Working at Cornell

Cornell Kids at Work

We're back with a new program: July 12 & 14, 2022!

After being virtual during the pandemic, Bring A Child to Work Day is back in person! We've also got a new look and a new name - Cornell Kids @Work. Our team is excited to offer a variety of in-person fun activities for youths to showcase all the amazing work done at Cornell University. Check out all the important information below. You can also head to our FAQ page for more details.

Registration will open on Tuesday June 28th, 2022 at 9:00 AM

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Registration Information: 2022

- Registration opens at 9:00 AM on Tuesday June 28th, 2022. Registration will close on Friday July 8, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

- Both days of programming offer identical sessions. Due to the popularity of this program we are limiting registration to only one day to ensure everyone has an opportunity to participate.

- If you do not have internet or computer access during the morning of registration you may request to complete a paper registration and return to 130 Day Hall prior to registration day. A team member will enter your paper registration when the form opens, not prior. Also check out our FAQ page for other suggestions on how to register and more details about the paper registration form.

Tips for Parents:

- Talk with your child about what activities they want to do BEFORE registration opens on June 28th.

- You can only register for one day of programming per child.
- We would recommend having a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice ready for each block of sessions.
- Some of our learning opportunities are very popular and are filled within minutes of registration opening.
- If you are waiting online for the registration page to go live at 9 am, you may have to refresh the page at 9am to begin interacting with the registration system.

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**Schedule for the Day**

**8:45 AM – 9:15 AM:** Check-In, Klarman Hall Auditorium (room G70)

Get your swag bag and check-in.

Photo opportunity.

Connect with other families and youths.

Breakfast available at surrounding Cornell eateries (on your own).

**9:15 AM – 10:00 AM:** Welcome Session - Klarman Hall Auditorium (room G70)

Welcome activity and Cornell Trivia with Corey Earl.

**10:30 AM – 11:30 AM:** Morning Session, pre-registration required

Head to your registered session, start the scavenger hunt, or do a morning Den Visit and show off your office space!

*Den visits are an opportunity to highlight your office building or work space. Introduce your colleagues and showcase your current work projects with your youth!*

**11:30 AM – 1:30 PM:** Lunch on your own

Visit one of our amazing dining facilities for lunch – kids eat free with a paying adult. Please note these are the only locations offering kids eat free with paying adult.

- Central Campus – Okenshields, located in Willard Straight Hall
- West Campus – Jansen's Dining Room, located in Hans Bethe House
- Additional eateries and cafes around campus will be open. You can find their hours of operations on the Cornell Dining Now webpage

*After lunch you can start the scavenger hunt, make a Den Visit to your office or explore another alternative activity listed below.*

**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM:** Afternoon Session, pre-registration required

Head to your registered session, start the scavenger hunt, or do an afternoon Den Visit and show off your office space!
Den visits are an opportunity to highlight your office building or work space. Introduce your colleagues and showcase your current work projects with your youth!

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM: Alternative all day activities. Make your own plan!

Explore campus on your own!

Campus Wide Scavenger Hunt: Follow the scavenger hunt provided in your passport booklet, complete the activities and make a final stop at Day Hall for a gift and a chance to win a raffle prize! If you plan on participating in the scavenger hunt only we encourage you to register through the online form so we’re aware of your participation.

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10:30 AM - 2:30 PM Only offered on July 12th:

PowerHouse - The Campus Sustainability Office, in partnership with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County, is pleased to present the PowerHouse. A tiny home with a big message! Join us to explore hands-on exhibits and activities about household energy efficiency, renewable heating, and going solar.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Only offered on July 14th

Borehole Observatory: Learn more about Cornell’s Earth Source Heat project located at the Borehole Observatory. Meet with the project team to check out the drilling site, learn about safety protocols and about the potential implementation of new technology to sustainably meet campus heating needs.

List of Sessions - requires pre-registration

Morning Session: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Take a Bird Walk! Explore the world of Birds at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. We’ll walk the trails at Sapsucker Woods looking and listening for birds! Rain or shine event, dress for the weather! Binoculars are available to borrow. Meet at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology Visitor Center. After the bird walk, we invite you to stay and explore the Visitor Center exhibits and art.

Location: Lab of O. visitor center entrance (off campus)

Age Group: 8 - 16

Navigating the Solar System: Just how big is space, and could we really explore the galaxy with the invention of light-speed engines? To try to make sense of all those HUGE numbers you hear when talking about space, you’ll make a map of the Solar System that shows its true scale, and then use this to learn about how we communicate with spacecraft and what it would mean to travel amongst the stars.

Location: Space Science Building - room 105

Age Group: 8 - 16
**Taking Care of the Future You - Fun with Physical Activity:** Experience the power of play by attending this outdoor activities session with an assortment of field day types of stations for you to try out. Stations may include equipment such as agility ladders, balance discs, cones, and much more. Bring your sense of curiosity and adventure. Activity will be outside rain or shine. Meet at the front entrance of Helen Newman Hall on North campus.

