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Register now for Winter Vacation in the Park and Mad Science Camps

When school's out, camp's in! Register now for Sarasota County Parks and Recreation's Winter Vacation in the Park holiday break for kids or Mad Science Camp at Colonial Oaks Park.

Winter Vacation in the Park camp offers caring, attentive staff to entertain children during the winter school break. Kids will enjoy activities including games, arts and crafts, the Sheriff's equestrian unit, marine touch tank, wildlife rescue and rehabilitation and more.

Two half-day sessions are available each day; 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1-5:30 p.m. A supervised lunch hour is provided for children attending both daily sessions offered Dec. 22, 23, 26, 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 2. The cost is \$8 per session. Parents are responsible for supplying lunch, snacks and beverages.

Mad Science Camp focuses on fun and excitement while unlocking scientific mysteries in a safe, hands-on setting. There are plenty of cool demonstrations and exciting activities involving amazing chemical reactions, special effects and fantastic forces. Make slime, engineer structures, create controlled explosions and get take-home projects.

Mad Science Camp takes place from 9 a.m.-noon Dec. 29-31 at Colonial Oaks Park, 5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd. The cost is \$105 and includes all activities and take-home activities. If early morning drop-offs are needed, Mad Science pre-camp allows children to attend the Winter Vacation camp from 7:30 to 9 a.m. all three days for just \$8. A minimum of 10 campers is required for this program to take place. Visit madsience.org/wstampabay for more information about Mad Science Camp.

Register at parksonline.scgov.net or call 941-861-9930. For general information about Sarasota County Parks, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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