

Important Tuition Update for Tech Camp Summer Programs Running July 13–24

Dear Tech Camp Families,

We want to share an important update about Tech Camp tuition for programs running this summer on the UNH Durham campus.

As you will see detailed on our [website](#), some program costs will be increasing, while others will be decreasing. These adjustments reflect thoughtful, long-term planning that began last summer, when we learned that our long-standing grant funding would be coming to an end. Tech Camp is no longer supported by federal grants and now relies entirely on tuition and private support from individuals and industry partners.

What has not changed is our commitment to delivering high-quality programs and building strong STEM pathways—from early exploration through college readiness.

Tech Camp programs are designed and led by expert instructors, including university faculty, trained STEM undergraduates and graduate students, industry professionals and veteran teachers with decades of experience. Our programs are intentionally rigorous, hands-on and meaningful. They are built around real projects, real tools and real learning—not filler activities. Simply put, Tech Camp is an educational program with depth, structure and purpose.

We have **lowered prices for middle school programs**, so Tech Camp remains accessible to families who need reliable, full-day summer childcare that is engaging and educational. Access at this age matters to us, and we have made deliberate choices to keep these programs within financial reach while maintaining quality.

Our **high school programs are fundamentally different**. These are expert-advised, in-depth experiences designed for students who are actively interested in exploring STEM. Students work on advanced topics, use specialized equipment, learn both technical and academic skills and are mentored by university faculty, graduate students and expert instructors. Class sizes are small, materials are significantly more expensive and projects run over multiple days with sustained focus.

For a full week, students engage in the real work of engineers and scientists: asking questions, designing and testing solutions, learning from failure, analyzing data and communicating results. We emphasize critical thinking and authentic research and design experiences rather than surface-level exposure. Simply put, these programs cost more to run.

The increased tuition for high school programs reflects:

- Expert-designed and led curricula
- Highly specialized equipment, software and materials
- Low student-to-instructor ratios
- Extended, multi-day projects that mirror real STEM research and design work

These programs require extensive year-round planning and coordination. Behind the scenes, full-time professional staff at Tech Camp plan, manage and continually refine these experiences—not just during summer.

We have also expanded our high school offerings to include **professional and college-readiness skill development**, such as résumé preparation and college or scholarship essay writing. These components are intentionally integrated to help students translate their technical experiences into future academic and career opportunities.

We recognize that these changes are significant, and we do not make them lightly. At the same time, we believe it is important to be honest about what these programs are and to price them in a way that ensures their quality, depth and safety.

We remain committed to access and will continue to offer scholarships to the extent that we are able so that all students, regardless of their economic situation, can participate in our programs.

Thank you for your trust and continued support of Tech Camp.

Warm regards,

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Tech Camp Leadership Team