

A Summer Day in the Life of Seattle Center - ParentMap

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Editor's note: We compiled this representative day in the life of [Seattle Center](#) to give readers a sense of the scale and range of activities that go on at one of our most dynamic public spaces.

4:15 a.m. Janitors arrive and begin cleaning up from previous night's events

6:30 a.m. Gardeners arrive • Laborers arrive and set up for special events in Exhibition Hall and Fisher Pavilion, and begin preparing for major festival in one week

7 a.m. Armory opens • Sound engineer turns on music • Security meeting begins; staff reviews projected attendance and potential issues for events scheduled for the day • Gatehouse opens for delivery trucks bringing food and supplies to [Armory](#) restaurants, [Chihuly Garden and Glass](#) and [Space Needle](#)

7:30 a.m. [Seattle Monorail](#) begins operations

8 a.m. Operations engineers perform water-quality tests and check filters at all fountains • Students begin to arrive for various summer camps housed at the center ([Pacific Science Center](#), [Seattle Children's Theatre](#) and other venues)

9 a.m. Workshop begins at [EMP](#) • Engineers receive call from summer-course instructors at [Pacific Northwest Ballet](#) — please turn down the A.C. (students warming up are chilly)

10 a.m. Engineers turn on the fountains • Summer camp begins at [Academy of Interactive Entertainment](#) (AIE, the video game school on fourth floor of Armory)

11 a.m. Most maintenance work is completed as crowds begin to grow throughout the campus
Noon Gatehouse closed; no deliveries permitted until the next day • Events in Exhibition Hall and Fisher Pavilion open to public • Live in-studio band performance at [KEXP](#) begins

1 p.m. Shift change for janitors and laborers

1:30 p.m. A leak is reported in the Armory basement; staff plumber and cleanup crew are dispatched

2 p.m. Event services representative meets with a nonprofit to evaluate space considerations for a fundraiser in three months • Free tour begins at [Gates Foundation Visitor Center](#)

3 p.m. Shift change for engineers

4 p.m. Summer camp at AIE ends • Lines begin to form for event at [KeyArena](#)

5 p.m. Pacific Northwest Ballet summer school students are released for the day

6 p.m. Cornish box office opens, [TeenTix](#) members arrive to purchase \$5 tickets

7 p.m. Event in Exhibition Hall closes; janitors start getting the building ready for day two of the event

7:30 p.m. Curtain rises on [Cornish Playhouse](#) stage

10 p.m. Armory closes • Sound engineer turns off music • Event in Fisher Pavilion ends

10:30 p.m. Cornish production finishes • Mercer garage begins to empty

11 p.m. Last monorail departs • Only night-shift security and engineers remain on site

Midnight: Grounds close to the public



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