of the class)
- No unauthorized experiments or horseplay.

It is imperative that all participants should understand that this is an environment for fun, for learning from each other, and for exploring science.

Any child not registered as a camp participant will not be permitted in the computer/robot areas during session times. These visitors must be under the supervision of a parent or guardian while at the center.

SCIBOTS will not be responsible for disciplinary actions with students. Therefore, if a student shows disregard for the Code of Conduct, parents or guardians will immediately be informed. Any further disregard for the Code of Conduct will result in an offer for the parent to accompany the student during the remainder of the program to provide disciplinary support. If this cannot be arranged, participation will be terminated without refund. Such circumstances have not previously occurred and **SCIBOTS** hopes they will never happen. However, it is important to have this policy in place in order to be fair to other participants.

Please Note: Termination is Immediate and without refund for the following offenses:
1. Striking another student or instructor. 2. Purposely damaging a robot or equipment.
Parent or Guardian will be held responsible for replacement cost(s) and/or damages.