**Location:** Helen Newman Hall - Front entrance
**Age Group:** 8 – 16

**Finding Your Way - Maps 101:** Join our map room staff as we explore Cornell’s map room collection. Learn about different types of maps and what they can tell us about the past, present, and future.

**Location:** Olin Map Room - Basement Floor of Ohlin Library. Enter Olin, take a left, down the stairs, through the glass doors. The Map Room is in the back left of the room

**Age Group:** 8 – 16

**Explore Cornell - Scavenger Hunt Challenge by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions:** Get to know our campus and learn more about our colleges and schools while on the move!

**Location:** Undergraduate Admissions Office - 410 Thurston Ave

**Age Group:** 12 - 16

**CUPD K9s @Work:** Come meet CUPD’s two explosive detection K9s and see them perform a live demonstration. Also, while at CUPD, take a tour of the facility and make sure to bring your camera, CUPD’s own Scruff McGruff the Crime Dog will be at Barton Hall for pictures.

**Location:** Cornell University Police Department - Barton Hall. Meet in the CUPD parking lot side of Barton Facing the Statler Hotel

**Age Group:** 8 - 16

**Explore Campus with a tour!** This tour will give you an introduction to Cornell’s history, its undergraduate colleges and schools, student life, athletics, and some legend and tradition. The tours are wheelchair accessible and are conducted outdoors. We hold tours rain or shine. This tour will end at Ho Plaza.

**Location:** Starting at Martin Y. Tang Welcome Center (Noyes Lodge)

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Desserts Made Your Way! Come join us in the new facility: Morrison Dining Hall. Choose from making your own ice cream cookie sandwich, ice cream sundae or a Belgian waffle with all the toppings! Dairy free, fruit, or soft serve available.

Location: Morrison Dining Hall

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Virtual Embodiment Lab: Step into Cornell’s very own virtual reality lab! Explore the world of virtual reality and learn more about the reaching being conducted right here on campus.

Location: 4th Floor Mann Library. Use elevators in the middle of the library following signs for “Department of Communication”. Meet at the front desk.

Learning about Cornell’s Hip Hop Archives: The Cornell Hip Hop Collection is 15 years old and is one of the world’s largest research archives on Hip Hop. It features an estimated half-million items, all stored in the Cornell Library’s division of Rare and Manuscript Collections. This special presentation will offer an opportunity to view archival items from the Cornell Hip Hop Collection and learn about the 50-year history of Hip Hop music and culture from Collection Specialist, Ben Ortiz.

Location: B2 Kroch Library

Exploring the Animal Hospital: Come explore various stations and activities at Cornell University’s Hospital for Animals. Meet Veterinary Medical Staff and Veterinarians, test your knowledge of all thing’s animal, meet Minnie the mini horse and more!
**Ancient Egypt and Before:** This session will focus on two main topics: Ancient Egypt, including a bird mummy study, and earlier prehistory from about 2 million years ago to about 5000 years ago. Visitors will get to see real artifacts that help us learn about the past. We will also explore a bit about Cornell's early history and the preservation of the original University Museum.

Location: 150 McGraw Hall

Age Group: 8 - 16

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**Scavenger Hunt - *New to this year's program!***

Explore campus in a fun and interactive way visiting popular sights and discover some cool displays on campus.

**Here are a few things to know about the scavenger hunt:**

- Even if you're only participating in the scavenger hunt, we encourage you to fill out the registration form so we know you're participating. Just click "none" for the sessions portion of the form.

- Make sure to stop by Klarman Hall Auditorium (room G70) during check-in to pick up your passport booklet containing the scavenger hunt. You can also stop by the Day Hall Lobby after 10:00 AM to pick up a passport booklet if we missed you at check-in.

- You can visit any spot on the scavenger hunt throughout the day. Make sure to the complete the activity and get your passport stamped by a volunteer or fill in the trivia question.

- Once you've completed the scavenger hunt, or anytime before 4:00 PM, visit us at the finish line in the Day Hall Lobby. A volunteer will verify you've completed the scavenger hunt, enter your name into a raffle, and send you off with a gift!

- At the end of the day, even if you only completed 1 spot on the scavenger hunt, please visit us at the finish line in the Day Hall Lobby so we can enter you into our raffle.

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**Important Tips for Parents/Guardians and Accompanying Adults**

- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times during programming.

- Children may not ride in Cornell owned vehicles. Please take advantage of TCAT buses (accompanied by adult with CU ID) or your own personal cars but remember that parking may be difficult.

- The below Dining Halls are offering kids eat free with a paying adult. *Please note these are the only locations offering kids eat free with paying adult.*
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- Participants will be engaged in many hands-on activities and walking from building to building throughout the day. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes in order to best enjoy this event.

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Looking for activities to do at home? Check out Cornell Kids @Home, our virtual “Bring A Child To Work Day” website featuring activities and learning opportunities from across campus, including the Lab of Ornithology, Cornell Wellness, Materials Research, Space Planetary Image Facility, Johnson Art Museum, and much more! There's something for every interest and age group!

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