

## Welcome to On-Demand Camps

(Also available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/9jA0bifTGho>)

Welcome to the DNA Learning Center's On-Demand Virtual Summer Science Camps! This version of our summer camps will allow you to move through a camp's curriculum at your own pace, while still enjoying hands-on lab experiences and instruction from experienced DNALC instructors.

If you are listening to this, or reading this introduction, then you are almost ready to get started...but there are a few things we would like you to know before you begin.

1. You should have received a **kit of materials**. In the kit, there are materials that are sorted into bags or labeled for each day of camp. Some of these materials may need to be refrigerated or frozen, so please make sure to read all of the instructions upon arrival. If you haven't received the kit yet, please wait to begin watching the videos.
2. You should have received an email invitation to the **Google Classroom** that has been set up for your camp. There are workbooks and protocols available and during camp, your instructor may reference some of these materials, so make sure they are accessible during "class time" either in digital or printed form. Some of the workbook pages are observation sheets, so if you are using them on your computer or tablet, make sure you are able to write or type on them.
3. There are sequential **recorded video lessons** for each camp. The video lessons can be accessed from the DNALC Summer Camps website ([summercamps.dnalc.org](http://summercamps.dnalc.org)), through the parent or guardian account used to purchase the On-Demand camp. You must be logged in to access the menu of videos. Our hope is that you will complete your camp during the summer months, but we will keep your Classroom Access code active until 60 days from the time that the camp video materials were made available to you.  
It is important that you follow along with the video lessons in order. In each camp lesson, content builds on concepts and activities from the lessons before. Failure to follow along with the video lessons in order could adversely affect your lab results.
4. We have scheduled regular **Zoom office hours** for you to connect with DNALC instructors. If you need to troubleshoot, ask a question, or want to discuss camp content, you can attend the virtual office hours that are scheduled for your camp. You can find the office hours schedule posted in the Google Classroom. You can also communicate with instructors using the comment function in the Google Classroom. Instructors will check and respond to comments regularly.
5. If you are taking *DNA Barcoding* or *Genome Science*, you will need to perform DNA isolations at home, and **send your samples** back to us at the DNALC for processing *right away* to avoid sample degradation. Samples must be returned by one of several specific dates for processing; there is a schedule in the Google Classroom. We suggest that samples be returned by overnight service, to ensure that they arrive on time. Your camp instructor will review this with you in the pre-recorded video. For *DNA Barcoding* and *Genome Science*, your lab results will also be sent to you through Google Classroom.

If you have any questions or concerns, please send us an email at [dnalc-camps@cshl.edu](mailto:dnalc-camps@cshl.edu). We hope you have a great on-demand camp experience!